



Ennis Parish News

Confessions in Cathedral Saturday After 11am Mass after 6.30pm Mass
St Joseph's Saturday After 10.30am Mass
Parish Office open Mon to Fri 9.30-1pm & 2-5pm Sat 10.30-12noon

Mass Times

Sundays:

Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm; Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am
St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7pm; Sunday: 10am, 11.45am
Cloughleigh Church:- 8.00am, 11am
Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30pm; Sunday: 10.30am, 12.00 noon
Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45 a.m.

Weekdays:

Cathedral: Mon. – Fri: 7.40am; 11am & 7.30pm; 11am on Saturday
St. Joseph's:- Monday – Saturday: 10.30am
Cloughleigh Church:- Monday – Friday: 9.30am
Friary:- Daily: 10am & 1.05pm; 10am on Saturday
Poor Clare Monastery:- Daily at 7.45 am; Daily Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament from 4-6pm in the Chapel.

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Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: info@ennisparish.com
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 16th February, 2020

Looking with the eye of the heart

There is something attractive about a straight person. Even if you don't like what they have to say, we prefer people to be sincere, without pretence.

'Yes' should mean 'Yes', 'No' should mean 'No'. It all comes down to respect for people and that is what the Gospel reading today is about. Jesus tells us that virtue has to go deep - it has to find a home in our heart, and become our defining characteristic, our DNA. Externals don't cut it. Our words and actions need to reflect what is in our hearts, not disguise it.

Today's Gospel reading gives two examples of somebody looking at another person but not really seeing him/her. In one case the person is blinded by hatred, in the other by lust. St Benedict began his rule for his monks with the words 'Listen with the ear of the heart'. Perhaps, it also applies to how we see each other. Look with the eye of the heart.

Everything we do in life is done as followers of Christ. Looking at ourselves and at each other, we need, before all else, to see a person who is made in the image and likeness of God. The image of God in each of us may, at times, be tarnished by human frailty and weakness, but it is never obliterated. God's grace and loving mercy can transform every person into his likeness. There is nothing that any human being can ever do that will ever stop God from loving him/her.

Looking with the eye of the heart allows us to see God's love in ourselves and in each other. It doesn't always come easily. It requires that we empty our hearts of the clutter that takes the place of Christ, the barriers that stand in the way of virtue. Believing that gender, skin colour, social class, address, forms of work, physical appearance makes one person better or worse than another is a barrier to seeing the true person. We see the incidental but miss the essential. The barriers in our minds stop us seeing the true person, the image and likeness of God.

Today's gospel reminds us that our virtue has to be deep, if we are to enter Christ's kingdom. The Lord is patient with us and never stops loving us. His patient love lifts us up so that we can say 'Yes' to Christ. A 'Yes' that is born of a virtuous heart, a heart with which we see ourselves and each other.



*Fáilte-Bienvenue-Willkommen-Benvenuto-Bienvenido-Witajcie-Bemvindo-
Welkom-Velkomin-Vitejte-Karibu-Croeso-Valkommen-Tervetuloa-Welcome*

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Lorraine Cooley, Dalcassian Ave.
Paul Brassil, St. Michael's Villas.
Danny Moran, Shanaway Rd.
John & Bridie O'Sullivan, Kilrush Rd.

Sun 16th: 9.30am: Margaret McMahon, Loughville.
Gerry & Mary Moroney, Lr. Market St.

11.30am: Dominic (Donny) Martin, Morrissey Ave. MM.
John Scanlan, Dalcassian Avenue.
Senan Sheehan, Clare Rd. & Cillian O'Sullivan,
The Glen, Caherciveen.
Donal Ryan, Cusack Rd.

Mon: 7.40am: Nora St. Ledger, O'Callaghan's Mills.

11am: Michael & Mary Hogan, St. Flannan's Tce.
Noel Molloy, Turnpike Rd.
Bryan & Ann Mac Mahon, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.

7.30pm: Flora Herlihy, Coopers' Place, Market St.
Danute Silgaliene, Woodlands.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Cyril Lane, Tobertaoscaín.

7.30pm: Yvonne O'Callaghan, Cahercalla & Turnpike.
Pauline O'Mahoney, Westbourne Court.

Wed: 7.40am: Mary & Michael Ryan, St. Michael's Vls.

11am: Sr. Mary Neylon, Inagh.

7.30pm: Anthony Coyle, Glenina, Gort Rd.
Agnes Sexton, Hermitage.

Thurs: 7.40am: Special Intention.

11am: Sr. Margaret Mary Jordan, Lisdoonvarna.

3pm: Jim Keenan, Ros Lea, Claireen. MM.

7.30pm: Nora Kearse, St. Michael's Villas.
Jacksie & Lil Russell, Kilrush Rd.

Fri: 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Special Intention.

7.30pm: Carmel Nestor, Golf Link's Rd. MM.

Sat: 11am: Gerry Keane, St. Anne's Tce.
Nora & John McGrath, Considine's Rd.
Katie Drennan, Lahinch Rd.

6.30pm: Christy Shannon, Hermitage.
Francis Lyons & Jacinta Flynn, Ennis & Dublin.

Sun 23rd: 9.30am: Michael McMullin, Killarney.
Johnny & Seamus Purcell, Ard na Gréine.

11.30am: Donor's Intentions.
Michael Griffin, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.
Jim O'Halloran, Dalcassian Ave.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 23rd February, 2020

Readers: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following donations of: €100, €100, €50, €50, €10. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.

Rice College are collecting old clothes to raise funds for a very worthy charity in Africa. All clean clothes and footwear greatly appreciated. Clothes may be dropped to Rice College before March 17th. Enquiries to Anne O' Loughlin 0872340445 www.pamojadevelopment.org

Hospital & Sick Calls

16th February, 2020

Priest on Duty: Fr. Joy

Please call: 065 6869098

Newly Baptised

*We welcome into the
Christian Community
through the Sacrament
of Baptism:*



Willow Mary Considine Murrhoy
Wojciech David Norwicz

New Altar servers

Children who wish to become Altar Servers are invited to a training session on Wednesday Feb 19th @ 3.30pm-4pm in the Cathedral.



The Monthly Mass of the Ennis Padre Pio prayer group

will be held in the Franciscan Friary, Ennis on Thurs 20th Feb, at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

Farewell to Old Scout Hall

Ennis Scouts are preparing to build a new Scout Hall. On Sunday 23rd Feb at 3pm in Ennis Scout Hall there will be a gathering for former scouts to say "goodbye" to the Old Hall and share memories on the wall which will be used in the foundations of the new hall. All are welcome. Contact Fiona Staunton for more info 087 2328113 or ennisscoutgroup@gmail.com

Holy family school Fundraiser "Cash for Clobber" Please drop to school reception until 27th March during school hours in bags. We would be delighted to take donations of all types of clothing, including bags, shoes, hats, belts, bedlinens & towels.

Junction Maker Space STEAM Programme for Young People.

Clare Youth Service is running a programme for young people aged 13-15years. Providing a safe space to learn about science and technology in a fun, interactive environment. The programme will be run in The Junction Youth and Community Building, starting on Sat 15th Feb from 1-3pm. Spaces are limited and interested people should contact Helena on 085-8047580 for more information.



St. Joseph's

Mass intentions for scheduled Masses in St. Joseph's Church should be booked through the Parish Office. For all other events call Fr John 0656822166.

Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Patrick O'Donovan, The Crescent;
Kyle O'Donovan, London.

Sun 16th 10am: Michael Walsh, Iniscarragh.
Teresa Howard, Kilrush Rd.

11.45: Esme McMahon, St. Senan's Rd. MM.

Mon 10.30am: Eileen, Patrick & Michael Griffin, Kilmaley.

Tues 10.30am: Maria & Paddy Duddy, Donegal.

Wed 10.30am: James, Bridget & Michael Murphy, Kilkerrin, Labasheeda.

Thu 10.30am: Mary Hegarty, Shanaway Rd.

Fri 10.30am: Cahill & Walsh families, Mallow.

Sat 10.30am: Joe, Kitty & Sheila Glynn, Lifford Rd.

7pm: Tony Strand, Shannon Pk.

Sun 23rd 10am: Michael Duggan, Claireen. **1st Anniv**

11.45: Brendan Armstrong, Mountain View.
Anna Casey, Marian Avenue.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 16th 11am: Gabriel Kerin, Considine Rd.
Edward & Mary Hayes, Hermitage.

Mon 9.30am: Bernie & Nancy Murphy, Circular Rd.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Maura Hitching nee Keane, Kilnamona & Manchester. **1st Anniv**

Thu 9.30am: Mary, Patrick Joseph Snr & Patrick Joseph Jnr Quigley, Kilfenora.

Fri 9.30am: Special Intention.

7pm: Decd & Sick members of Revenue.

Sun 23rd 11am: Garry Murphy, Considine Rd.
Edward & Mary Hayes, Hermitage.
Lucille Hayes, Pearse Ave & Bridge Court.

Rest in Peace

Nuala Carron (nee Brohan), Letterkenny, Co. Donegal & New Rd. Ennis, Patricia McInerney nee Roche, Kilkishen & Dalcassian Pk, Dolly Pucellio nee Kenny, late of Turnpike, Mary Greene nee Kitson, Larchill & formerly Considine Rd., John Joe Conlon, Mountain View, Máire Uí Ainiféin, Lispolé, Co. Kerry, mother of Dónal Ó hAiniféin, Priomh Óide Gaelscoil Mhíchíl Cíosóg,



*Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near;
still loved, still missed and very dear.*

**Bingo Great prizes;
Jackpot: €1,500;
In Community Centre
Sunday from 8pm.**



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes



Mary, God's Mother appeared to Bernadette in Lourdes 162 years ago and asked that people would come on pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Fintan Monahan who warmly invites you to join him in Lourdes from the 26th June to 1st July.

The cost this year is €725 per person sharing. €20 discount for online booking at www.jewelstours.ie

Booking forms can be obtained from: Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. Telephone: (01) 2410810

A limited number of sick pilgrims will be accommodated in the Sanctuary of Lourdes at a cost of €638. Applications for sick pilgrims only to Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director, Cathedral House Station Road Ennis Co. Clare. Telephone: (065) 6824043

Families or individuals often sponsor a family member, parents, or a friend on the occasion of an anniversary or Jubilee with a visit to Lourdes. Sponsorship for sick people is always welcome. For more details, see poster in Church porch and on the Killaloe Diocese website www.killaloe-diocese.ie

The Ennis Cathedral Children's Choir will be singing at 6.30pm Mass on in the Cathedral on Sat 22nd February.

Maranatha Prayer Ministry invites you to our February Healing Retreat at St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick at 2.30pm through the Ministry of Bishop Fintan Monahan, Killaloe Diocese and Sr. Mary Bridget, Charismatic Renewal, Limerick, Sunday, 16th February, 2020. Mass at 5pm. **All welcome.**

Clare Type 1 Diabetes Group Meetup

The next meet up of the Clare Type 1 Diabetes Group will take place on Tues 18th Feb, 8pm in The Temple Gate Hotel, with guest speaker, Sara Lasker presenting "Diabetes Seeing the Whole Person"

Ennis Tidy Towns' Biodiversity Talk - An A-Z of Bird Watching. Tom Lynch of Birdwatch Ireland (Clare Branch) is our guest speaker on this Mon, Feb 17th, at 7pm in Waterpark House. Admission is free. **All are welcome.**

Clare Haven Services' Insights Programme

A free and confidential weekly programme for women who are or have been in an abusive domestic relationship will commence in Ennis in early March. For further information please contact Clare Haven Services on 065 6842646.



Lent 2020
Ash Wednesday
this year is on
26th February

What is Lent...and why does it last for 40 days? Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring". The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

Brothers of Charity Services Clare Community Employment Scheme are seeking persons who meet Dept of Social Protection eligibility criteria to work in the Ennis area, or the wider Clare area as a support person for people with Intellectual Disabilities. For further information please contact Thomas Gilligan on 065-6823123.

Clare Roots Society Meeting, Old Ground Hotel @ 8 pm Thursday, 20th Feb. The Lane Ways and Bow Ways of Ennis By Larry Brennan.

Larry has been researching the topic since 2014 and is presently preparing a book on The Lane Ways and Bow Ways of Ennis to be published later this year. Larry will show the sources that he has used: Newspapers, Church Records, Census Records, Photographs etc., to trace the names of people and characters associated with the Lane Ways and attempt to describe the conditions they lived in.

Ennis Flower and Garden Club present Jane O Dwyer AOIFA at Treacy's West County Hotel, Ennis, on Tues Feb 18th. Demonstrators' Arrangements raffled on the night. Demonstration commences at 8.15 p.m. Doors open at 7.30p.m. **All are welcome.**

Making your Will

Please remember Ennis Parish among the benefactors in your will. Donations made in this manner will greatly assist the parish in proclaiming the Gospel. The parish appreciate such thoughtfulness and generosity.

'Do This in Memory' - First Communion Programme

The Homily: We all sit down to listen to what the priest/deacon has to say about the readings we have heard and how we might be able to put this into practice in our everyday lives. We call this the homily. The priest/deacon normally stands at the ambo to give the homily. At the end of the homily the priest may sit down and we can spend a few minutes in quiet prayer. This time lets us think about what the priest has said and ask God to help us to live as he would want us to.



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An tSeanmóir ar an Sliabh: Na Biaide
Is féidir linn machnamh an tseachtain seo ar Na Biaide.

Nuair a chonaic Íosa na sluaite, chuaigh sé an suas an sliabh. Shuigh sé síos agus tháinig a dheisceabail chuige. Thosaigh sé ag caint leo á dteagasc agus dúirt:

Is méanar dóibh seo atá bocht ó spiorad, óir is leo ríocht na bhflaitheas.

Is méanar do lucht an dobróin, óir sólasófar iad. Is méanar dóibh seo atá ceansa, óir gheobhaidh siad an talamh mar oidhreacht.

Is méanar dóibh seo a bhfuil ocraas agus tart chun na fíréantachta orthu, óir sásófar iad.

Is méanar do lucht na trócaire, óir déanfar trócaire orthu.

Is méanar dóibh seo atá glan ó chroí, óir feicfidh siad Dia.

Is méanar do lucht síochána a dhéanamh, óir glaofar clann Dé orthu.

Is méanar dóibh seo a d'fhulaing géarleanúint mar gheall ar an bhfíréantacht, óir is leo ríocht na bhflaitheas.

When Jesus saw the crowd, he went up the mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him. He began to teach them and said:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel of St. Matthew (5:3-10)

MEd in Religious Education degree at Mary Immaculate College.

Mary Immaculate College (MIC) is delighted to announce that applications are now open for its Master of Education in Religious Education. This two year, part-time Master in Education is designed for teachers and educators who want to augment their understanding of religious education in the contemporary classroom and become religious education leaders in their schools, offers a variety of experience to build knowledge, competency and skills in religious education, framed within the primary-level context. For full details on the programme go to www.mic.ie or contact the Admissions Office at admissions@mic.ul.ie

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 9th February, € 6719.00

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God,
A mighty stronghold to save me;
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name

PENITENTIAL RITE

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord
C. **For we have sinned against you.**
P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
C. **And grant us your salvation.**
P. May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.
C. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace to people of good will. We praise
you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify
you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, God, almighty
Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the
Father. **Amen.**

**A reading from the book of
Ecclesiasticus Si 15:15-20**

If you wish, you can keep the
commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given
him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
He is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be
godless,
He has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: They are happy who follow
God's law!**

They are happy whose life is blameless,
Who follow God's Law!

They are happy those who do his will,
Seeking him with all their hearts. **R**

You have laid down your precepts
To be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm
To obey your statutes. **R**

Bless your servant and I shall live
And obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider
The wonders of your law. **R**

Teach me the demands of your statutes
And I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law,
To keep it with my heart. **R**

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to
the Corinthians 1 Cor 2:6-10**

We have a wisdom to offer those who have
reached maturity: not a philosophy of our
age, it is true, still less of the masters of our
age, which are coming to their end. The
hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our
mysteries is the wisdom that God
predestined to be for our glory before the
ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the
masters of this age have ever known, or they
would not have crucified the Lord of Glory;
we teach what scripture calls: the things that
no eye has seen and no ear has heard,
things beyond the mind of man, all that God
has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has
revealed to us through the Spirit, for the
Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even
the depths of God.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
You have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew Mt 5:17-37**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, if your
virtue goes no deeper than that of the
scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into
the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to
our ancestors: You must not kill; and if

anyone does kill he must answer for it
before the court. But I say this to you:
anyone who is angry with his brother will
answer for it before the court; 'You have
learnt how it was said: You must not
commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a
man looks at a woman lustfully, he has
already committed adultery with her in his
heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to
our ancestors: You must not break your
oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord.
But I say this to you: do not swear at all, All
you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes,
"No" if you mean no; anything more than
this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things
visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not
made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, and by the
Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man. For our sake he was
crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered
death and was buried, and rose again on
the third day In accordance with the
Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and
is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead and his kingdom will
have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father and the
Son is adored and glorified, who has
spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church. I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

**They ate and had their fill,
And what they craved the Lord gave
them;**

**They were not disappointed in what they
craved.**