

Ennis Parish News



Confessions in Cathedral Saturday After 10am Mass & before and 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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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 9th February, 2020

Salt of the earth and light of the world

“There are some people whose great gift, in a dark age, is simply to maintain a candlelight of humanity, and so guarantee that darkness should not have the final word.” Robert Ellsberg.

How better to describe someone we call the ‘salt of the earth’.

One of the loveliest compliments we can offer to someone. To maintain a candlelight of humanity so darkness does not have the final word.

Back in the day this Gospel was written, Salt was the great preservative.

Long before the freezer salt was the agent that kept foods fresh and of course it offered flavour.

For us in our time to be the salt of the earth, surely the Gospel calls us as Christians to preserve what we have learned to be good and right, and add flavour, the flavour of Christ like value to our lives and those we come in contact with.

Called to be the light of the world, let's again visit Ellsberg's quote.. To maintain a candlelight of humanity so darkness does not have the final word. When our words and

actions carry the element of light we become what we are called to be, messengers of hope and possibility and love and life. To light up a room we walk into surely brings with us as we enter a joy that we are meant to be bearers of.

Called as we are reminded by Pope Francis.. “to be people of Gospel Joy”.

"Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared."



**“That light we see is burning in my hall.
How far that little candle throws his
beams!**

So shines a good deed in a naughty world”

....Portia from ‘The Merchant of Venice’

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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Maureen Murphy, Hermitage.
Pauline Pender, Riverside, Clonroad.
Michael Hassett, Drumbiggle Rd.
James & Mary Teresa Quinlivan, Lissycassey.

Sun 9th: 9.30am: Helen Griffin, Woodlawn, Loughville.
Virginia Donnellan, St. Joseph's, Hermitage.
Mary, Mick & Kitty Connellan, Ard na Gréine;
Sr. Clare Connellan, Ennis & Texas.
May & Miko Glynn, Knockaderra.
Christina Kelly, Elm Park.
Eleanor Murphy, Magowna, Inch.

11.30am: Ann Keogh, Hazelwood, Clonroadmore. MM
William (Bill) Leacy, College Grove.
Mary Brogan, College Green.
Rita Hurley, Turnpike.

Mon: 7.40am: Special Intention.
11am: Marian & Mick Molloy, St. Michael's Villas.
7.30pm: Special Intention.
Tues: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.
Dan Greene & Mary Pyne, Kilmaley.
11am: George, Chrissie & Haulie Molloy;
Molly Butler, Old Mill St.
Joe Foley, College Park.
Vera & Paddy McGovern, Athlone.

7.30pm: Special Intention.
Wed: 7.40am: Special Intention.
11am: Special Intention.
3pm: Thomas Molloy, Ballaghboy, Quin Rd. MM.
7.30pm: Special intention.
Thurs: 7.40am: Special Intention.
11am: Ann, Jack & John Barry & Family, Limerick.
Monica Sheridan, Ennis.
7.30pm: Holy Souls.
Fri: 7.40am Mass for the People.
11am: Bernadette Keane, Summerhill. 1st Anniv.
Jimmy McNamara, Golf Links Rd.
Teresa McCormack, Hermitage.
Olive Slattery, College Park.
Edward & Annie Mallon.

12noon: Confirmation Gaelscoil Mhicil Ciosóg.
7.30pm: Paddy & Mary Keane, Limerick Rd.
Sat: 11am: Fintan Ryan, Fergus Manor.
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.

Hospital & Sick Calls

9th February, 2020

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

Please call: 065 6869098

Mass of Healing & Anointing Tuesday February 11th St. Joseph's Church 10.30am



World Day of the Sick, a celebration started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. People around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick on this day.

St Valentine's Day

St Valentine is known as the patron saint of lovers. He was reputed to have been a priest and physician (some say a Bishop) who was martyred for his Christian faith in or near Rome in the year 269 A.D. The custom of greeting loved ones on Feb 14th comes from the middle ages. Then people believed that birds formed pairs on that day. Some of St. Valentine's remains (relics) are kept in the Carmelite Church in Whitefriar St., Dublin.



One of the most important gifts we can give to anyone is the gift of appreciation. Saying "Thank You" is really easy and everyone loves to feel appreciated.

St. Valentine's Day is quite commercialised with cards and flowers and chocolates, but you don't have to have loads of money to spend to show you're appreciated. You can make a card or do a chore specially for the one you love, whomsoever that might be.

*Happy St. Valentine's Day—
14th February.*

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: Susan Brohan, Considine Rd.
Vicky Keane, Corrovorrin Drive.

Sun 9th 10am: Maura Cavanagh, Pine Grove.
11.45: Peadar & Marie O'Keeffe, Drumcliffe Rd.
Mon 10.30am: Michael Moloney, Marian Ave. MM.
Tues 10.30am: Mass with Sacrament of the Sick for World Day of the Sick.
Wed 10.30am: Mary McMahon, Steele's Tce.;
Maura Byrnes, Tulla.

Fri 10.30am: Aileen Nugent, Castlerock.
Sat 10.30am: Brendan Sexton, Cavan & Quin.
Michael Lillis, Cooraclare, Jim & Maureen Scanlan, Cavan, Anthony & Maureen Wollam, Wales.
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.

Rest in Peace

Jimmy Burke, Connolly Villas & St. Joseph's Tce., Clarecastle, Anne Galvin (nee McCarthy), Cloonteen, Barefield and O'Connell St., Ennis, Vincent Coffey, Clonroad, Paddy Rynne, Ballyalla, Pauline Saunderson, Rockmount, Melissa Mallaghan, Considine Rd. Roger O'Donoghue, Clareview, Limerick & late St. Michael's Villas

*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.*

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following donations of: €125.80, €100, €10. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.

Medjugorje Prayer Meeting, Monday 10th February 8pm Clarecastle Day Care Centre. All welcome.

Castlerock Montessori now enrolling for September 2020 and 2021. Contact Rita 087 2265819.

Family Carers Ireland Meeting Wednesday 12th February 7.30pm at Family Carers' Room, 8 Tracklands, opposite Shanahan's Paints. All welcome.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 15th February, 2020

Readers: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday, 2nd February € 6,986.00
Thank you for your generosity

Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9th 11am: PJ, Bridie & Trevor Dilger, Hermitage.
Chrissie, Miko & Patrick Ball, Drumcaranmore.
Marian & Mark O'Neill & Patrick (Sonny) Kearney.

Mon 9.30am: Fitzgerald Family, Kerry.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 16th 11am: Gabriel Kerin, Considine Rd.
Edward & Mary Hayes, Hermitage

Altar Servers

A huge thanks to the many youth who serve each weekend at Mass in the Cathedral. You are doing great so please keep it up.

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.

Pilgrimage to Oberammergau Play

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to this once in a decade opportunity is fast filling with only a few seats remaining. Bishop Fintan will lead this pilgrimage direct from Shannon airport to Vienna from 29th August to 2nd September. Cost €1095 pps with no single room accommodation available. Full details can be obtained on the Killaloe Diocesan website and booking from www.joewalshstours.ie

Table Tennis Club open to new members. St. Anne's school, St. Senan's Rd, Corrovorin. Monday 7.30pm-9.30pm. Contact 085 7696797.

Ennis Tidy Towns' Biodiversity Talk The Importance of Bees. Tony Maher of Banner Beekeepers is our guest speaker on this Monday evening, February 10th, at 7pm in Waterpark House. Admission is free. All are welcome.

GROW is a community based mental health charity, operating in Ireland for 50 years. We are fortunate to have been issued with a collection permit in Ennis for the weekend of 15/16 February. We hold a collection in Ennis about every 2 years and it is of great benefit in helping us to sustain our (free) weekly support meetings across the region, including in St Anthony's Hall on Mondays 8pm and regularly in the Ennis Acute Unit.

Clare Archaeological and Historical Society February lecture. 'Life and death of the earliest farmers on the Burren - the evidence from Poul nabrone' - by Dr Ann Lynch.

Lecture takes place on Tuesday 11th February in the Old Ground Hotel, at 8pm. Lectures are free to members, €5 for non-members. NOTE: The Annual General meeting will take place at 7 pm in advance of this talk. New members and new committee members are very welcome. Enquiries to Frances at fogorman51@gmail.com or Mary at 087 8362491.

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 next Sunday, 16th February, 2020. Mass at 5pm. All welcome.

St Anthony's Magazine is available for sale in the Franciscan Friary and the Cathedral. Cost €2.00 Supporting the work of the Franciscan Friars.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Muire Lourdes

Celliúrtar Taibhsiú na Maighdine Muire do Naomh Bernadette ar 11 Feabhra. Sa bhliain 1858, thaispeáin An Mhaighdean Mhuire í féin do Bernadette Soubirous, cailín bocht ceithre bliana déag d'aois. Nil áit ar bith ar fud an domhain ina bhfuil Críostaithe, nach bhfuil cáil ar Lourdes de bharr na sluaite, a thugann cuairt ar an Scrín bheannaithe ag iarraidh leighis dá ngalair agus grásta dá n-anam. Is mó duine atá ag fulaingt de bharr breoiteachta. Iarann an Eaglais orainn guí ar son daoine atá breoite ar an Mháirt.

Agus sinn ag smaoineamh orthu is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá:

**A Mhuire Mháthair, mo mhíle grá tú
Mo choimirce chúnta in am gach gá tú
Mo dhochtúir leighis, tinn agus slán tú.**

Tá an paidir seo a leanas ón Traidisiún:

A Iosa, glan mo chroise

Go gléghlan gach lá,

A Iosa, cuir m'intinn faoi léirsmacht do ghrá.

Déan mo smaointe go fíorghlan agus briathra mo bhéil,

Is a Thiarna, 'Dhia dhílis, stiúir choíche mo shaol.

Tá an stocaireacht thart agus ár vótaí caite againn san olltoghcháin agus ní fada go mbeidh Rialtas nua i gceannas na tíre. Go n-éirí go geal leis.

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is celebrated on 11 February. In 1858 Our Lady appeared for the first time to Bernadette Soubirous a poor girl, fourteen years of age. Many come to the Sacred Shrine each year from all over the world seeking healing and spiritual grace. We are all aware of people who are ill and we remember them especially on this feast day as we pray **Mother Mary your love protects me in all distress. You are my physician in sickness and health. Comfort all those who suffer. Be with them always. Amen.**

The following prayer is from oral tradition:

Jesus, cleanse my heart each day and make it spotless,

Jesus, rule my mind by the power of your love. Make truly clean my thoughts and the words of my mouth, and, dear Lord God, direct my life now and forever. Amen.

The electioneering is over and we have cast our votes. Soon we will have a new Government. We pray it may be successful.



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

This Tuesday 11th February World Day of Prayer for the Sick is the 162nd anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette in Lourdes.

This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage will leave Shannon on Friday June 26th, returning on Wednesday July 1st. The cost this year is €725 per person sharing. €20 discount for online booking at www.joewalshstours.ie

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

A limited number of sick or assisted 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 or from Fr Tom Ryan.

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.

Are you interested in starting a walking group? Looking to meet new people? Then Community Walking Leader Training is for you. Join Clare Sports Partnership at Hotel Woodstock, Ennis on Saturday 7th March for this one-day training programme. Cost only €10. To register your interest contact pat on 087 6471671 or pat@claresports.ie

Do This in Memory—First Communion Programme

Seven ways we know the Gospel is important:

- We stand.
- We sing or say an acclamation to welcome the Gospel.
- The reading can only be done by the priest or deacon.
- The priest or deacon greets us again with the same words used at the beginning of Mass.
- The priest or deacon makes the sign of the cross four times. First on the Book of the Gospels and then on his forehead, his lips and his breast. We do the same on our forehead, lips and breast. We do this to remind us that God's work should always be on our minds, on our lips and in our hearts.
- At the end of the Gospel the priest/deacon says: 'The Gospel of the Lord' and we answer 'Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ'.
- The priest/deacon kisses the book.



Excerpt from 'Learning About the Mass with Kath and Quemen'

Diabetes Education Course

CODE stands for 'Community Oriented Diabetes Education'. Programmes are run in Ennis by Pauline Dunne Senior Dietitian with Diabetes Ireland, and are free to attend. The next CODE programme in Ennis will start on Weds 12th Feb. It runs over 3 weeks, and each session lasts 2 – 2 ½ hours. CODE covers 'what is diabetes/ pre-diabetes?', 'knowing my numbers', physical activity and healthy eating. To book your place, phone Regina in our Sligo Office, 071 9146001. Please note: places are limited and must be pre-booked.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God
And bow low before the God who made us,
For he is the Lord our God.

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 prophet Isaiah Is 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be
naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the
dawn and your wound be quickly
healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*Response: The good man is a light in
the darkness for the upright*

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waiver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trust in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. 1 Cor 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not
with any show of oratory or philosophy, but
simply to tell you what God had
guaranteed. During my stay with you, the
only knowledge I claimed to have was
about Jesus, and only about him as the
crucified Christ. Far from relying on any
power of my own, I came among you in
great 'fear and trembling' and in my
speeches and the sermons that I gave,
there were none of the arguments that
belong to philosophy; only a demonstration
of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so
that your faith should not depend on human
philosophy but on the power of God.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the light of the world, says the
Lord,*

*Anyone who follows me will have the
light of life.*

Alleluia

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt
of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless,
what can make it salty again? It is good for
nothing, and can only be thrown out to be
trampled underfoot by men.
'You are the light of the world. A city built

on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one
lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put
it on the lamp-stand where it shines for
everyone in the house. In the same way
your light must shine in the sight of men,
so that, seeing your good works, they may
give praise to your Father in heaven.'

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

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
His wonders for the children of men
For he satisfies the thirsty soul,
And the hungry he fills with good
things.