



Ennis Parish News

Confessions in Cathedral every Saturday:
12 to 1pm & also before and after 6.30pm Mass

Mass Times

Sundays:

Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30 p.m.; Sunday: 9, 10, 11, 12.15pm

Mass in Polish each Sunday at 3pm

St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7.00 p.m.; Sunday: 8, 10, 11.30 a.m.

Cloughleigh Church:- 9.30, 11 a.m.

Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30 p.m.; Sunday: 9.30, 10.30, 12.00 noon

Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45 a.m.

Weekdays:

Cathedral: 8.00, 10, 7.30 p.m. Mon. – Fri.; 10, 11 a.m. on Saturday

St. Joseph's:- 8.00, 11 a.m. Mon. – Fri.; 11 a.m. on Saturday

Cloughleigh Church:- 9.30 a.m. Mon. – Fri.

Friary:- 10 a.m., 1.05pm daily; 10 a.m. on Saturday

Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45 a.m. daily

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Ennis Parish Web Site at: <http://www.ennisparish.com>

5th Sunday of Easter (Year B) 9th May, 2009

Look to This Day - for it is Life

The month of May heralds the start of a new season. Similarly, the month of May is the beginning of a new chapter in the Christian lives of many children in our community, as they receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

The word Eucharist is derived from the Greek word for “giving thanks”. Whenever we gather together to celebrate the Eucharist, we are responding to Jesus’ invitation to remember Him and give thanks for the precious gift of life.

Children, in particular, have a wonderful capacity to express their gratitude and appreciate life. They remind us of the importance of being thankful, and of living in the present, valuing each and every minute that God gives us.

As the Sanskrit proverb says;

“Look to this day for it is life,

For yesterday is but a dream,

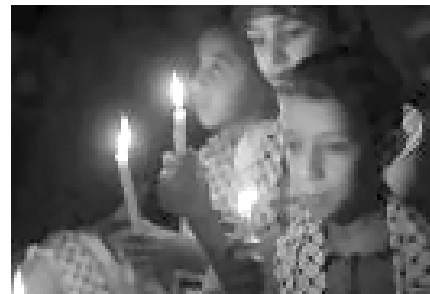
And tomorrow is only a vision.

But today, well lived,

Makes every yesterday

a dream of happiness

And every tomorrow a vision of hope.”





What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 10th May 2009

Fr. Martin Blake ☎ 087 9033682

Wednesday: 13th May 2009

Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎ 087 6615975

May Month of Our Lady

May is traditionally the month associated with Mary. May devotions and Shrines to Our Lady are part of this tradition. We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly these weeks of May.



Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flowers of the rarest
bring blossoms the fairest,
from gardens and woodlands
and hillside and dale;
our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling

the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Chorus:

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

Their lady they name thee,
Their mistress proclaim thee,
oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true
as long as the bowers
are radiant with flowers,
as long as the azure shall keep its bright blue.

Solas - Suicide Support Group will take place on **Saturday 16th May from 11am - 12pm** at CIOC, Connolly House, Unit 7A, Elevation Park, Clonroad, (Roundabout opposite turn off to Tesco). This support group is for family, friends, & co workers whose lives have been touched by suicide, either recently or in the past. It is totally confidential and free of charge.

Exam Triduum Masses

A triduum of Masses will be offered as follows:

30th May St. Josephs at 7pm

3rd June Cloughleigh at 9.30am

7th June Cathedral at 11am

Cards available from The Parish Office.



First Holy Communion 2009



9th May	Ennis National
15th May	St. Anne's
16th May	Gaelscoil
16th May	Holy Family
16th May	Scoil Christ Ri
23rd May	CBS

Christian Life Sodality

Members, please Note: Mass for the late Michael Coote, brother of Imelda Micks, Mary Coote Ryan, Teresa Custy & the late Paddy, will be celebrated in The Christian Brothers' Monastery at 8pm on Tues, 12th May. All are welcome. We offer our prayers and sympathy to Michael's sisters & friends.

How to calm troubled waters - Relationships between adolescents & their parents Presented by Niamh Lynch, Clinical Psychologist, HSE West at Teach Ceoil, Kilrush on 12th May; at 7 - 8:30pm; Booking essential, call Triana Connery, Clarecare 065682817/ tconnery@clarecare.ie

 **Medugorje Prayer Meeting** on Mon 11th at 8pm in Clarecastle Daycare Centre.


PUB QUIZ in aid of Bothar on Fri. 15th May at 8pm in Brogan's Bar, Raffle & Spot Prizes; Contact: 087 924 9775 


Join 10,000 people on Sun 17th May 2-4pm around the Fairgreen in Ennis to Dance the Largest Siege of Ennis in aid of the Special Olympics, Music by Larry McEvoy, Kilfenora Ceili Band plus dancing by John Fennell & Michael Donnellan; All Welcome, further details www.siegeofennis.com

Pre School Variety Concert in support of Special Olympics. An evening of drama, dance and music performed by ten local pre-schools. Monday 11th May at Glór from 6.30pm-8pm. Booking through Glór Box Office.

BUILDING OF HOPE

Thanks for all perennials donated to date for our plant sale in aid of Fr. Martin Keane, building Project in Kenya. Still not late to donate. All Perennials contact: Fr. John 086-815-2828.

Dance & Disco in aid of Fr. Martin Keane, **Building Project on Friday May 15th**, music by Isolated Frequency in Old Ground. Organised by Kyran Carr & Pat Kearney. Please support. 

 **Bingo** in Community Centre on Sunday night at 8.30pm. All welcome.

Mid-West Dialysis Unit

An evening of Music in aid of the Mid-West Dialysis Unit will be held in Ennis Cathedral on this Sunday 10th May at 7pm. Music by the University of Limerick Orchestra with Ennis Youth Choir & Director Michael Hennessy.



Tickets €10 each; Available Parish Office.

Ennis Community Games Area Finals 2009.

Parents and children living in Ennis please note our area finals are taking place in **Lees Road new sports complex** on Monday and Tuesday 11th and 12th May commencing at 6.30pm sharp. If you have not registered already for an event don't worry as you can enter on the night. If any of the parents wish to help out, your help will be gratefully appreciated, just approach an official or approach us at the registration table.

APPEAL: Security Alarm for Elderly - Security Alarms installed by Emergency Response for the use of the elderly and which are no longer needed may be left at: **Carers Centre, 2 Carmody St, Business Pk, Ennis**, in order that they be reassigned to vulnerable members of the community. This need is urgent because of the suspension of the Government Scheme of Community Supports for Older People.

Ennis Toastmasters next meeting will take place at the Temple Gate Hotel on Tuesday 12th May at 8:30pm Phone: 087-2366388 or Info@EnnisToastmasters.COM

Clare Branch of the National Council for the Blind presents Clare Music Circle at St. Columba's Church, Bindon St. on Sat 16th May @ 8pm. Tickets: €20 Clare Champion office.



Lá na gClub

GAA's 125 Celebrations will take on a special club focus this weekend when clubs the length and breadth of the country and those overseas celebrate Lá na gClub. The GAA President, Criostóir Ó Cuana, said: "I acknowledge the superb work overseen by our volunteers in clubs everywhere and hope that the GAA will be as well served by its members in the years ahead as it has been since its inception back in 1884. Sunday is about highlighting the incredible work that our clubs do in every community in Ireland and reaffirming the place of the club at the very heart of the organization".

Club members from Banner and Eire Óg will participate in the 11am Mass at the Cathedral today to mark Lá na gClub.

Newsletter items to Parish Office ☎ 065-6824043 Fax 065-6842541 or Email: cathedralennis@eircom.net **Deadline is 12.00 noon on Tuesday.**

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 3rd May, €9,090.00



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Frank Gibbons, Kincora Park.
 Sun 8am: Haulie O'Shea St Senans Rd.
 10am: Paddy Coughlan, 12 Marian Avenue. MM
 11.30am: Gerry & Una Casey, Kilrush Rd.
 Mon 11am: Patrick & Eileen Griffin, Kilmaley.
 Sat 11am: 1st Communion - Gael Scoil
 Sat 7pm: John, Mary & Josephine Rynne, Carron.
 Sun 17th 10am: Kathleen O'Loughlin, Old Gort Rd.
 11.30am: George & Peter Dillon, St Senan's Rd.

Taizè Prayer: Prayer using the songs of Taizè with reading from Scripture, prayer and reflective silence. At 8pm in St Joseph's Church Thursday 14th May. All welcome.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30: Mgt & Michael Guilfoyle, 7 Cloughleigh Rd.
 11am: Danilo Giache.
 Mon 9.30: Michael & Nora Linnane & deceased family members, 7 Considine Tce.
 Sun 17th 11am: John & Bernadette Connolly, Galway.

Ennis Community College are holding an Information Morning for the following Courses: Community & Health, Nursing Studies, Childcare, Office Skills & Accounting Technician commencing September, 2009 on **Friday, 15th May, 9.30am - 12.30pm**. There are no tuition fees.

Céili in aid of Clare Dyspraxia Support Group on Sat. 16th May, Cois na hAbhna. Cost: €10; Tickets for sale in Parish Office.

Irish Heart Foundation, Happy Heart Week-end 14th to 16th May. Your support will be greatly appreciated.



Knock Summer Youth Festival



"You are the Light of the world" 23rd - 26th July, Our Lady's Shrine, Knock. Strictly 18-35yrs - €70/Free Bus. Places limited, book now at: Youth Ministry Office: 094-9375035/087-6927850

Chieftains in Concert



On Wednesday 20th May at 8pm in Ennis Cathedral. Tickets available through Glór Box Office exclusively.

Fleadh Nua is delighted to welcome outstanding talents of Paddy Moloney, Sean Keane, Matt Molloy and Kevin Conneff to County Clare.

The Concert is in aid of Cuan an Chláir - a project to build and run a Day Care Centre and sheltered housing for the elderly of Ennis and its environs on grounds near Cahercalla Community Hospital, Ennis.

Franciscans Celebrating



15th—17th May

Friday 15th May:

7pm: Results of *Children's Art Competition* and Prize Giving in Áras an Chláir.

Saturday 16th May:

Morning *Walking Tour of Historical Ennis* by Sonia Schorman, with special emphasis on Franciscan sites.

2pm - 4pm: Historical talks in St Anthony's Hall in partnership with the Micheál Ó Cleirigh Institute of UCD. *The History and Ethos of the Irish Franciscans*: Dr Edel Bhreathnach, Rev Dr Joseph MacMahon, Dr John McCafferty, & Dr Malgorzata Krasnodebska D'Aughton.

Evening time: *Friars' Fleadh* in the Friary Garden, Francis Street - A musical evening celebrating 800 years of tradition.

Sunday 17th May:

12pm *Festive Eucharist* in the Friary, Francis Street, with Franciscan Provincial Fr Caoimhín Ó Laoide, Friary Choir and Ennis Brass Band.

www.ennis800.blogspot.com

Most High, Glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart.

Give me right faith,
 certain hope and perfect charity.
 Give me sense and knowledge
 that I may carry out
 your holy and true command.

St. Francis

Charity Walk for Pema

Island on Thursday May 21st. Sponsorship Cards available from Maura Brooks at Cathedral House or €20 registration fee on the day. Gathering for 8K Walk, run or jog from One Mile Inn at 6pm, setting off with traditional music, and spot prizes at the finish.

TROCAIRE

Lenten Appeal:

€19,458.00

Collected during the year:

€9,534.00

Trócaire Boxes can still be left into the Parish Office.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30 Mary Ellen (Ciss) Hanrahan, 77 St Michaels Villas. MM
 Sun.:9am Frank & Ita Hogan, 38 St Michaels Villas.
 10am Dwain Walzer USA.
 Frank O'Dwyer, Clonroadbeg.
 Martin & Ann Staunton, Ballinteer, Dublin.
 Pat & Mary McGarry, Ard na Géine.
 Delia & Jim Collins, Ard na Gréine.
 11am Mass for the People
 12.15pm Martin Heaney 32 Corrovorin Drive & Parnell St MM
 Mon:8am Jack & Henrietta Darcy, Upper O'Connell St.
 10am John & Ann Keane, 108 Hermitage.
 7.30pm John & Bridget Hanley, Hermitage.
 Tues.:8am Mary Singleton, late 17 Hermitage.
 10am Teresa Rynne, Inagh.
 7.30pm Anthony O' Loughlin, 44 St Michaels Villas.
 Wed.:8am Decd members of Reidy family, Tiermaclane.
 10am Exam Intention.
 7.30pm Mary & Matt O'Brien, Ard na Gréine.
 Thurs.:8am Mass for the People.
 10am Christy Daly, College View, Clonroadmore.
 7.30pm Liam Daly, 14 Hermitage.
 Fri.:8am Mass for the People.
 10am Frank Corcoran, Ashfield Park.
 7.30pm Gerry Devitt, 45 St Michaels Villas. MM
 Sat.:10am Frank Hassett, 4 Ard na Gréine.
 11am Holy Communion - Holy Family School.
 6.30pm Donal McMathúna, Ballybeg.
 Sun.:9am Paddy & Rita Doolin, St Patricks Tce.
 10am Mary Ryan, Roslevan.
 Agnes Fox, 8 Cornmarket Street.
 Decd members of Brody family, St Patks Tce.
 Peggy Smyth (nee Cullinan), Drumcliffe & England.
 11am Mass for the People.
 12.15pm Michael (1st Anniv) & Una O'Meara, Lmk Rd

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 17th May, 2009

Readers: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Rest in Peace



Jim O'Brien, 85 Hermitage; Michael Kelly, College Green; Mary Garland (nee Bradley), Ballygriffey & England; Mary Collins, Carron, mother of Tina Queally, Drumcliffe; Brian McCarthy, Tulla, brother of Freda Nihill, Francis St; Nancy Dervan, Lahinch & formerly Cusack Rd.; Baby Lisa Maria Moloney O'Mahoney, Gordon Dr.; Michael Stokes, Kilsheelan, father of Isobel O'Dea, Park Ave;

For your Diary

- ◆ Cathedral Liturgy Group Monday 11th May.
- ◆ Mass for persons with disabilities and chronic illnesses, May 27th 2pm in Cathedral.

Flora Women's Mini-Marathon Mon 1st June for Breast Cancer Research. No need to think about entry forms or transport. Contact Monica Gallagher: 682206/086-16000660.

Slow Food Festival Sat & Sun 15-17th May at The Pavilion Theatre Lisdoonvarna; from 1-6pm daily. Free Cookery demonstrations, tastings and fun for the family. BBQ and lots of food stalls. For more info:

www.slowfoodclare.com



Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language



First Reading Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever. **R**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,

declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:

'These things the Lord has done.' **R**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him,

we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 15:1-8

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,

and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away,

and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes

to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already,

by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine,

neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine,

you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty;

for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me

is like a branch that has been thrown away - it withers;

these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me

and my words remain in you,

you may ask what you will

and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,

and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord

