



# 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

### Phone Numbers:

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B ) 13th September, 2009

## The Wooden Bowl

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about Grandfather," said the son.

"I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor". So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the

family enjoyed their dinners together.

Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him

were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence. One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when you get old." The four year old smiled and went back to work.



**"Honour thy father"**

The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took

Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

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

### Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 13th September, 2009  
Priest on Duty Fr. Martin Blake  
Tel 065 6824043  
Wednesday : Fr. Fergal O Neill  
Tel 065 6824043



Reflecting on the Sunday Readings using the 'Lectio Divina' method starts Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. from 11.00am-12.00; at Christian Brothers' Monastery, New Road, Ennis.  
☎ Dick Burke 065 6821471.

### "Who Do You Think You Are?"

Clare Roots Society amateur family history group continues its programme of activities on Thurs, Sept 17th in the Civic Rooms at 8pm. Ennis man Brian Spring will bring us on his own genealogical "Who Do You Think You Are?" journey. Meeting will be of particular interest to those thinking of starting work on their family tree. If there is sufficient interest, arrangements may be made to hold genealogical workshops for beginners.

### Accord Marriage Preparation Courses



Accord is the body designated by the Bishops to provide Marriage Preparation Courses for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

If you are getting married in 2010 please check with your Priest before taking a course, to ensure that your chosen course is acceptable. To book contact Marcella (1850 58 5000) or book on-line at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie).

### Ennis Flower & Garden Club

Floral Demonstration by Richard Delmer from Portlaoise, at the West Co on Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. Doors open at 7.30p.m. Members and non members welcome.  
ennisflowerandgardenclub@eircom.net

### Invitation

to Past & Present students, and families to join in honouring Thomas Clohessy, who retired as Principal of Rice College, Christian Brothers, New Road, Ennis last October.

To celebrate his immense contribution to the school, a Celebratory Mass will take place in St. Joseph's Church on Thurs Sept 24 at 7.30, followed by light refreshments.



## Ennis Tidy Towns

### Ennis beats tough competition to win Ireland's Largest Urban



**Centre Award**  
"Winning this award is a huge achievement for a town the size of Ennis. We are in a highly



competitive category. This accolade is testimony to the hard work and commitment of our committee, Town Council and our fantastic community. Great credit must be given to all those who work tirelessly to ensure our town is looking its best", stated Noel Crowley, Chairman of the Ennis Tidy Towns. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved.

Judges congratulated Ennis on the overall presentation of the town -

- ◆ Particular praise to the high quality & co-ordination of the various colours & textures, in the -
- ◆ numerous floral displays and flowerbeds around the town and approach roads.
- ◆ The high level of litter control and -
- ◆ presentation of residential areas was also noted and the
- ◆ Ennis Sculpture Trail Initiative received high praise.
- ◆ The judges were particularly impressed with the presentation of shop fronts and commended the businesses on their efforts.

Medugorie prayer meeting Mon 14th Sept @ 8pm in Clarecastle Daycare Centre.

**CLARECARE** Clarecare Counselling Service available in Ennis to adults from Co. Clare. ☎ Clarecare 065-6828178.

Places are still available on Co. Clare VEC's Back to Education Initiative Business Studies programme, which runs over 2 ½ days a week. Places also available on a 2 day Healthcare Support programme in Newmarket-on-Fergus. Both programmes commencing immediately.

For details contact the BTEI office 065-6843633.

Clare VEC and Ennis Community College are currently enrolling for their Autumn evening classes. Brochure can be collected at the school, or alternatively check out our website [www.enniscommunitycollege.com](http://www.enniscommunitycollege.com) for details.

Evening Class Office open 2-4pm Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays. Or ☎ 065-6848473.

### 'Scheme of Tax relief for Donations to Eligible Charities'

We would like to sincerely thank all who have returned completed forms for 2008 under the above scheme, and encourage all who have not done so, and who would like to help Parish Funds, to return the form as soon as possible.

We are at present finalising our Parish Accounts for 2008 and we are asking taxpayers who have contributed at least €250 to Parish Funds (Weekly collection, Priests' Collections, etc.) during 2008 to consider enabling us to avail of this relief.

Forms and details are available from the Parish office Tel. 6824043.

### ReOpening

Fiddle Classes for beginners, 7-10 years old. For further information contact Majella Shannon 087 902 5315.



Yoga Classes for all. Mens/Beginners Mon Sept 14 at Clonroad Business Pk; Gentle/Continuation Yoga Tue 15th at Woodstock hotel; Pregnancy/Advanced Yoga on Thurs 17th at Woodstock; Morning Yoga Fri 18th Woodstock. Antoinette 086 3100827.

Little Angels Preschool - Spooky Halloween Camp; 27 - 30th Oct; to book space, contact Lara @ Holy Family Kids Club - 086 843 8888.

Chess Classes for Juniors and Adults will resume soon at Ennis Pool & Leisure Centre. Call John @ 0872495913 / 0656824642.



### Irish Classes / Ranganna Gaeilge

Beginning Mon 21st Sept Irish Classes for beginners, improvers agus cainteoirí commencing in Ennis. Fón 065 6864474.

MATHS GRINDS: Qualified teacher available to give grinds in Junior Cert H&O and Leaving Cert Ordinary Level. Contact 087-9019478.

Avenue United FC; 6-10 yr olds 'Avenue Academy' returns Sat Sept 19 from 9.30am-10.30am; Lees Rd; all weather pitch; new members welcome; [www.avenueunited.com](http://www.avenueunited.com)

### German Grinds Available

All Levels & Groups; qualified Tutor - tapes & notes provided; Contact 086 3203497.

Singing Tuition available from experienced teacher with M.A. qualification Junior & leaving cert students All ages & all voices welcome Contact Deirdre 087 6420007.



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

Newsletter items to Parish Office ☎ 065-6824043 Fax 065-6842541  
or email: [info@ennisparish.com](mailto:info@ennisparish.com) Deadline is 12 noon on Tuesday.

Ennis Parish Development Fund

Sunday, 6th September, 2009

€9449.00



## St. Joseph's

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm Gerard & Betty Griffin, Lifford Rd  
 Sun 10am Olive Smith, Newcastle, Co Wicklow  
 Sun 11.30am Noel Carmody, Kincora Park  
 Mon 11am Decd members of Barry & Dronay families  
 Thurs 11am Alice Hartnett, Tulla Rd  
 Sat 11am Patricia Harmer, Lifford Rd (Months Mind)  
 Sat 7pm Sean McInerney, 14 Shannon Park  
 Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 10am Ann Hewitt, Shannon Park  
 Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Alice Carmody, 50 Marian Avenue



## Cloughleigh



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Thu 17th  
 9.30 Bridget & Packie Downes, Circular Rd, Ennis  
 Sun 20th  
 9.30 Esther & Thomas O'Brien, 137 Hermitage  
 11.00 Patrick Joyce, Cloughleigh Rd



Michael & Marie Connellan, Ard na Greine will be having a coffee Day Tue Sept 15 all day for Cahercalla Hospice. All welcome. Please support.

### Join us to support IRELAND'S LARGEST COFFEE MORNING in aid of the Irish Hospice Foundation.

At 'The Clubhouse', Pairc na Coille, Retirement Village, Showgrounds Rd, ( beside the Rugby Club), on Thurs Sept 17<sup>th</sup> from 11.00am - 1pm.

### Local Hospice at Cahercalla will benefit.

☎ Geraldine 086 259 6487 queries/directions.

### Clare Hospice at Cahercalla

[www.cahercalla.ie](http://www.cahercalla.ie)

Weekly Draw Results Year 9 Week 12 .. Tue, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> .. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize €635.00.. Nora O'Rourke, Ennistymon. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize €127.00.. Helena O'Dowd, Clonroad.



### Recession? Cancer never heard of it.

Cancer Care West, please donate €15.00 for a ticket to our 3rd benefit dance to be held at Brogan's, O Connell St on Sat 19th Sept, Music by traditional & modern Irish musicians with Irish dancers, followed by a hot buffet sponsored by Brogan's. Dance till late to The Modernairs. Super raffle. ☎ 0656829480.

**National Pink Ribbon Day** 25th Sept in aid of Breast Cancer. Anyone who can give an hour/or more to sell key rings/ ribbons.

☎ 087 6424863 or 087 2108867.

### www.EnnisToastmasters.COM

*Become the Speaker & Leader You Want to Be.*

Speaking in public or at interview can be difficult. As a member of Toastmasters you can regain your confidence.

**Find YOUR voice** - Ennis Toastmasters first new season meeting at the Temple Gate Hotel on Tue Sept 15 at 08:30pm.

info@ennistoastrmasters.com or 087 2366388.



Coffee Morning on Saturday, September 19th in Cathedral House, (after 10am Mass). Proceeds to Cahercalla Hospice. Many thanks for your continued support.



### Best of luck to Clare U21 in All Ireland Hurling Final

### Diploma in Personal Coaching

- Unique personal development experience. Beginning October in Ennis. Contact 086 8119032.

### Bus to Knock on Sun Sept 20 in honour of Padre Pio.

Leaving the market at 10am. Tickets from O'Connor's Bakery, Parnell St.



**Childminder Available** in the Ennis area: Family based, HSE approved; Contact 6821493.

**Please note:** Unislim is no longer being held at Ennis leisure complex Sat from 12-1; *thanks to all the members who supported.*

### Meditation and gentle movement.

St Anthony's Hall, Francis Street, opposite The Candle Emporium. Wednes Sept 16 at 7.30pm.

☎ Mary 087 9701130

**Sum of Money** found near the Old Ground Hotel on Sept 2nd. ☎ 065 6829808 between 9-12.

**Vision Seminar** with Fr. Flann Lynch. Discover freedom, power, purpose! Explore! Improve relationships both at home and in your workplace.

**Venue:** West County on Sat & Sun, Oct 17/18. **Time:** Sat. 10am-5pm; Sun 10am-2pm; [www.visionbeinspired.com](http://www.visionbeinspired.com)



### NCBI - Working for people with sight loss - Return of Magnifying Aids Campaign

If you or a family member have previously received a magnifying aid from NCBI's Low Vision Service that you no longer use & is in good condition, NCBI would appreciate it if you would return it to your local Mrs Quinn's Charity Shop. ☎ 061-316388.

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30 Donor Intentions  
 Sun.:William Morgan, Roscommon  
 10am Eileen Linnane, 40 St Flannans Tce  
 Agatha Finnerty, late Tobartaoscairn  
 Patk Quigley, 67 Gallows Hill  
 11am Charmaine Frawley, 1 Marian Avenue 1st Anniv  
 12 .15pm Andrew Ryan, Clonteen, Ballyalla & 56 Ivy Hill 1st Anniv  
 Mon:8am Mary Clohessy, Connolly  
 10am Holy Souls  
 7.30pm Nellie Burke, 3 Tulla Rd  
 Tues.:8am Mass for the People  
 10am Special Intention  
 7.30pm Nancy Shannon & deceased members of Shannon family, 86 Hermitage  
 Wed.:8am Mass for the People  
 10am Special Intention  
 7.30pm Noel Carmody & deceased members of Clare Civil Defence.  
 Thurs.:8am Mass for the People  
 10am Mass for the People  
 7.30pm Mary Woods, 7 Summerhill  
 Fri.:8am Mass for the people.  
 10am Bernard & Agnes O' Shaughnessy, 47 St Michaels Villas  
 7.30pm Mass for the People  
 Sat.:10am Catherine Kinnane, Ballintemple & 64 Gallows Hill  
 John Corey, Loughville  
 11am Seán Lernihán & deceased members of Lernihán family Gallows Hill  
 6.30pm Johnny Griffey, 1st Anniv and his parents Maura & Joe  
 Sun.:9am John Joe & Kathleen Cullinan, Cornmarket  
 10am Olive O' Malley nee Ensko Doorra & Ennis Joan Dargan, Limerick Road  
 Martin Crowe, 78 St Michaels Villas  
 Gerard Guerin, 42 St Michaels Villas & his parents Eileen & Paddy  
 Patsy Scicluna nee Mc Mahon late London & Drumbiggle  
 John Joe Walsh, Kilimer  
 11am Annie Burns, Cloughleigh Rd MM  
 12.15pm Mass for the People

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 20th September, 2009

Readers: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



### Rest in Peace

Kathleen O Dowd, Midway, Tulla Road;  
 James (Jimmy) Fenton, Ard na Greine; Sr. Roberta Hayes, Texas & Ruan, sister of Kathleen Foudy, Ivy Hill; **Bridget Byrnes**, Glencolumbkille, Donegal, mother of Ann Byrnes 57 Hermitage; **Sarah Morrissey**, Kilmurray McMahon.

### Dates for your Diary

- ◆ Visitation meeting on Wednesday 16th September in Cathedral House at 8pm.
- ◆ Young of Heart Prayer Group will resume on Thursday 17th September at 8pm in the Chapter room. All welcome.



# Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language



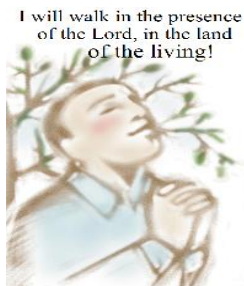
## First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord has opened my ear.  
 For my part, I made no resistance,  
 neither did I turn away.  
 I offered my back to those who struck me,  
 my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
 I did not cover my face  
 against insult and spittle.  
 The Lord comes to my help,  
 so that I am untouched by the insults.  
 So, too, I set my face like flint;  
 I know I shall not be shamed.  
 My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start  
 proceedings against me?  
 Then let us go to court together.  
 Who thinks he has a case against me?  
 Let him approach me.  
 The Lord is coming to my help,  
 who dare condemn me?

*The word of the Lord*



## Responsorial Psalm

### Response:

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
 in the land of the living.*

I love the Lord for He has heard  
 the cry of my appeal;  
 for He turned His ear to me  
 in the day when I called Him. R.

They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
 with the anguish of the tomb;  
 they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
 I called on the Lord's name.  
 O Lord my God, deliver me! R.

How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
 our God has compassion.  
 The lord protects the simple hearts;  
 I was helpless so He saved me! R.

## Second Reading

James 2:14-18

### A reading from the letter of St. James.

Take the case, my sisters and brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the community is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, "I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty", without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: "You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show."

*The word of the Lord*



## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;  
 no one can come to the Father except through me.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but the human way.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*