



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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4th Sunday of Easter (Year B) 3rd May, 2009

SUMMERTIME

"The waters Jesus churns up are not for casual bathers"...

- ◆ It doesn't interest me what you do for a living.

I want to know: What do you ache for, and do you dare to dream of meeting your heart's longing?

- ◆ It doesn't interest me how old you are.

I want to know: Will you risk looking like a fool for love, for dreams, for the great adventure of being alive?

- ◆ It doesn't interest me what planets are squaring your moon.

I want to know: Have you touched the centre of your own sorrow, and have you been opened by life's betrayals - or have you become shrivelled and closed from fear of further pain.

I want to know: Can you sit with pain, mine or your own, without moving to hide it, fade it or fix it?

I want to know: Can you be with joy, mine or your own?

Can you be alone with yourself, and truly like the company you keep in the empty moments?

- ◆ It doesn't interest me to know where you live or how much money you have.

I want to know: Can you get up after a night of grief and despair, weary and bruised to the bone, and do what needs to be done for the children?

- ◆ It doesn't interest me where or what or with whom you have studied.

I want to know: What sustains you from the inside when all else falls away?



"The Earth is full of Goodness of the Lord;

by the Word of the Lord the Heavens were made, ALLELUIA."

Entrance Antiphon -
{Vocation/Good Shepherd Sunday}



What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 3rd May, 2009

Fr. Pat Taaffe ☎ 065 6891983

Wednesday: 6th May

Fr. Martin Blake ☎ 065 6824043

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.

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 9th/10th May. Time: Sat. at 10am-5pm (enrol 9.30am-10am) Sun 10am-1.30pm, followed by Mass; donation if you wish; Booking: Just turn up & bring your friends. Tea & coffee provided www.visionbeinspired.com



Charity Walk for Pemba 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.

Ennis ICA Meeting in Clarecare on Tuesday 5th May at 8pm. New members welcome.

Mid-West Dialysis Unit

An evening of Music in aid of the Mid-West Dialysis Unit will be held in Ennis Cathedral on next Sunday 10th May at 7pm. Music by the University of Limerick Orchestra with Ennis Youth Choir & Director Michael Hennessy. Tickets €10 each; from Ennis Parish office (065) 6824043 or Brid Collins (061) 485228.



Go for Life: national programme for physical activity & sport for older people; series of **Go For Life** training workshops in Ennis, from Mon 11th May; Free light refreshments; ☎ Clare Sports Partnership 065 6865434.

Clare Branch of the National Council

for the Blind presents the Clare Music Circle at St. Columba's Church, Bindon St on Sat 16th May @ 8pm followed by wine reception. Conductor Kieran O'Gorman, Tenor Dean Power, Accompanist Michael Hennessy. Tickets: €20 at Clare Champion office.



The Big Brew

Alzheimer's Tea Day, Thursday 7th May 2009. Come and join us at Cathedral Presbytery after 10am Mass.



Children's Charity

Coffee Morning & Cake Sale in Hassett's Pub Barefield on May 7th 10.30 am onwards.

Volunteers needed for flag day in Ennis Thursday May 7th, Clare Crusaders Charity for Autism. Contact Claire: 087 1373453.

The Clare Branch of Cystic Fibrosis would like to thank everybody who supported and helped at our recent Church Gate Collection.

Life in the Spirit Seminar: with Miltown Malbay/Doonbeg Charismatic Prayer Group. on every Mon - 4th May-22nd June (ex 18th May) from 7.30-9.30pm.



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

Cardinal Brady on the occasion of the centenary birth of Fr. Patrick Peyton, Rosary Priest:

"turn off the TV; switch off your mobile; shut down the computer and pray at some stage every day. Use email, text & twitter to tell people you are praying for them".

Bene Merenti (Well Merited)



Congratulations to Maurice Griffin, who was presented with a Bene Merenti award by Bishop Willie Walsh in recognition of his role in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in Ennis Parish over the past 15 years.

Each week over 600 people give a committed hour before the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel. We acknowledge the role of the 65 co-ordinators in the smooth running of this prayer ministry.

We thank all who took part and made last Sunday evening's celebration in the Cathedral such a joyful and wonderful occasion. Maurice Griffin can be contacted at ☎ 6824825.



Recently Baptised

Blythe Roisin Garry; Emily Yvonne Fox; Rónán Gearóid Blake; Eoghan Matthew Hayes; Callum Joseph Hayes; Evan Joseph Pio Linnane; Conor James Coffey;

Justice Committee met last week; action taken on the following issues: Fair trade in Ennis; Trafficking of women into Ireland for sex.

Céili in aid of Clare Dyspraxia Support Group on Sat. 16th May Cois na hAbhna. Cost: €10.

Blessed Edmund Rice



This year, we celebrate the Bicentenary of Edmund Rice and his early followers, making perpetual vows in Waterford 1809.

This marked the formal beginning of the Presentation Brothers, the Christian Brothers, and the Edmund Rice Network. He was a native of Callan, Co.

Kilkenny. After his young wife's early death he sold his possessions and dedicated his life to the Education of the poor. He gathered other like minded men who took religious vows together to work for the Catholic Education of boys. He is a model of patient and cheerful acceptance of suffering. A true lay apostle, and a deeply committed religious.

Feast day is on this Tuesday, May 5th.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 26th April, €9,420.00

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



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Mary Doorty, Tulla Rd.
 Sun 8am: Sean & Christy Glynn.
 Sun 10am: Mickey & Mary O'Gorman, 63 Marian Ave.
 Sun 11.30am: Eileen O'Loughlin 1st Anniv.
 & PJ O'Loughlin, Kevin Barry Ave.
 Tues 11am: Deceased members of
 Mairrinan & O'Brien families Tobartascain.
 Thurs 11am: Eileen Cosgrove, Kincora Park.
 Fri 7.30pm: Roibard O'Ceallaigh, Roslevan. 1st Anniv
 Sat 11am: Kevin McEnnis, Lifford Rd.
 Sat 7pm: Frank Gibbons, Kincora Park.
 Sun 10th 8am: Haulie O'Shea, St Senans Rd.
 10am: Paddy Coughlan, 12 Marian Avenue. MM.
 11.30am: Gerry & Una Casey, Kilrush Rd.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Michael & Maureen Kenny,
 Upper Drumbiggle Road.
 11am: Frank Kierse, late Loughville.
 Tues 7.30pm: Nora Tuohy, 51 Golf Links Rd.
 Sun 10th 9.30: Margaret & Michael Guilfoyle,
 7 Cloughleigh Road.
 11am: Danilo Giache.

WANTED: PLANTS FOR BUILDING OF HOPE.

Thanks for all perennials donated to date for our plant sale. Fr. John 086-815-2828.

Friday May 15th Dance & Disco music by Isolated Frequency in Old Ground, for Building of Hope, Kenya 2010, Fr. Martin Keane, Cranny. Organised by Kyran Carr & Pat Kearney. Please support.

Local environmental group Ennis Transition Towns, screening 'The 11th Hour' by Leonardo de Caprio based on climate change. Glór, Fri May 8th at 7.30pm.

KILMALEY VINTAGE RALLY Sun 3rd May opposite Kilmaley Hurling Field; stationary engines, cars/tractors; vintage steam thrashing; cake Stall/bouncing castle; in aid of "The Children's Light of Hope Cystic Fibrosis."

Celebration of New Life



A Blessing for Expectant Parents will take place in Ennis Cathedral on this Wednesday 6th May, @ 8pm. A welcome for Parents, Grandparents, family members.

Fáilte roimh cách.

Friary News

Monthly Mass and meeting of the Secular Franciscan Order will take place in the Friary at 10am and in St. Anthony's Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 6th May.

Prayer for Vocation

Lord Jesus,
 You said to your disciples:
 'The harvest indeed is great
 But the labourers are few.'
 We ask that we may know
 And follow the vocation
 To which you have called us.
 We pray for those called to serve:
 Those whom you have called,
 Those you are calling now,
 And those you will call in the
 future.
 May they be open and responsive
 To the call of serving your people.
 Amen.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30 Martin O'Shaughnessy, 11 Gallows Hill 1st Anniv.
 Sun.:9am Nora McDonagh, Clonroad.
 10am Chris Meaney, Limerick Rd.
 Ann Murphy late 108 Clancy Pk.
 Patrick & Mary Scanlan, Kilmaley.
 Jerome & Francis Greene, 55 Cahercalla Estate.
 11am Thomas Nihilill, 5 Francis St. 1st Anniv
 12.15pm Willie Bonner, Caherlaghan, Tulla. MM
 Mon:8am Patrick Keane, late 33 McNamara Pk.
 10am Dolores Lynch, Tulla Rd.
 7.30pm Dec'd members of Kearney family, Market St.
 Tues.:8am John, Winnie & Bridie Hayes, Coore, Mullagh.
 10am Patrick O'Loughlin, 62 St Michaels Villas.
 7.30pm James Kelly, 26 Collins Park.
 Wed.:8am Holy Souls.
 10am Michael Coote, Cornmarket St.
 7.30pm P.J. & Catherine O'Halloran, late Francis St.
 Thurs.:8am Francis Anthony McDonnell, Cathedral Ct.
 10am Austin & Francis O'Callaghan, Christy,
 James & Marian, 119 Hermitage.
 7.30pm Michael & Teresa Slattery, 11 St Michaels Vls.
 Fri.:8am Mass for the People.
 10am Patricia & Alfred O'Neill, 50 St Michaels Villas.
 7.30pm Frances O'Rourke, 6 Dalcassian Ave. MM.
 Sat.:10am Ann & Bryan McMahon, Woodlawn.
 11am Holy Communion, Ennis National School.
 6.30pm Mary Ellen (Ciss) Hanrahan, 77 St. Michaels Vls. MM
 Sun.:9am Frank & Ita Hogan, 38 St Michaels Villas.
 10am Dwan Walzer, USA.
 Frank O'Dwyer, Clonroadbeg.
 Martin & Ann Staunton, Ballinteer, Dublin.
 Pat & Mary McGarry, Árd na Greine.
 Delia & Jim Collins, Árd na Greine.
 11am Mass for the People.
 12.15pm Martin Heaney, 32 Corrovorrin & Parnell St MM

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 10th May, 2009

Readers: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Rest in Peace

Margaret McCarthy, 10 Cornmarket St;
 Linda Woods, 5 Marian Avenue; Martin
 (Jack) Reynolds, Corofin, Co. Galway, father of
 Kathleen O'Brien 3, The Crescent, Lifford; Michael
 Coote, Market Street.

For your Diary

- ◆ Blessing of New Life 6th May at 8pm Cathedral.
- ◆ Cathedral Liturgy Group Monday 11th May.
- ◆ Mass for persons with disabilities and chronic illnesses, May 27th 2pm in Cathedral.
- ◆ Summer Blessing for Pre-Schools 3rd June at 12noon in Cathedral.

Lourdes Diocesan Invalid Fund

(Church Gate Collection) takes place on this weekend Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd May.

Please support.

CONCERT with the Chieftains

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

Since making their Debut in 1963, The Chieftains have consistently featured as the Headline Act at Trad Festivals from Seattle to Sydney. With Fleadh Nua celebrating 35 years in Ennis, the coming together of these venerable cultural institutions is not before time. Fleadh Nua is delighted to welcome outstanding talents of Paddy Moloney, Sean Keane, Matt Molloy and Kevin Conneff to County Clare.

A super-group demands a super venue and such is the level of demand for tickets that the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul is the only place capable of hosting such numbers in the town of Ennis. The magnificent acoustics of the Cathedral will enhance the group's unique sound in what may well be the Trad event of the year.

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.

Total Collected to Date: €212,663.00.





Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Text



First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to people, this is the only one by which we can be saved.

The word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm

Response: .The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in people
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.

R

I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

R

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for God's love has no end.

R

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St. John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;

and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been
revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him

because we shall see God as he really is.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:

the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for
his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,

abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,

and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;

I know my own and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock,

and one shepherd.

The Father loves me,

because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by my
Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord

