



Ennis Parish News

Confessions in Cathedral Saturday After 10am Mass & before and after 6.30pm Mass
St Joseph's Saturday After 11am 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: 7.45am; 10am & 7.30pm; 10am on Saturday
St. Joseph's:- Monday – Saturday: 11am
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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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B)

4th February, 2018

“Anois teacht an Earraigh”



Late in Winter as we are now, only the barest signs of the Spring to come are visible. But there is not one of us who is in any doubt that it is just around the corner even though the ground still carries many of the dead leaves of last Summer.

We live in a time of change, in society, in political life and in our Church and parish life. As the old certainties pass away, we can be both terrified and excited at what the future will bring.

Our Diocesan and Parish structures have served us well in the past but they were based on an assumption of a large number of priests and a service model of church between priests and laypeople.

For many years, theologians and church leaders have been saying that now is the time when all baptised will take their rightful places in church life. However it has taken a radical reduction in the ordained ministry to bring us to the moment where all can flourish.

As we move into the future we can choose between becoming victims of change or agents of change in our Diocese or parishes.

But like the coming spring, the Breath of Life which is God will burst through the withered beauties of last year, last century.



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Sr. Stephanie Conway, Convent of Mercy, Ennis & Nenagh. MM

Sun: 9.30am: Helen Griffin, Woodlawn, Loughville. James Kelly, Clonroadmore.

Virginia Donnellan, St. Joseph's, Hermitage.

Baby O'Neill - Forde, Drumquin, Barefield.

Christina Kelly, Elm Park, Gort Rd.

May & Michael Glynn, Knockaderra.

Elizabeth & George Bradley, Carmody St.

Teresa Ryan, Gallows Hill.

Bridie Kelly, Banagher. MM

11am: Alexsey Cecotka, Hill View, Clarecastle.

Please note change of Mass time to facilitate RTE radio broadcast of Mass for Catholic Schools Week.

Mon: 7.45am: Nora & Martin Meaney, Cranny.

10am: Jonathan O'Sullivan, London.

7.30pm: William Burke, Mill Rd.

Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: Earlie family, Limerick Rd.

7.30pm: Kathleen Doran, Tulla & Ennis.

Charlie O'Grady, McNamara Pk.

Wed: 7.45am: Maura Garvey, Dublin.

10am: Lylie O'Connell, St. Michael's Villas.

Bill Lacey, College Grove.

7.30pm: Josie & Philomena Nightingale, Hermitage.

Thurs: 7.45am: Michael Egan, Kilmihil.

10am: Pat & Nora Harnett, Limerick.

7.30pm: Bernie Dilger, Connolly Villas.

Fri: 7.45am: Holy Souls.

10am: George, Chrissie & Haulie Molloy & Molly Butler, Old Mill St.

7.30pm: Mass for the People.

Sat: 10am: Fintan Ryan, Fergus Manor.

O'Brien family, Golf Links Rd.

MI, Mgt, & Michael Jnr Mc Mahon, Drumcauran.

Paddy & Ciss Garrihy, St. Michael's Villas.

6.30pm: Michael Tierney, Kilrush Rd. MM

Sun: 9.30am: Ando White, Dalcassian Pk.

James & Mary Teresa Quinlivan, Lissycasey.

Mary, Mick & Kitty Connellan, Ard na Greine.

Maurice O'Brien, late of Inch.

Paul Brassill, St. Michael's Villas.

Lorraine Cooley, Dalcassian Ave.

Maureen & Joe Murphy, late Hermitage.

Michael Hassett, Drumbiggle Rd.

Donal Ryan, Cusack Rd.

11.30am: P.J. Malone, Beechpark. MM

Noel Garry, Sandfield. MM

Michael Griffin & John Doyle, Woodlawn.

Pat O'Sullivan, Abbey Court.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 11th February, 2018

Readers: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11am: Elizabeth & deceased Hanrahan family, Circular Rd.

Tue 9.30am: .Book of Intentions.

Sun 11am: P.J. & Bridie Dilger, Hermitage.

Hospital & Sick Calls

4th February, 2018

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Dariusz Plasek

Wednesday:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman

Duty Phone: 065 6869098



Friary News

Next meeting of Secular Franciscan order 10am & 7.30pm; Wednesday 7th February.

Hour of Prayer for peace; Poor Clare Chapel, Sat 3rd Feb; 4.30pm.

A Memorial Mass for the late

P.J. McMahon, Rosslare Strand, Wexford and formerly of Connolly will be celebrated in St. Michael's Church, Connolly, on Tuesday 6th Feb at 7.30pm

Newly Baptised



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

Dinan Tierney; Caoimhe Maeve McCarthy; Billy Paddy O'Keeffe; Léon Raphael Kotlewski;

World Day of Prayer for the Sick



Mass of Healing and Anointing

Saturday February 10th

St. Joseph's Church; 11am
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. Faith organizations mark this day especially to provide the sick with medicines, food, and spiritual guidance.



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:

Sat 7pm: Kevin & Mary O'Donohue, Kincora Pk.

Sun 10am: Teresa Howard, Kilrush Rd.

11.45am: Annie, Peter, Anne & deceased Barry family, Ard Mhuire, Shanaway Rd.

Mon 11am: Frances Smith, London.

Tues 11am: John & Catherine Behan, Kilkee.

Sat 11am: Brendan Sexton, Quin & Cavan;

Michael Lillis, Cooraclare; Maureen Scanlan, Cavan.

12noon: Imelda Micks, The Crescent, Lifford. MM

7pm: Jim Keown, Corofin.

Sun 10am: Burns & Lipton families, L.A.

Maura Kavanagh, Pine Grove.

11.45am: Bridget Neylon, Golf Links Rd. MM
Peter Burke, Lifford Rd.

Divine Mercy Chaplet



We will continue to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a prayer group on this Tuesday evening; 8pm; chapter room. All are welcome to come and pray and we hope to keep up the wonderful attendance and new friendships formed so far. There will be a short Lectio Divina after the chaplet. All welcome.

People of the Year

Presentation of Awards

Friday 16th February

Cathedral at 8pm

Congratulations

to this year's recipients:

Nigel Bridge, Clarecastle

Della Curley, Limerick Road

Nora Monahan, Childers Road.

Mary Cosgrove, Dalcassian Park.

Sean & Mary McDermott, Shanaway.

Bro Seán MacNamara, New Road.



Rest in Peace

Peadar O'Brien, St. Michael's Villas & Kilfenora; **Noel McEnery,** Hermitage; **George Nash,** Ballyea & St. Joseph's Hospital; **Peg Moloney,** Loughville; **P.J. McMahon,** Wexford brother of Vera Dullaghan, Corrovorrin, Bernie Tobin, Gallows Hill, Sr. Angela, Rosanore, & Jim, Cusack Road, Michael, Roslevan;

*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.*

Prolife Meetings

Thursday 8th February, 8pm; Old Ground Hotel, Ennis on Prolife/Loveboth Campaign. The meeting will be addressed by Senator Ronan Mullen and Ms. Katie Ascough, former Student Union President, UCD.

Protect the 8th Clare talk and training workshop on Monday February 12th 7:30pm; Old Ground Hotel, Ennis; Banner Suite.

RNLI Fund Raiser: Soroptimists International, Ennis & District are hosting "Valentines Jazz Brunch" in the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis on Sunday 11th February from 12noon; Music by Jazz Lite; Guest appearance by The Three Fivers. Tickets from Soroptimist president Pamela Clancy: 087-8339000 & Jenny Shaw: 086-8317611.

The Annual 10k Burren Walk in aid of the Clare Branch of the Alzheimer Society will take place on Sunday February 11th from O'Donoghues Pub in Fanore. Sponsorship cards are available from the Alzheimer Society, Cuan an Chlair, Cahercalla, Ennis - 065 6868621.

Affordable Counselling for adults and adolescents at the Willow Counselling Centre, Sonas, Chapel Lane, Ennis. All Counsellors and Psychotherapists are members of professional accrediting bodies. For appointment please phone 085 7820000.

Instrument Appeal: We are collecting unwanted instruments to donate to disadvantaged schools on Clare Collection dates – Colaiste Muire or Rice College February 9th 12.30 to 1.30pm; For more information visit www.facebook.com/instrumentappeal or call Faye on 085115 7441

Is food a problem for you? "Do you obsess about food and/or weight? Do you eat when you're not hungry? Do you binge, purge or restrict? Is your weight affecting your life?" Contact Overeaters Anonymous: NO dues • NO fees • NO weigh-ins • NO diets. Meeting held in Ennis weekly on Sundays at 8pm, St Joseph's Hall, Kincora Park. All welcome. For further information call Grainne on: 085 7418199.

The Irish Cancer Society operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer Drivers pick the patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door, then when finished treatment, will pick them up and drop them home. Volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the Society's website at Irishcancer.ie or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 01 2310 522.

Thank you to all who supported the recent Toonagh Charity Walk for Seeking Vision Clare Sunset Foundation. All who helped on the day, it is very much appreciated. Total: €2,715 handed over to Seeking Vision.

German Grinds for all levels incl. J.C. & L.C.; Cornelia: 087-7840589

Bereavement visitation team meeting will take place; Thursday 8th February; 3.30pm; 7 Woodlands, Kilrush Road.

'Patricia Corbett Memorial Walk/Run' will be held in Labasheeda on Sunday February 11th. This year we remember Fr. John Kelly RIP who regularly walked the route. The course is 6 miles/10km around Labasheeda peninsula registration from 12 noon and beginning at 12.30pm. Entry fee €10. Proceeds will go towards Sr. Ethel Normoyle's Missionvale Project, South Africa and Labasheeda Community Centre Development. Light refreshments will be served; all are welcome to take part. Information: John 087-9672441.

Franciscan Lourdes Invalid Fund, Church Gate Collection this weekend. Please support.

Old Ground Hotel staff reunion on Friday Feb 9th; 7pm sharp.

An Oncology Nurse Specialist will visit Sláinte an Chláir Cancer Centre, Kilnamona on Thursday Feb 8th from 10.30am - 2pm for a question and answer session. All welcome. Contact: 087 6912396.

Woodstock pre-school is now enrolling for September 2018. Children age 2 Years 8 months are now eligible to start under the free pre-school programme. Contact Maggie 0876228271

Clare Archaeological and Historical Society 'Irish Traditional Music in Ennis 1950 - 1980' - a talk by Dr Geraldine Cotter: Tuesday 13th February; Old Ground Hotel, Ennis; 8pm. Lectures are free to members, €5 for non-members. New members are always welcome. Hope you can join us. Enquiries to fogorman51@gmail.com Tel 087 2262259

Dancing with the Stars: Best of luck to our National Treasure & GAA Commentator Marty Morrissey who is performing on Dancing with the Stars on Sunday evenings on RTE 1 at 6.30pm. Marty is always there to help out for Charity Events all over the country and always up for a laugh so show him your support and give him a vote! Remember you can vote as often as you like when lines open for Marty & Ksenia. Just text 'Marty' to 53125 or call 1513 71 71 03

Martin Tobin, Exhibition: Martin from the Monument Cross in Newmarket On Fergus will hold an exhibition of his work in the Maguire Suite; Old Ground Hotel; Friday 23rd February; 8pm to 10pm. Martins exhibition in association with the Shannon Camera Club will show Martin's work as a photographer and will also show his work on the big screen of the lives of three local people Paddy Keane and Fr John Murphy from Lemenagh. N.M.F. and Martin Kennedy the Poet from Violet Hill in Broadford. Donations on the night will go to the RNLI Lifeboats.

Corofin Dramatic Society presents 'Big Maggie' in Corofin Hall 3rd & 4th Feb; Also in Glór 18th & 19th Feb.

John Burns in Rice College Ennis will provide Supervised Study each day during the February Mid Term Break. Opening Saturday 10th February 9am and running every day up to and including Sunday 18th February. Students from all schools welcome. Booking is not necessary. Enquiries to 0872766338 only."

Ennis Parish Development Fund Sunday 28th January, €6,670.00

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí Feabhra

Mí Feabhra, mí na Féile Bhríde, tús an Earraigh, mí na n-uan, mí na dtrí síon - gaoth, báisteach agus sneachta. I mí Feabhra, bí linn a Thiarna. Is é intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná: lad siúd a bhfuil cumhacht nithiúil nó polaitiúil nó spioradálta acu, go gcuirfidh siad i gcoinne aon tarraingt ag an gcaimiléireacht.

Anois teacht an Earraigh, beidh an lá ag dul chun sineadh,

Is tar éis na Féile Bhríde ardóidh mé mo sheol a scríobh Antoine Ó Raifteirí.

Braithimid saol nua le solas an Earraigh sa nádúr. Tá na laethanta ag dul i bhfad agus an plúirín sneachta ag fás go flúirseach. Is paidir dheas í seo a leanas gur féidir linn a rá ag an am seo den bhliain. *A Athair na ndúl, a Thiarna an tsolais, is tú a thug beatha dúinn agus a bhronn an chruinne orainn lena úsáid agus a chaomhnú. Iarraimid ort do bheannacht a chur orainn agus sinn ag machnamh ar pháis, ar bhás, agus ar aiséirí do mhac, Íosa Críost. Áiméan.*

February, St Brigid's month, the beginning of Spring, month of lambing, month of three kinds of weather: wind, rain and snow. The Pope's intention for February is: that those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Now that spring has come, days will get longer, And after Brigid's Day I will raise my sails. (from Raftery's famous poem Cill Aodáin)

We experience new life and light as nature awakens in Spring. The days are getting longer and the snowdrops are plentiful.

This prayer can be said to thank God for his bounty: *God of nature, Lord of light, you have bestowed on us the world to respect and preserve. We ask you to bless us as we reflect on passion, death and resurrection of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Pilgrimages 2018

Killaloe Diocese pilgrimage to Lourdes: Bishop Fintan Monahan will lead the 62nd Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon Airport **Tuesday 26th June returning on Sunday 1st July.** €695 full board for online booking at www.joewalshtours.ie or €705 for paper booking. Special section for sick or assisted pilgrims at a reduced price. Early booking advisable. Details: Fr Tom Ryan Pilgrimage Director 061-364133.

MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE 2018 from SHANNON on 16th May to 23rd May Accompanied by Fr. Gerard Fitzgerald as Spiritual Director. Cost: €629 if deposit paid by 1st Feb, thereafter cost: €679. Enquiries: Kathleen: 086 1031508 or Mary: 086 3629808.

Medjugorje, 14th June 2017 with Spiritual Director Fr Paddy Conway. Contact Bernadette: 0861634553.

Medjugorje, 5th–12th Sept accompanied by Fr. Tom O'Gorman. 12th–19th Sept accompanied by Fr. Martin Blake & Rev Martin Shanahan. Info: James Considine: 065 9059328 or 085 7385385

Sorrento & San Giovanni; 15th-22nd October; Afternoon flight from Dublin; Cost: €995. For information contact Group Leader: Mary O'Sullivan: 087 1247669; Spiritual Director: Fr Tom Hogan PP

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 book of Job.

Jb 7:1-4.6-7

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing
more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired
drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his
wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to
me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, "When will it be
day?"

Risen I think, "How slowly evening
comes!"

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days
have passed, and vanished, leaving no
hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see
joy.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

***Praise the Lord who heals the broken-
hearted.***

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. **R**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **R**

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

1 Cor 9:16-19.22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since
it is a duty which has been laid on me; I
should be punished if I did not preach it! If I
had chosen this work myself, I might have
been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a
responsibility which has been put into my
hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is
this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the
Good News free, and not insist on the rights
which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any
man I have made myself the slave of
everyone so as to win as many as I could.
For the weak I made myself weak. I made
myself all things to all men in order to save
some at any cost; and I still do this, for the
sake of the gospel, to have a share in its
blessing.

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 Mark.

Mk 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with
James and John straight to the house of
Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-
law had gone to bed with fever, and they told
him about her straightaway. He went to her,
took her by the hand and helped her up. And
the fever left her and she began to wait on
them.

That evening, after sunset, they
brought to him all who were sick and those

who were possessed by devils. The whole
town came crowding round the door, and
he cured many who were suffering from
diseases of one kind or another; he also
cast out many devils, but he would not
allow them to speak, because they knew
who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn,
he got up and left the house, and went off
to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon
and his companions set out in search of
him, and when they found him they said,
'Everybody is looking for you.' He
answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the
neighbouring country towns, so that I can
preach there too, because that is why I
came.' And he went all through Galilee,
preaching in their synagogues and casting
out devils.

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.**