



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: 7.40am; 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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Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: info@ennisparish.com

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 27th January, 2018

Where No Sound Is Heard

It is little wonder that so many people seek the solitude of walks and treks on the sea shore or other outer spaces in quest of solitude. Confucius once said 'it is good to listen to solitude'. Nelson Mandela in the quietness of his prison cell claims 'he found God' which helped him during the twenty-seven years of isolation in prison in South Africa.

Going back in history ancient monks and mystics receded to quiet places to study, reflect and pray. It was from that kind of solitude they felt the voice of God speaking to them in diverse ways. Pilgrimages are very much part of our Christian way of life when we consider Lourdes, Knock, Fatima, Medjugorje. Muslims also conduct an annual pilgrimage to Mecca. People when they go on pilgrimage can relate to their experience of that kind of engagement and relish the richness and healing power that it brings.

Not to discount the example of Christ himself when he went to a lonely place to pray in

communion with God the father. People living alone and in isolation will find some comfort by the fact that they are free from the hassle of the world beyond.

Psychologists tell us, that the quiet hours of sleep are necessary for one's well being and they further recommend periods of quiet and rest. Important also is the time that people engage with family members especially when they feel depressed or downtrodden.



*'What is this life if full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare
A poor life this if full of care we have no time
to stand and stare'*

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Frank O'Connell, Upper Market St.
Eileen Dinan, Cahercalla Heights **1st Anniv**
Tom McGrath, Clonroad.
Nora & Kevin Ryan, Greendale.
Larry Clohessy, Hermitage.
Annie O'Brien, Carhue, Dysart. **MM**

Sun : 9.30am: Donor's Intentions.
Andrew, Tess & McCarthy family, Connolly.
Lena & Pakie Mangan, Brookville.
Kathleen McGlinchey, Donegal.

11.30am: Willie Perkins, Gallows Hill.
Mary Arthur, Gort Rd.
Flan O'Reilly, Clare Rd. **1st Anniv.**

Mon: 7.40am: Mary, Paddy, Seán & Lucy Kissane,
Mary & Seán Feehan, Ennis, Dublin & Cork

10am: Special Intention.

7.30pm: Peggy Flynn, Connolly Villas.

Tues: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.

10am: Austin O'Callaghan, Clancy Park.
7.30pm: Martin & Anne O'Grady, College Park.
Gertie & Bernard Bleasdale, Corrovorrin.

Wed: 7.40am: Bridie Fitzpatrick & family, Kilnamona.
Donor's Intention

10am: Patrick Toomey, McNamara Park

7.30pm: Mgt., MI & MI Jr. McMahan, Drumcauran.

Thurs: 7.40am: Eileen & Willie O'Carroll & Deceased
Callinan & Crowley Families Tullybrack & Clonakilla

10am: Daisy Redican, O'Connell St.

7.30pm: John Fogarty, Fernhill
Vera Dunleavy, Hermitage

Fri: 7.40am: Mass for the People.

10am: Special Intention

11am: **Confirmation Gael Scoil**

7.30pm: Daniel Curtin, Cahercalla Drive **1st Anniv**
Frank O'Halloran, Collins Park

Bernadette & Alo Wrafter, Tullamore & Clare Rd. Ennis

Sat: 10am: Special Intention

6.30pm: Eva, Tom & Noel Ryan, Summerhill
Jim O'Sullivan, Woodlawn **1st Anniv**

Sun : 9.30am: Denis Moloney, McNamara Park
Helen Griffin, Woodlawn
James Kelly, Clonroadmore
Teresa Ryan, Gallows Hill
Kathleen Hassett, Toonagh.

11.30am: Rita Hurley, Turnpike **1st Anniv**
Christina Kelly, Elm Park
Aleksy Cecotka, Hill View, Clarecastle
George & Margaret McMahon, Lily Cusack
& Mary Cleere, St. Michael's Villas
Madeline & Johnny Arkins, Clonroad.

Roster for Cathedral: Sunday 3rd February 2019

Readers: Group 2
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Mon 7.30pm: Kathleen Hogan, Davitt Terrace
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions
Sun 11am: Kitty McDermott, Cloughleigh

Hospital & Sick Calls

27th January, 2019

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman

Duty Phone: 065 6869098

A new praesidium of the Legion of Mary has been formed. Meetings are held in the Parish Centre every Wednesday evening at 7pm. New members or those wishing to return to the Legion will be most welcome. Call 086 8164408 or 087 7803459

Meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society in St. Joseph's Church after 7pm Mass on Friday 1st February. All welcome.

1st Friday of February: Sick and housebound parishioners will receive Sacraments at home. If you know of any housebound parishioners who would like to receive the Sacraments, please contact the parish office.

Diocesan Needs Collection:

The second collection at all Masses this weekend is an appeal from Bishop Fintan for your support in helping him with various pastoral ministries.

Parish Pastoral Council: Bi-monthly meeting on Wednesday @ 7pm in Cathedral House.

**Bingo Great prizes;
Jackpot: €1,500;
In Community Centre Sunday
from 8pm.**



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: Mary & Kevin O'Donoghue, Kincora Park
Sun 10am: William & Mary Lynch, Corrovorrin
11.45am: Bill Hanrahan, Ashfield Park
Mon 11am: Jimmy Morgan, Shanaway.
Tues 11am: Joe Joe Quinn, Kilrush
Thu 11am: Deceased Clune family, Feakle
Fri 11am: John & Catherine Behan, Kilkee
Sat 11am: Patrick Barrett, Lifford Rd.
7pm: Joe Moran, Corrovorrin Grove
Peg & Michael Roche, Kincora Park
Sun 10am: George Nash, Newhall, Ballyea. **1st Anniv**
11.45: Dan **1st Anniv**, Dymrna & Eileen Gaffney, Lifford

Next Latin Mass will take place on **Sunday 3rd February at 5.30pm in St. Joseph's Church.** All are welcome.



Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 20th January, €6,705.00



Rest in Peace

Anna Shanahan, Cahercalla Nursing Home & Quilty, **Dean Sutton**, Abbeycourt, Limerick Rd., **Br. Matthias (Colm) Comyns**, Presentation Brother, Clare, Cork & Granada, brother of Mary O'Connor, Collins Park & Noel Comyns, Darragh; **Michael (Tony) McEnery**, Dalcassian Park; **Maura Hitchen (nee Keane)**, Manchester & Kilnamona, sister of Francie Keane, Golf Links Rd., Susan Cosgrove, Fernhill, Joe Keane, Ruan & Statia O'Hara, Cratloe, **Margaret Coffey**, Hermitage, **Michael George Culliney**, Cloughleigh Rd. **Michael Kelly**, Inch & St. Michael's Villas; **Mary Moloney**, St. Joseph's Tce., Clarecastle; **John Walsh**, Athlone/Westport brother of PJ, Pine Grove; **Sr. Mary Perpetuo Cleary, OSsR**, St. Alphonsus Monastery, Dublin, twin sister of Ita Cleary, Cahercalla Hospital and the late Johnny Cleary, College Rd; **Brendan Regan**, Shannon, brother of Karen Regan, Mill Rd; **Joe Brohan**, New Road & London; **Emer Raftery**, Dublin, sister of Mary O'Brien, Willow Park.

*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.*

Catholic Schools' Week 2019

Takes place this week starting this Sunday 27th January and concluding on Sunday next 3rd February. The theme this year is Catholic Schools' Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools. Each Catholic School in our parish shares an ethos that is inclusive, welcoming and vibrant. Each school works towards a vision of each student as made in the likeness and image of God. Each school this week will celebrate Catholic Schools' Week in many different ways and on **Sunday next 3rd February** the students of Colaiste Mhuire will lead us in the liturgy at the **11.30am Mass** in the Cathedral as we conclude the celebrations.



St. Brigid's Crosses



Will be for sale after all masses in parish this weekend and in the Parish Office during the week.

Feast of St. Blaise

Blessing of Throats will take place after all Masses next weekend, both Saturday evening and Sunday.

Mothers' Prayers Afternoon: For mothers, grandmothers and godmothers, who wish to unite in prayer for their children. We surrender them to Jesus' care who loves them even more than we do. Church of Our Lady, Roslevan; Sunday January 27th; Mothers' Prayer meeting 2.30pm; Mass 3.30pm followed by a cup of tea; A warm welcome awaits you!

Events at Glenstal Abbey:

Luke the Artist - 5 Saturdays over 5 months beginning 2nd Feb. Explore selected scripture passages as interpreted through icons, art, drama, music, liturgy and cinema.

Day Retreat for Young Adults - Saturday 9th Feb. Spend the day with us to Rest, Refresh, Reflect & Meditate. Contact: **061 621005**; events@glenstal.com/Info: www.glenstal.org

Supporting People Bereaved by Suicide: Information Evening Facilitated by Clare Suicide Bereavement Support AT: Hope Café, Smithstown, Shannon ON: Wednesday **30th January 2019** at 7.30pm. Call/Text CSBS :**086 0565373 / 087 369 8615**.

CARERS REQUIRED for Alzheimer Society, Clare Branch, Community Employment Scheme. No experience required. Full training provided. Community Employment, eligibility essential. Please call Mary McGann: 065 6845835 for details

Alzheimer Society - "Burren Walk"

The 17th annual Sponsored Walk organised by the Alzheimer Society of Ireland will take place: **Sunday 17th February**, with Registration from 10:30am. The 10K Walk will start/finish at O' Donoghue's Pub, Fanore. Refreshments and entertainment provided at O'Donoghue's after the Walk. This is a Fundraiser for a new bus for the Clare Branch.

Réalta Dráiochta Preschool located at the Ennis National School taking enrolments for free ECCE Scheme. Information: Kathryn on 0879232833 or Martina 086 736 3286

Domestic Abuse can happen to anyone; it could be someone you know.... It could be you. Support is available. Talk to Clare Haven in confidence through our 24 hour helpline **065-6822435**. We also provide information talks to community groups and schools to create understanding of Domestic Violence, call Clare Haven on 0656849777

Candlemas Day Saturday 2nd February

Is the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord, known as Candlemas Day. Candles will be blessed at all morning masses in all churches on Saturday. We welcome candles for use in Church.



St Flannan's College Night Classes and Saturday Workshops for Adults will resume on Wednesday February 6th. Classes include: Mindfulness, Make-up, Sign Language, Interior Design, Flower Arranging, Acrylics Painting, Crochet, Spanish, Yoga, CPR/AED, Creative Writing, Environmental Studies and Skincare. We will also offer once-off Saturday Workshops in Stained Glass, Portrait Painting, Mosaic and many more. Text/phone 085 1670326 for details and bookings.

Active Agers' Guided Walk on January 31; 11am - This 8km Guided Walk will leave Newmarket-on-Fergus (Car park across from the Weaver's Inn) and head towards Mooghaun Hillfort, past the Dromoland Estate. The walk follow quite roads with some gentle inclines. Contact T: 065 683 5912 or e-mail: info@clarewalks.ie

Trip to Eddie Stone in Clonfert on the 2nd of February. Please contact Stephen to book your seat @0861943960.

CLDC Biodiversity Training Programme: Clare Local Development Company (CLDC) is inviting applications from local groups with an interest in the protection of the county's species and habitats to participate in a biodiversity training programme to be delivered by Burrenbeo Trust in 15 selected areas during 2019. Please contact Gerry McDonagh at: gmcdonagh@cldc.ie for an application form.

Safeguarding Training

Parishioners and all involved in various Church ministries involving young people and vulnerable adults are required to be Garda vetted and have completed a one day Safeguarding Training every three years. The next Safeguarding Training Day for this area will take place on Saturday 2nd March in the Oakwood Arms Hotel, Shannon. To book a place email c.yates@killaloeodiocese.ie

The Irish Catholic newspaper is available for sale each week at €2 in the rack at the back of the Cathedral. Consider changing your weekly newspaper reading to include one Catholic paper. Also available in the newspaper rack is this year's Sunday Missal @ €7.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha

Ceiliúrfar Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha i mbliana ón 27 Eanáir go dtí 3 Feabhra. Gach bliain soláthraíonn Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha deis thábhachtach do phobal na scoile a chuid oibre a cheiliúradh. Is é an téama don tSeachtain i mbliana ná 'Scoileanna Caitliceacha: Ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar Obair na Scoile Caitlicí Féin'. Tugtar cuireadh do scoileanna machnamh a dhéanamh ar an gcaidreamh atá idir an baile, an scoil agus an paróiste. Is paidir í seo gur féidir le daltaí scoile a rá i rith na seachtaine: *A Thiarna íosa, gabhaimid buíochas leat as ucht scolaíocht Chaitliceach a bhronnadh orainn, lá i ndiaidh lae. Cabhraigh linn freagra cuí a thabhairt don chreideamh a tugadh dúinn, ionas go n-aithneofar sinn mar do dheisceabail. Áiméan.*

Ceiliúrtar Lá Fhéile Bríde, Muire na nGael, ar an gcéad lá d'Fheabhra. Tá an-tóir ar chrosa Bhríde. Crochtar iad os cionn dorais an tí le súil go mbeadh rath ar an teaghlach ar feadh na bliana le teacht. Is paidir í seo do Naomh Bríd:

A Naomh Bríd, a Mhuire na nGael, scaoil orainn do bhrat. Agus coinnigh faoi do chumhdach mé Go mbeidh mé leat i bhflaitheas Dé. Áiméan.

Catholic Schools' Week is celebrated from 27 January to 3 February. This week provides Catholic Schools with an opportunity to celebrate their work. The theme for this year is "Catholic Schools: Celebrating the Work of Our Own Catholic School". Schools are invited to reflect on their relationship with homes, school and parish. Students may recite this prayer during the week. *Lord Jesus, we thank you for our Catholic schooling day after day. Help us respond appropriately to the faith given to us, so that we will be known as your disciples. Amen.*

St. Brigid's Day is celebrated on the first day of February. St Brigid's crosses are sought after. They are placed over the door in honour of St. Brigid to ask God's blessings for the year ahead. This is a prayer to Saint Brigid:

Brigid Mary of the Gael let your mantle pass over me and keep me under its protective covering until I am with you in Heaven. Amen

Day of Consecrated Life

February 2nd

As we celebrate Candlemas Day next Saturday, we also celebrate a Day of Consecrated Life which we acknowledge and give thanks to God for the witness and example of both women and men who consecrate their lives to God as sisters and brothers in various religious communities. In Ennis we are blessed to have the presence of the Franciscan Friars, Christian Brothers, Sisters of Mercy and Poor Clares in addition to members of religious life who have come to Ennis in recent years.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendor,
strength and honour in his holy place.

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 Nehemiah

Ne 8:2-6.8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the
assembly, consisting of men, women, and
children old enough to understand. This was
the first day of the seventh month. On the
square before the Water Gate, in the presence
of the men and women, and children old
enough to understand, he read from the
book from early morning till noon; all the
people listened attentively to the Book of
the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais
erected for the purpose. In full view of all
the people - since he stood higher than all
the people - Ezra opened the book; and when
he opened it all the people stood up. Then
Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and
all the people raised their hands and
answered 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed
down and, face to the ground, prostrated
themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read
from the Law of God, translating and
giving the sense, so that the people
understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and
Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who
were instructing the people) said to all the
people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your
God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For
the people were all in tears as they listened
to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet

wine, and send a portion to the man who
has nothing prepared ready. For this day is
sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy
of the Lord is your stronghold.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*Response: Your words are spirit, Lord and
they are life.*

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. R.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. R.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. R.

May the spoken words of my mouth,
The thoughts of my heart,
Win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! R.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 1 Cor 12:12-30

Just as a human body, though it is made up
of many parts, is a single unit because all
these parts, though many, make one body,
so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we
were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks,
slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit
was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any
one of its many parts. Now you together
are Christ's body; but each of you is a
different part of it. In the Church, God
has given the first place to apostles, the
second to prophets, the third to teachers;
after them, miracles, and after them the
gift of healing; helpers, good leaders,
those with many languages. Are all of
them apostles, or all of them prophets,
or all of them teachers? Do they all have
the gift of miracles, or all have the gift
of healing? Do all speak strange
languages, and all interpret them?

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Lord has sent me to bring the good
news to the poor,*

To proclaim liberty to captives.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken
to draw up accounts of the events that have
taken place among us, exactly as these were
handed down to us by those who from the
outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of
the word, I in my turn, after carefully
going over the whole story from the
beginning, have decided to write an

ordered account for you, Theophilus, so
that your Excellency may learn how well
founded the teaching is that you have
received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in
him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation
spread throughout the countryside. He
taught in their synagogues and everyone
praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been
brought up, and went into the synagogue
on the Sabbath day as he usually did. He
stood up to read, and they handed him
the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling
the scroll he found the place where it is
written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given
to me,
for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good
news to the poor, to proclaim liberty
to captives and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back
to the assistant and sat down. And all
eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him.
Then he began to speak to them, 'This
text is being fulfilled today even as you
listen.'

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

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
Let your faces not be abashed.