



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: 9am, 10.30am & 12 noon
St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7pm; Sunday: 8, 10, 11.30am
Cloughleigh Church:- 9.30am, 11am
Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30pm; Sunday: 9.30, 10.30, 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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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

22nd January 2017

THE MESSIAH HAS COME

This Sunday's Gospel passage tells us how Jesus began his mission by calling four young men to support him. Peter, Andrew, James and John responded immediately and unconditionally. The two pairs of brothers leave their families and livelihood to follow Jesus. His call today is to all of us to follow him because he has the Good News for us too if we are prepared to listen.

The Christian message – the Good News – comes to us through four channels, the four Gospels. Three of these four windows into the life and teaching of Jesus were constructed by three individuals who came to Jesus from their own background: they are slightly coloured by the worries and interests of these authors and so represent three angles on Jesus. Through it all rings just one clear distinct person who reveals God to man and Man to man: Jesus Christ.

He preached in town and country. He had an astonishing impact on his congregations.

People were changed: his message was all about the good things that were happening – the Good News. He spoke with an imagination that scanned a wide range of human living. He forced people to think for themselves. Most of the time he sat down and worked with little groups. There was a sense of festivity and liberation as with authority he worked.



He preached the coming and the presence of a 'divine storm' coming into human life. The beatitudes sum up the essence of his preaching – a careful balance here of steel and sensitivity. His miracles point to the mystery of total liberation from pain and tears.

Compliments to very Rev Benedict Hegarty (OP)

St. John's Gospels' concluding words:

'But Jesus did many other things;

If all were written down, the world itself would not hold the books recording them.'

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Josephine Carr, Barrack Court. MM

Do this in Memory

Sun 22nd: 9am: Daisy Redican, O'Connell St.
Donors Intention.

10.30am: Geraldine Kenny, Cragmoher, Corofin.

Patrick Lyons, Avondale.

Catherine Cotter, College View.

Paul Dilleen, Shanaway Rd.

Agnes Fox, Cornmarket St.

Marie Hogan, Shanaway Rd.

Mick & Marion Molloy & Hegarty family, St. Ml's Vls.

12noon: Mass for the People.

Mon: 7.45am: Andrew McShea, Showgrounds View.

10am: Martin Browne, Gallows Hill.

7.30pm: Martin & Anne O'Grady, College Park.

Gertie & Bernard Bleasdale, Corrovorrin.

Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: Kathleen Sorce, Barefield.

7.30pm: Michael O'Donohue, Sanborn Hse, Edenvale.

Wed: 7.45am: Thos McNamara, &

Patrick McMahon, Carmody St.

10am: Anna & Liam Cunningham, Ardlea Rd.

7.30pm: Peggy Flynn, Connolly Villas.

Thurs: 7.45am: Martin, Mary, Sean & Patricia Healy,

Summerhill.

10am: Austin Nagle, Cahercalla Estate.

7.30pm: Larry Clohessy, Hermitage.

Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.

10am: Mary Arthur, Gort Rd.

7.30pm: Mass for the People.

Sat: 10am: Martin Slattery, Kevin Barry Ave.

Daniel, Ellen & John Kelly, Theresa Carroll,

Marie & John McCarthy & Tom O'Sullivan.

6.30pm: Mass for the People.

Sun 29th: 9am: Alfie McDonagh, Station View.

10.30am: Nuala & Con Ryan, St. Michael's Villas.

Eileen Power, Cahercalla Rd.

Pat, Roger, Mollie & Andrew Carey.

George & Margaret McMahon, St Michaels,

Lily Cusack, Parnell St, Mary Cleere, Tubber.

12noon: Pat O'Brien, Inch & McNamara Pk. MM

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 29th January, 2017

Readers: Group 6

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: George & Elizabeth Bradley, Carmody St.

Do this in memory.

11am: Fergal Landy, Considine Rd.

Maura, Joe, Johnny & Marie Griffey, Ennis & NY.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 9.30am: Elizabeth Hanrahan & family, Circular Rd.

11am: Mai Molloy, Dublin & Ennis.

Unwanted Gifts: - Any unwanted Christmas gifts can be dropped to Parish Office or reception in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Shredded paper available: Contact Parish office.

Hospital & Sick Calls

22nd January, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom Hogan

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman

Duty Phone No: 065 6869098

Divine Mercy Chaplet

We will continue to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet as a prayer group on this Tuesday evening at 8pm in the 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 also be a short Lectio Divina after the chaplet. All welcome.



Live the Word:

Wisdom is to celebrate ourselves. To accept ourselves as we are with our gifts, abilities, shortcomings, inner wounds, darkness, morality and knowing that it is what gives our lives direction and meaning.

Candlemas Day

Thursday February 2nd



Candles are blessed on this day to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. Candles (for church and home use) will be blessed at all the Masses.

There has been a great tradition of people donating candles for church use. Suitable candles Boramix Beeswax size 7" x 1½ & Boramix ordinary candles size 9". Candles can be left at the Parish Office or Sacristy to be blessed on Sunday. Traditionally, this was the last day of the Christmas Season.



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:

Sun 22nd 8am: Ann O'Connor, Corrovorrin Grove.

10am: Mai & Mary Lynch, Corrovorrin.

Do this in Memory.

11.30am: Barry O'Connor. 1st Anniv

Frankie O'Connor, Pearse Ave.

Mon 11am: Linnane & O'Dea, Ardrahan & Kildysart.

Tues 11am: Joseph McCarthy, Ballyvaughan.

Wed 11am: Dennis Willington, Dublin.

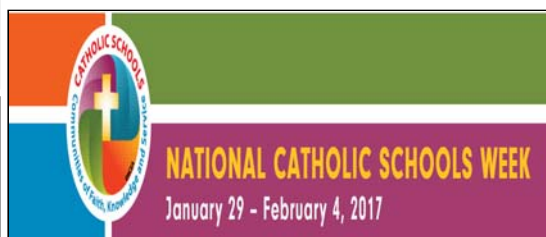
Sat 11am: Bridie Flynn, Lifford Rd.

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

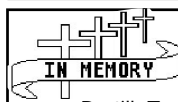
Sun 29th 8am: Joe Moran, Corrovorrin Grove.

10am: Paddy Joe Moloney, Glenina, Gort Rd.

11.30am: Peter Burke, Lifford Rd.



Catholic Schools' Week takes place this year from January 29th-February 4th. Catholic Schools' Week is an annual all-Ireland celebration which invites schools to give expression in an exceptional way to the ethos of Catholic Education. It acknowledges the tremendous contribution that our Catholic primary and post-primary schools make, not just to Irish society, but to the mission of the Church. This year's theme 'Catholic schools: Learning with Pope Francis to care for our common home' has been informed by *Laudato Si'*, the 2015 encyclical by Pope Francis on care for our common home. We invite you to share this opportunity with our young people by asking them what they have been learning in school and showing an interest in the themes of the week.



Rest in Peace

David Purtill, Darragh, son of John Purtill, Turnpike, **Thomas Talty**, Turnpike Road Ennis and formerly of Derula, Kilnamona, **Jimmy Cosgrove**, Shannon, father of Bernie O'Gorman, Castlewood Pk.; **Noel Courtney**, Shannon & **Cyril Courtney**, Sandfield & Clooney, brothers of Hilda Tuohy, Lahinich Road; **Ann Marie McDonagh**, Galway, sister of Jeanette Regan, Tobartaaiscain;

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.

St. Brigid's Crosses for sale after all Masses this weekend: Cathedral; St. Joseph's, Friary and Cloughleigh. In aid of ME Association & Cathedral Organ restoration fund.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This is an international Christian ecumenical observance kept annually between 18 January and 25 January. It is actually an octave, that is, an observance lasting eight days – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. It began in 1908 as the Octave of Christian Unity, and focused on prayer for church unity.

Whilst that which unites the churches is stronger than that which divides, there are still areas of difference in which churches remain self-absorbed or construct new walls.

The text from 2 Corinthians announces that God has, in Christ, reconciled the world to himself. The love of Christ compels us to be ambassadors of this reconciliation, which is enacted by dismantling the walls. With the fall of the Berlin Wall, Germany experienced how a seemingly insurmountable wall could be brought down. The fall of this wall is a symbol of hope that, with the love of God, nothing is impossible.



Show your support for Christian Unity. Join us for the Service in St. Columba's Bindon Street 7:30pm Tuesday 24th January.

Sale of work in aid of Cuan an Chlair in Maria Assumpta Hall on Sat & Sun 28th, 29th January.

Poker classic in aid of Clare Branch of MS (5 Card Straight Poker); Fri 27th; 9pm; The Copper Jug, Lifford, Ennis. Tickets €20. Raffle on the night with great prizes. Please support.



Scoil Chríost Rí, Cloughleigh are running a weekly 'Split the Pot Draw' to raise funds for our new school. How it works: place €2 in the envelope & write your name & number on it. Draw every Thursday in Scoil Chríost Rí. Receive half the week's taking if you are the winner. It could be you! Envelopes are available each week from the school, O'Brien's GALA Store Cloughleigh Rd, O'Brien's GALA Store Drumbiggle & Eric's Fish & Chips Childers Road. Good luck!

Ennis Sub Aqua Club would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed to our fund raising flag day. Donations will fund Club and Search and Recovery activities.

6 week mindfulness meditation and gentle Yin yoga for mind-body health classes every Thursday morning 10am - 11am in Sonas Center (aka Ennis community Center) chapel lane. In association with Ennis Mental Health Association. All welcome! Contact Rosie 0864647827 for more information or to book a place.

Kind, reliable tutor required to help 1st year student with homework. Contact Maria 086 0520703

Pilgrimages 2017

The Killaloe Diocese is organising a once off pilgrimage to Fatima for the Centenary Year 2017. This trip is now full. The organisers wish to thank everybody who have supported the pilgrimage.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, from Shannon 17th May. Fully inclusive for 7 nights €619. Spiritual Director Fr. Ger Fitzgerald. €100 deposit secures €619. After 1st February price of €669 applies.

8 DAY PILGRIMAGE & HOLIDAY TO FATIMA & ESTORIL: This will take place from 18th - 25th August. A 5 day pilgrimage to Fatima for the Centenary year 2017 which will include a visit to the shrine of St. Anthony in Lisbon. A 3 day relaxation at the popular holiday resort of Estoril. The Pilgrimage will travel direct from Shannon to Faro. Limited numbers of places available. For further information contact Mary O'Loughlin 065-7084000 or 085-2252251

Two pilgrimages to Medjugorje: September 6-13, spiritual director Fr. Tom O'Gorman. September 13-20. Spiritual Director, Fr. Martin Blake. 100 deposit secures €659 price. After 1st Feb, price of €709 applies. Book now before 1st Feb Contact group leader: Jimmy Considine: 085 738 5385 or 065 905 9328.

ENNIS PARISH PADRE PIO TRIP TO ADRIATIC COAST & SAN GIOVANNI; For information contact Group Leader: Mary O'Sullivan: 087 1247669; Spiritual Director: Fr Tom Hogan P.P. All Dinners, Tours & Taxes included; September 15-22 - 2017; Afternoon flights from Dublin; €995.

Clare Parkinson's Support monthly meeting takes place at Carrigoran Health & Wellness Centre, Newmarket-on-Fergus; 10am; Friday 27th January. These informal get-togethers provide a chance for people to talk, discuss worries or experiences and normally include a presentation by a guest speaker, such as a healthcare professional or complementary therapist. Activities that assist people living with Parkinson's such as Yoga, Dance, Occupational Therapy or Tai Chi generally form part of these sessions - and there is the social aspect with time to enjoy a coffee or tea and a scone! All Welcome. Info: 087 415 8430

New book by Clarecastle & Ballyea Heritage & Wildlife Group. This 200-page book contains a wealth of fascinating articles and is available locally and in Ennis Bookshop.

The Annual 10k Burren Walk in aid of the Clare Branch of the Alzheimer Society will take place on Sunday February 12th from O'Donoghues Pub in Fanore. Sponsorship cards are available from the Alzheimer Society, Cuan an Chlair, Cahercalla, Ennis - 065 6868621.

Ranganna Gaeilge sa Tulach: Irish language classes will resume in Cnoc na Gaoithe, Tulla on Monday 23 January; 4.30pm for 4th, 5th, and 6th class primary school students. Irish classes for junior cycle and senior cycle secondary school students at 7.30pm Monday 23 January. Ciorcal Comhra 8pm -9pm begins on Thursday 26 January. Fáilte roimh chách. Enquiries 087/8350996. An Ghaeilge Abú.

Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Aontacht Chríostaí 18-25 Márta, 2017

Táimid leathbhealach tríd an tseachtain a mbíonn tiomanta ag an Eaglais ar fud an domhain gach bliain d'Aontacht Chríostaí. Is é téama na bliana seo ná Athmhuintearas, 'is é grá Chríost atá dár dtiomáint' 2 Corantaigh 5:14. Tá sé de dhualgas orainn go léir guí go mbeidh aontacht i measc Críostaithe an domhain. Mar sin guímis mar a dúirt Chríost an oíche roimh a bhás. "Ionas go mba aon iad go léir, faoi mar atá tusa a Athair ionamsa agus mise ionatsa, go mbeidís seo ina n-aon ionainn i dtreo go gcreidfidh an saol gur chuir tú uait mé" (Eoin17:21). Gabhaimid buíochas leat, a Dhia an ghrásta. Is paidir ar son Aontachta Chríostaí í seo:

A Athair an ghrá, a ghlaigh sinn chun comhbhráithreachais le do mhac, agus a cheap sinn le bheith inár bhfinnéithe don soiscéal. Trí ghrásta do Spioraid, cuir ar ár gcumas na deighiltí a shárú, agus féach chuige go bhfanfaimid daingean, agus go mbeidh ár gcuid áthais iomlán. Guímid leis seo trínár dTiarna Iosa Chríost. Áiméan.

We are mid way through the week devoted by the Church each year to Christian Unity. The theme this year is "Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us" (2 Corinthians 5:14.) We all are obliged to pray for unity among Christians. Let us pray as Jesus asked us the night before He died "that all may be one as you, Father, are in me, and I in you". We thank you Lord for your graces. The following is a prayer for Church Unity:

Father of love you have called us to confraternity with your Son and to be witnesses to the gospel. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit enable us to overcome divisions and remain steadfast that our joy may be complete. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Alzheimer Society - Burren Walk: A date for your diary - Sunday the 12th of February is "Burren Walk" Day. More details will be confirmed later.

Minogue School of Irish Dance - Currently Accepting new students age 4+ Roslevan Centre, Ennis - Tues & Thurs at 330pm Contact Laura 0871936288

The Triest Community Employment Scheme (sponsored by Brothers of Charity Clare Services) are currently recruiting; the vacancies that exist are for support workers. Applicants must be eligible for Community Employment Scheme. For further information in relation to eligibility and conditions of employment please contact Thomas Gilligan at 065-6823123.

Ladybirds (Irish Girl Guides). Girls aged 5-7yrs. Monday night 5.15pm-6.15pm; scout hall. Places available. Contact Sarah 085 7409943

IRISH CLASSES COIS NA HABHNA - Places still available: Monday 7-8pm €60 for 10 week course (from 16th January). All levels of Irish welcome. Further information – Clár as Gaeilge 065-6864474 or anclarasgaeilge@gmail.com.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 15th January, €7,566.00

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence our 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 prophet Isaiah.

Is 8:23 - 9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: **The Lord is my light and my help.**

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. 1 Cor 1:10-13.17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean, are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, And cured all kinds of sickness among the people. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

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 towards the lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.