

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving, Full of mercy to all who call to you.

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 Ecclesiasticus. Ecc 3:17-20.28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him.

The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sages dream.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

In your goodness, O God, You prepared a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name:
 rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.
R.

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom.
R.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.
R.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
 Heb 12:18-19.22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them.

But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven.

You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 14:1.7-14

On a Sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your

place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, "When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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.

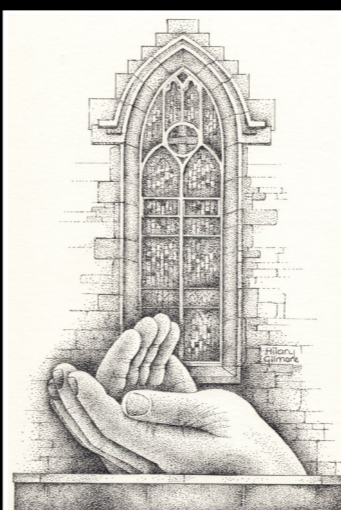
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

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

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.



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

Ennis Parish News

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.

Phone Numbers:

Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: info@ennisparish.com
 St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6840715; Friary: 6828751

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ennis.parish>

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 28th August 2016

Why should I read the Old Testament?

People often ask me "Why should I read the Old Testament?" "What relevance has it for me?" Indeed, many people lament that the readings are too complicated, difficult to relate to and too obscure for any semblance of relevance to be applied.

It is true that the Old Testament may seem like something out of a J.K Rowling novel at times, where great all conquering heroes slay giants, whales swallow men for three days and floods and seas being parted are the order of the day. However, let us be sure that the Old Testament is a text, rich in meaning, powerful in implication and profound in the journey of faith.

Essentially the Old Testament, which was originally written in the Hebrew language (with only a few passages in Aramaic) is an example of life turned into a text. The needs, wishes, hopes and dreams of a people, along with their trials, tribulations and history are presented to us here in the Old Testament. While some of these stories may seem trite to us, through them we enter into the adventure of a people and their world.

But are the stories true, I hear you ask. Was Jonah really swallowed by a whale? Did Balaam's donkey really talk to him? Pontius Pilate springs to mind in response to this question. He famously asked Jesus "Truth, what is that?" How many times have we watched a film or read a novel and thought "That was so real?" even though the characters,

events and portrayal were purely fictitious. The truth in this instance lies in the re-reading of our own lives through the lens of these stories. In a novel or film everything is made up but it can become "so true" to us if we easily identify with it. The same is true for the Old Testament stories. The events take on meaning because the author had something to say, a message or reality to show to us and he/she put these meanings forth in his own words and culture. Our task is to uncover the many layers of meaning for today and apply the living word to our own lives. Talking donkeys, strange snakes and angels standing at ponds distributing swords may not be the order of our day but all of these stories have truth if we can move from the realm of our heads to the realm of our hearts when we read them.



In these times, can I invite you to look anew at the Old Testament, not just as an obscure piece of literature about a small tribe of people who lived long ago and far away. Let's look at it anew in the light of our own lives and let it be the truth for us which points us towards Christ.

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Welkom-Velkomin-Vitejte-Karibu-Croeso-Valkommen-Tervetuloa-Welcome**

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30pm: Paddy Flynn, Shallee Drive. **MM**
Sun 28th: 9am: Louis Forte, Gallows Hill.
 Thomas & Monica Murphy & Mary Isenberg.
 Bridget Hurley, Miltown Malbay & Shannon.
10.30am: Sean Hayes, Clonroadmore.
 Paul Whelan, Kilrush Rd.
 Breda, Joe & Jim O'Halloran, Doora.
 Patsy Guerin, McNamara Pk.
 Monica & Fergus Gallagher, Cappahard Cottage, Tulla Rd.
 Christy, Brid, Peter & Suzanna McDonagh, late Hermitage.
12noon: Patricia Casey, Cappahard. **1st Anniv.**
Mon: 7.45am: Special Intention.
10am: Eileen O'Donoghue, Hermitage &
 Sean Doyle, Manchester.
7.30pm: Mary Reidy, Claireen.
Tues:7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Thady Joyce, late Dun na hInse.
7.30pm: June & Jimmy Carey, Golf Links Rd.
Wed:7.45am: Donor's Intention.
10am: Margaret Flynn, Connolly Villas.
7.30pm: Cathal Clune, Linnane's Tce, Kilrush Rd.
Thurs:7.45am: Special Intention.
10am: Pat Monahan, Doora.
7.30pm: Ann Flynn, Turnpike Rd.
Fri:7.45am Mass for the People.
10am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Special Intention.
Sat:10am: Mary & Joe Kelly, Showgrounds.
6.30pm: Marie O'Brien, Turnpike Rd. **MM**
Sun 4th: 9am: Special Intention.
10.30am: Flan Honan, College View, Clare Rd.
 Margaret Smith, Cahercalla Heights.
 Edward, Margaret, Joe Chandler &
 Patrica Molloy, Hermitage.
 Kathleen Cullinan, Collins Park.
 Bernard & Margaret Corey, Lahinch Rd.
12noon: Mass for the People.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 4th September, 2016

Readers: Group 1
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30: Evelyn & Gerard Moloney, Dalcassian Ave.
11am: Christy Moloney, Clancy Park.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Sr. Anthony Murrhy, Mullagh.
Sun 4th 11am: Mary (1st Anniv) & Jimmy Neylon,
 "Lourda", Cloughleigh Rd.

1st Saturday Devotions

in honour of Our Lady of Fatima, in Cathedral next Saturday. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with Confessions, Rosary and Benediction, after 10am Mass.

Taizé Prayer: Prayer using the songs of Taizé. Short reading from scripture. Some quiet time. Church of Our Lady, Roslevan. Thursday 1st Sep 7.45pm - 8.30pm. **All welcome.**

Hospital & Sick Calls

28th August, 2016

Duty: Fr. John McGovern
Wedn: Fr. Brendan Quinlivan
Duty Phone No: 065 6869098

Friary News

First Saturday is September 3rd. The Rosary is ongoing in the Friary Church, Francis St after 10am Mass. Please come and pray with us. Everyone welcome "Prayer is a weapon".

The next meeting of the **Secular Franciscan order** will be held at the Friary on Wednesday 7th September; 10am and St. Anthony's hall at 7.30pm.

Annual Franciscan Lourdes Pilgrimage collection before all Masses in Ennis this weekend 27th/28th August. Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon 22nd—27th September.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

To mark the Year of Mercy, 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:

Worrying is like walking around with an umbrella waiting for it to rain. Worrying is a habit, one which you have no control over, so you might as well let it go.

Visitation team meeting on Wed morning Aug 31st; 10.45am in the Parish pastoral centre.

10th Annual National Grandparents' Pilgrimage Knock Shrine

Chief Celebrant – Archbishop Michael Neary on **Sunday 11th September**; 2.30pm Anointing of the Sick / 3pm Pilgrimage Mass. If you require any further information please phone 098 24877



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:

7pm: Maurice Greehy, St Senan's Rd.
Sun 10am: Dr. Hugh Nalty, Lifford. **MM**
11.30am: Denis Horgan, Tobartaoscaín.
Mon 11am: Paudie Cosgrove, Gort Rd & Swansea.
Tues 11am: Eugene Leonard, Dublin & Ennis.
Wed 11am: Owen Mc Gowan, Fergus Lawn, Tulla Rd.
Thu 11am: P.J. Morgan, Loughville.
Fri 11am: Kelly Family, Old Turnpike Road.
7.30pm: Michael Meere, Corrovvorrin Greene.
Sat 11am: Leo & Mary White, Kincola Park.
7pm: Martin & Maureen Mullins, Marian Ave.
Sun10am:Michael Spellissy, Drumcliffe Rd & Quin. **MM**
11.30am: Noel Bane, Marian Ave.

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite); Sunday 4th September; 5.30pm in St. Joseph's Church. **All are welcome.**

Meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priest Society after 7.30pm Mass in St. Joseph's on Friday September 2nd.



Do you or someone you know wish to become a Catholic? Are you Baptised but not Confirmed or received First Eucharist? Have you children preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Communion or Confirmation but you yourself have not received them? Then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) may be the place for you! Every year adults are welcomed into the Catholic Community through this programme. Please call into the parish office or contact them 0656824043 for information. Did you know? The main reason people say they did not become Catholic sooner is because no one asked them! **Now is the time!**

Rest in Peace

Frank Kelly, Cranny, father of Alice Kelly, Lenabeag; **Paschal Campbell**, brother of Ann O'Hanlon, Shanaway Rd, **Geraldine Slattery**, staff St. Flannan's College & Westwood, Golf Links Rd, **Sean Brodie**, Corofin & formerly St. Patrick's Tce, Turnpike Rd, **Tommy McGann**, Drumcliffe Road;



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.

ENNIS TIDY TOWNS

Abbey Street Car Park Wildlife Sign: Ennis Tidy Towns would like to let the community of Ennis know about the new wildlife sign in Abbey Street Car Park. Unfortunately the previous sign had to be replaced and the Tidy Towns, in conjunction with the new Biodiversity Plan Steering Group, developed the new sign you see today. The sign highlights the wealth of visible and hidden wildlife along the River Fergus as it flows through our town, all set to the fantastic backdrop of a specially commissioned aerial shot of Ennis taken by local photographer Paschal Brooks. So if you ever wondered about the prehistoric jaw-less lamprey that lives within the silty bed of the River, the majestic kingfisher darting to snap up fish from overhanging branches or the spectacular water crowfoot that blossoms throughout the summer, make your way down to Abbey Street car park. The sign was a key deliverable of this year's Tidy Towns submission and we hope that you (and the judges!) enjoy it. If there are other areas around Ennis that you feel could benefit from a wildlife sign, please let us know by contacting: info@ennistidytowns.com.

John Burns Rice College will be opening Evening Supervised Study on Monday 5th September 5pm. This will run every evening throughout the school year. Weekend Study opens Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September and runs every weekend. Study open during all school holidays also. Students from all schools are welcome to a very strict yet caring study environment. Application forms from Rice College lobby and Paddy Perill's shop on Newbridge Road. Students may pick up a form on the first day they attend also. Enquiries to John on 0872766338. **Please do not call the school office.**

Tractor Run on this Sunday 28th August at Barefield. All tractors, big and small, vintage cars and bikes welcome. Children's Tractor Run. Competitions. Registration 2pm Clare Crusaders' Clinic. Start 3pm. BBQ after. Entry €20. All proceeds to Clare Crusaders' Clinic.

The Bible Exposed-10 Week Introductory Crash Course in the Bible VENUe Limerick Pastoral Centre, Denmark Street, Limerick. TIME 7.30 - 9 pm Commencing Monday 26th September -5th December. To Book a Place, contact Sharon Clohessy 087 9027217 or Eilish Carter 087 8170420 (after 6 pm). FEE €100 (PAYMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE) Booking Deadline: Monday 19th September

Few months remain of this Jubilee Year of Mercy and one of Ireland's oldest places of pilgrimage, Lough Derg, offers One Day Retreats on 4th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 17th, 18th & 24th September. Take time out in the nurturing peace of the Island and cross the threshold of the Holy Door in St Patrick's Basilica.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 21st August, €8,546.00

Killaloe Diocese JPIC Committee is launching its Be Proud of Your Parish project. We aim to create a DVD celebrating the natural beauty of our Diocese. So, we are inviting you to Be Proud of Your Parish. Go out and photograph the areas which make your parish beautiful and special. Send your photos to Fr. Gerard Fitzgerald at fitz.ger@gmail.com and let's celebrate together the beauty of our Diocese.



Re-Opening

Qualified drum / guitar teacher available. Tel John 089 7047394

Trad music lessons recommencing in Fahy Hall, Ennis from September 5th. Contact Lourda Roseingrave, TTCT on 087-0687794 for info.

Sewing-and Dressmaking lessons for beginners and advanced will start Wednesday, 7th September 6.30pm-8.30pm in Gaelscoil Mhichil Ciosog, Ennis. Cost incl. materials. Information Susanna: 0851243416

Dinan School of Ballet: classes resume on Monday 5th September. Ballet, tap, jazz and lyrical dance for age 3 and a half upwards. Contact Niamh on 086 2200097 or dinanballet@gmail.com for details.

Yoga Classes with Anto 8 week term begins Thurs 1st sept: Mon 5th Sept / Clonroad Business Park 7 - 8.30pm Beginner / 8.30 - 10pm Men's Yoga; The Ennis Yoga Studio 2 / Tue 6th Sept/ 10 - 11am Morning Class / 7- 8.30 pm Gentle Class / 8.30 - 10pm Continuation; Thurs 1st sept / 7 - 8.30pm Pregnancy Yoga / 8.30 - 10pm Strong Yoga. / Friday 2nd / 10am - 11.30 morning class. Ennis Leisure Centre / Thurs 8th Sept / Morning Yoga 10-11.30am. Anto: 0863100827

Traditional Irish music classes for flute and tin whistle available in Cois na hAbhna. All ages and levels catered for. Contact Brian on 086 3987808

ARE YOU IN A CONTROLLING & ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP?

Free confidential information & Support available; **CLARE HAVEN SERVICES** 24 hour Helpline 065-6822435; clientcare@clarehaven.ie www.clarehaven.com



Lunch of a new book by Anne Loughnane "A Clare Woman's Journey"; TUESDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER Launch commences at 7pm In The De Valera Room, Clare County Library, Harmony Row, Ennis.

PADRE PIO DAT AT KNOCK SHRINE: This will take place on **Sunday 18th September**. A bus will be organised for anyone who is interested in travelling. Bus will travel via Inch, Kilmaley Church, Connolly, Mullagh, Miltown Malbay, Inagh. For further details contact Mary O' Loughlin 065-7084000 / 085-2252251 or Fr. Pat Larkin 087-2300627. Names for Bus are needed before 14th September

Holy Land Pilgrimage for the Year of Mercy, October 9th to 17th, contact Veronica on 087 0639919, or Marian Pilgrimages on 01 8788159.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Bliain Acadúil Úr

Ní bhíonn in aon rud ach seal de réir an tseanfhocail. An t-am agus an taoide ní fhanann siad le haon duine. Tá deireadh leis na laethanta saoire agus ag an am seo den bhliain smaoinimid ar dhaltaí scoile, ar mhic léann, ar mhúinteoirí agus iad siúd uile atá bainteach le hoideachas. Is mór an dúshlán atá ann do theagascóirí agus iad ag tabhairt faoi féinnhuinín, fiosracht, díoghbháilteacht, díograis, cruthaitheacht agus samhlaíocht, a chothú sna haosánaigh faoin a gcúram. Ní ualach do dhuine an léann agus guimid gach rath ar a saothar sa bhliain atá amach rompu. Is fiú machnamh ar a raibh le rá ag an fisí Naomh Hildegard.
A Spiorad Naomh,
A bheonn gach rud beo,
A ghluaiseann gach créatúr,
A bhunaíonn an uiledhúil,
A nglanadh go glinn gléineach,
Ag cealú a ndearmad,
Ag cneasú a gcréachta,
Is tú an fíorbheatha againn
Lonrach, iontach, ag múscailt an chroí óna chodladh cianaosta. Áiméan.(Hildegard de Bingen)

Nothing lasts forever according to the proverb. Time and tide wait for no man. The holidays have come to an end and at this time of year we think of schoolchildren, students, teachers and all who are associated with education. The challenges facing educators are very great as they endeavour to instil in the youth under their care, self confidence, curiosity, stability, zeal, creativity and imagination. Learning is no burden and we wish them all the best of luck as the school year begins. Let us reflect on what the visionary St Hildergard says:
Holy Spirit, who gives life to every living being, who animates all creatures, who is origin of all creation, who frees them from impurities, blotting out their omissions, healing their wounds. You are our true life, luminous, wonderful, awakening the heart from its ancient sleep. Amen.

Killaloe Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes: The autumn pilgrimage from the Killaloe Diocese to Lourdes will leave Shannon Airport on Sunday 2nd October returning on Friday 7th October. Fare €667 per person sharing with €10 discount for online bookings. Limited capacity so early booking is advisable. Contact www.joewalshtours.ie or ring (01) 2410810

Foyer of Light, Charity & Love: 5 Day Silent Retreat: **September 5th to 11th** Cost: €380 full board. Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..." Preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne; Venue: Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry, Co. Galway. Contact: Helen : 086 1678027, www.foyerofcharity.ie. The retreat addresses those who search for God, or who wish to grow in their life of faith and prayer.

Burren Outdoor Retreat. Friday 23rd to Sunday September 25th. Phone Mary 087 970 1130 or Nóirín 087 9459 151.