

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon
I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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 Amos
(Am 8:4-7)

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say,
"When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?"

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat".

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! R

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? R

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dung heap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. R

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy
1 Tm 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet.

To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth.

For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and humankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all.

He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son,
Alleluia!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lk 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples: "There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond: sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred

measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things can be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

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.

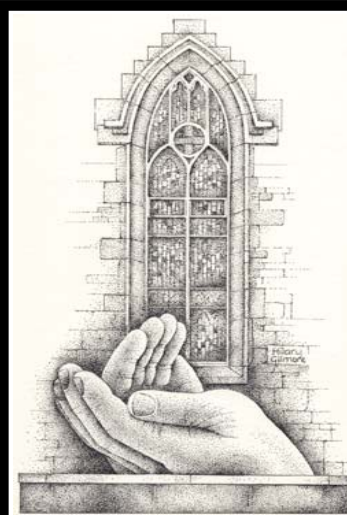
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

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

I am the Good Shephard, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.



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.

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 18th September 2016

To Teach, To Govern, To Sanctify

Next Sunday marks the beginning of a new era in the story of the Church in the Diocese of Killaloe. The ordination of Fr. Fintan Monahan for service as Bishop will take place in the Cathedral at 3.00pm. The rite of ordination contains instructions for the new bishop which emphasize his call to service.

The title of bishop is not one of honour but of function, and therefore a bishop should strive to serve rather than rule. Pray and offer sacrifice for the people committed to your care and so draw every kind of grace for them from the overflowing holiness of Christ.

As a father and a brother, love all those whom God places in your care. Love the priests and deacons who share with you the ministry of Christ. Love the poor and infirm, strangers, and the homeless. Encourage the faithful to work with you in your apostolic task; listen willingly to what they have to say.

A bishop is regarded by Catholics as a shepherd, a successor of the apostles whom Jesus Christ chose to carry on the work of His church. A bishop is called to exercise a three-fold office within the Catholic Church: to teach, govern and sanctify.

To teach the Faith is of the very nature of the office of bishop. The authority of the bishop to govern comes from Jesus Himself and is always modeled on Christ, the Good Shepherd. The bishop, as a shepherd, encourages a spirit of prayer, celebrates the sacred liturgy and all the sacraments for the sanctification of all people, and promotes the work of peace and justice, especially for the poor and disenfranchised.

We pray God's blessing on Fr. Fintan as he prepares to undertake the office of Bishop. May the Good Shepherd guide him in his ministry.



*Fáilte-Bienvenue-Willkommen-Benvenuto-Bienvenido-Witajcie-Bemvindo-
Welkom-Velkomin-Vitejte-Karibu-Croeso-Valkommen-Tervetuloa-Welcome*

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Seán Mahon, Tulla Rd. **1st Anniv**
Sun 18th: 9am: Dan & Mary O'Keeffe, Ardlea Rd.
10.30am: Kathleen Mc Govern, College View.
 Eileen Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.
 Mary & Bernard Woods, Summerhill.
 Michael & Anne O'Doherty, Bridgecourt.
 Tony Mulrennan, Westfields.
 Neil, Eileen & Niall O'Sullivan, Greenpark.
 David King, Ballaghboy, Doora.
 John J, Kathleen & Seán Cullinan, Cornmarket St.
12noon: Mass for the People.
Mon: 7.45am: Special Intention.
10am: Donor's Intention.
7.30pm: Nancy Shannon, Hermitage & decd family.
Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Paddy Reidy, Golf Links Rd.
7.30pm: Christina & Lawrence Kelly, Connolly Villas.
Wed: 7.45am: Marissa & Jalalan McDonnell,
 Cathedral Court & Phillipines.
10am: Special Intention.
11am: Colaiste Muire beginning of Year Mass.
7.30pm: Sean Lernihan & decd Lernihan family,
 Gallows Hill.
Thurs: 7.45am: Martin Crowe, St. Michael's Villas.
10am: Mary Byrnes, Lisdoonvarna.
7.30pm: Micheál & Peggy Roche, St. Michael's Villas.
Fri: 7.45am: Margaret Foudy, Kilrush Rd.
 Bridget O'Connor, Inagh.
10am: Charlie & Bridie McEnery, Circular Rd.
7.30pm: Noel Cosgrove, Clancy Park. **1st Anniv**
Sat: 10am: Ralph Martin, California.
6.30pm: Michael Hayes, Loughville. **1st Anniv**
Sun 25th: 9am: John & Bridget McCormack.
 Brigid Mc Garry, Ard na Greine. **1st Anniv**
10.30am: Jason Wood, Connolly Villas.
 Tom, Ann & David Fitzhenry, Limerick.
 John Corey, Loughville.
 Kathleen Kelly, College Rd.
 Joan Dargan, Limerick Rd.
 Mary Burke, Park Avenue, Clonroad.
 Paddy & Ciss Hanrahan, St. Michael's Villas.
12noon: Raymond Hoey, Abbeycourt, Limerick Rd. MM

Roster for Cathedral: Sunday 25th Sept, 2016

Readers: Group 4
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 18th 9.30am: Special Intention.
11am: Martin Fitzpatrick, Cragleigh.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 9.30am: Nancy & Austin Mooney, Cornmarket St.
11am: P.J. O'Donnell.

Newly Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Adrian James Walsh, Elisa Carmel Evelyne Fogliaresi, Luca Michael Forde**

Hospital & Sick Calls 18th September, 2016

Priest on Duty:
Fr. Dariusz Plasek
 Please call: 065 6869098
Wednesday: 065 6869098

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.



The Franciscan community would like to invite all who contributed to the renovation fund to attend a special mass in thanksgiving on Sunday 18th September at 12noon.
Br. Isidore, (Guardian)

Month's Mind Mass for Geraldine Slattery (Teaching staff St Flannan's College) in St. Flannan's College Chapel on Saturday 24th Sept 11.30am.

Maranatha Prayer Ministry invites you to the Healing Retreat Sun, 18th Sept at 2.30p.m. at St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Fr. Ger Fitzgerald, and Janice and Moss Carrig, Newcastlewest, with beautiful praise and worship music, song, Talk, Confessions, Mass, Adoration and Laying on of hands for healing. Tea after.

Killaloe Diocese JPIC committee is proud to present a talk entitled "The scriptural Roots of Justice". The talk will be delivered by Sr. Sheila Curran, CORI/IMU Justice Coordinator. Sr. Sheila has vast experience in this field and her talk is sure to be educational and inspiring. We look forward to seeing you on September 29th at 8:00p.m. in the Parish Hall in Ennis. All welcome.

Clare Outdoor Club Try-A-Hike, The Clare Outdoor Club is organising a Try-A-Hike on Saturday 1st October. This is an opportunity for non-members to experience hill walking and is suitable for beginners.

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: Patrick Coote, Considine Tce. **1st Anniv**
Sun 18th 10am: Tom Spellissy, Steele's Tce.
11.30am: John O'Hara, Tulla.
Tue 11am: Carl Quinn, London.
Wed 11am: Teresa Moloney, Marian Avenue.
Thurs 11am: Josephine Sheehy, Old Gort Rd.
Fri 11am: Mary Mc Mahon, Ann Mullen, Ennis & England.
Sat 11am: Carmel & Tom Mac Inerney, The Crescent.
7pm: Chrissie Kearney, St Jude's, Kincora Pk.
Sun 10am: Anne Fox & Pat Mc Inerney, Corrovorrin Gr.
11.30am: Tommy Mc Gann, Drumcliffe Rd. MM

Reflection for the Year of Mercy



What does Mercy mean to me?

When asked this, I did what everyone seems to do these days - I googled it! Google's definition of mercy is 'compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm'. I read this a few times and made up my own definition - I believe that I am able to show compassion or forgiveness every day, to everyone, and to myself. We don't need a big broad definition, Start small. Start with you, if you can't show yourself some mercy (compassion and forgiveness), how can you truly show mercy to others?. It's a lesson I have learned recently. We constantly berate ourselves (well I do!) when we haven't achieved what we have sought to achieve. (This can be as simple as tidy the house, get all the washing done, get organised for the week!). Once you are cross with yourself, you are more than likely going to be cross with everybody else. So, now, if I find myself in that situation, I take a deep breath, and I tell myself it's okay. Show yourself some mercy. **Sarah Griffin.**

Live the Word:

The darkness never lasts, although you may feel like it does. It takes time for the negativity to pass, but just know that it will. Hold onto that thought 'This too shall pass' and always remember you are loved, thought of and cared about.

Ennis Step Fit classes Step Aerobics/Circuits commencing in the Gael Scoil Tues 20th Sept 7-8 and Thurs 22nd Sept 5.15-6.15, spaces limited, suits all levels of fitness. For more details and to book your step, contact Clare on 0876855569.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
 Sunday 11th September, €7223.96

St. Michaels' Holy Well

Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Jerry Carey on Thursday the 29th September, 2016 at 7 p.m.. Pilgrims gather at 6.45 p.m. at the top of the farmers' access road next to N18 By-Pass Bridge, Quin Road, Ennis. For onward pilgrim walk to St. Michael's Holy Well, Kilbreckan. Please join us in the footsteps of our ancestors on this ancient pilgrim path. **All welcome.**

Triduum in honour of St. Pio of Pietrelcina



21st, 22nd, 23rd of September.

Ennis Franciscan Friary
 Mass will be held every evening at 7:30p.m.
Wed 21st: Fr. John O'Gorman, PP Menalogue.
Thu 22nd: Fr. Frank McGrath, Ennis Friary.
Fri 23rd: Fr. Bryan Shortall, O.F.M. Dublin.
 (Individual blessing on Friday with relic of St. Pio)

St Flannan's College Night Classes for Adults will resume on Oct 5th. Our Winter Schedule includes the following courses: Interior Design; Parenting our Teens; Cake Toppers; Crochet; Skincare; Yoga; Spanish; Make-up; Painting; Creative Writing; Basic First Aid; Jewellery-Making; Silk Painting; Embroidery etc. We also offer Saturday workshops in Cooking, Photography, Millinery, Mosaic, Stained Glass, Creative Bookmaking, Paediatric First Aid and Family Wellbeing. Text/phone 085 1670326 for full list and further details.

Arthritis Ireland course Living Well with Arthritis & Related Conditions starting in Ennis—West County Hotel Thurs 22nd Sept to Thurs 27th Oct 7pm—9.30pm Tel. 01 6470206 or 1890 252846 for more details

Rest in Peace

Catherine (Rena) Cabey, Fergus Lawn; **John Joe Enright**, Ballynacally, father of Maureen Hayward, Cahercalla Hospice; **Gerard Mc Ardle**, Cregau, Tobartaoscáin, Ennis and formerly of Brookville House, Drumconrath, Co Meath; **Maura Taaffe**, Tubber, sister of Canon Pat, Ennis; **Ronan Kildea**, Castlerock, Tulla Rd; **Seán Naughton**, Castlelawn, Tulla Rd; **Mary Lynch**, King's Bow Court, Parnell St & late Abbeylawn, Clarecastle, Newmarket on Fergus & Quin; **Patsy Woulfe**, Askeaton, father of Vic Woulfe, Corrovorrin Grove;



*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 Youth Club is running from 8pm to 9.30pm every Friday night in Clare Youth Service, Carmody Street, Ennis. The club offers young people 12 to 18's the opportunity to engage in a wide range of activities and programmes with their peers in a safe environment. The club is run by trained volunteers. For more information on the event please contact Shanelle Waring (0852252159) or Jean Tierney on (0656845350)

Coffee morning will be held on Tues 20th Sept at 10am at Scoil Chríost Rí, Cloughleigh, for parents who are interested in attending our Incredible Years Basic Parenting Programme. This programme is for parents of children aged 5 to 12 years and will start on Tues 4th Oct '16. For more information please contact Eve Brennan on 065 90 52817

Ennis Flower and Garden Club present Margaret Collins, Carlow, at Treacy's West County Hotel, Ennis, on Tues, Sept 20th. Demonstrators' Arrangements raffled on the night. Demonstration commences at 8.15pm Doors open 7.30pm. All are welcome. Enquiries to: ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

Evening Course in Practical Philosophy will begin on Tue Sept 20th @ 7.30pm in The Clare Education Centre, Government Offices, Kilrush Rd. Registration 7.15pm. Queries to 087 228 2382.

Colaiste Muire 40th Past Pupils Reunion - Class of '71 to '76 takes place on Sat, 5th Nov, next in The Old Ground Hotel at 7.30pm. It promises to be a night of fun, conversation and sharing memories with a 4-course meal provided. Tickets are €35 and must be pre-booked. Please call Gwen on 087/2353714.

It's a Long Long way from MISSIONVALE to here', Sr Ethel - the NEXT Chapter

The Old Ground Hotel will host an evening of celebration and consolidation on Sun Sept 18th at 7pm, marking the enormous contribution made by the people of Ireland to Sr Ethel Normoyle's mission in MISSIONVALE, South Africa over the past 27 years. The plan for the next 10 years will also be unveiled, in the company of Sr Ethel and the many volunteers who have helped to shape her mission and vision. You are most welcome to attend.

Calling all secondary school students of all instruments! Exciting ensemble performance opportunities are coming to Ennis. Holy Family Senior School, Ennis, Sun Sept 18th, the brand new Rock and Pop orchestra rehearsing from 11am-1pm, followed by rehearsals for The Clare Trazz Experience from 1pm -3pm. Enrolment forms available on Facebook and Twitter, or contact Emer on 065-6866743.

Ennis Track Athletic Club are holding a Registration evening for the upcoming Cross Country & Track Field Season, on Fri 23rd Sept, CBS Hall, 6 to 7pm. Current members are asked to attend this evening. New members are also welcome. Ennis Track Juvenile athletes, starting from 7 years up, train on a Monday and Friday 6 to 7pm, Lees Rd.

Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Scoth na dTorthaí sa Teastas Sóisearach Ba mhór an chúis áthais agus ceiliúrtha do lucht an Teastais Sóisearaigh ar an gCéadaoin seo caite nuair a cuireadh torthaí an Teastas Shóisearaigh ar fáil do dhaltai na tíre. De réir na meáin chumarsáide áitiúla ghnóthaigh daltaí an pharóiste seo torthaí den chéad scoth.

Leiríonn sé an tsárbair a rinne na daltaí le trí bliana anuas. Táimid fíorbhróidil astu. Tréasláimid ó chroí leo agus gabhaimid buíochas lena múinteoirí a d'oibrigh comh dúthracht dóibh lá i ndiaidh lae. Caithfimid cuimhneamh ar na tuismitheoirí a thug spreagadh agus tacaíocht dá bpáistí freisin. Guímid gach rath agus beannachtaí ó Dhia oraibh go léir anois agus sa todhchaí.

Tá cuireadh tugtha ag an bPápa Proinsias do roinnt ceannairí reiligiúnacha domhanda teacht le chéile leis in Assisi ar 20 Meán Fómhair chun guí ar son na síochána ar fud an domhain. Is é seo an tríú bliain as a chéile atá sé eagraithe ag an bPápa in Assisi. Is féidir linn bheith páirteach san ócáid lenár bpaidreacha agus paidir Naomh Proinsias a rá ar son na síochána.

Déan gléas chun síochána díom i do láimh, a Thiarna

San áit a bhfuil fuath go gcuire mé an grá

San áit a bhfuil ciontacht go gcuire mé pardún

San áit a bhfuil coimhlint go gcuire mé aontú.

In áit na hearraíde go gcuire mé an fhirinne

In áit dabht go gcuire mé creideamh

San áit ina bhfuil fulaingt go gcuire mé lúcháir.

Áiméan.

There was great rejoicing on Wednesday last when the results of the Junior Certificate were received by the students. According to the local media the results in this parish were excellent. This demonstrates how hard the students worked during the past three years. We are very proud of them. We congratulate them and we thank their teachers who worked so diligently with them day in day out. We also remember their parents who inspired them and supported them. We ask God to bless all now and in the future.

Pope Francis has invited several world religious to join him in a day-long event in Assisi on 20 September to pray for world peace. This is the third time the Pope has organised the event in Assisi. We can take part by praying for peace in the words of St Francis. *Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Amen.*

"Filling Your Well", The Artist's Way 13 Week Course. A Spiritual path to higher creativity. Starts Wed. 21st September, Ennis, 7-9pm. Details on www.claremeditation.com or 087-3922538.