

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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 Wisdom

Ws 9:13-18

'What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

You turn men back into dust and say 'go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers; by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever. Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Philemon

Phm 9-10.12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains:

I mean Onesimus.

I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self.

I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me.

However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous.

I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord.

So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any one comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry

his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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.

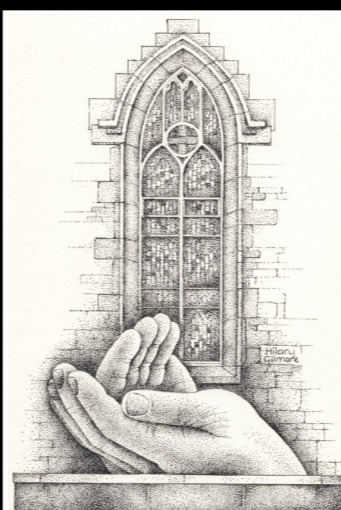
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

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 light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.



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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

4th September 2016

The Best is Yet to Come

The euphoria of the recent Fleadh still lingers in the breeze and the memories of this event will be recalled and celebrated in the coming months. Apart from the music and various cultural events a remarkable feature was the welcoming culture and expressions of hospitality that prevailed during the Fleadh. Tributes must be paid to the organisers who drafted a well executed plan to ensure that everything went smoothly.

Autumn looms as the foliage begins to change its colour. Students are preparing to return to school and college; the recent exam results were celebrated with exuberance. Farmers are preparing for the harvest and holiday makers are preparing to return to the work routine.

The diocese is preparing for the consecration and instalment of the new Bishop Fintan Monahan. The news of his appointment was warmly received after a long wait. During the inter regnum Fr. Des Hillery as administrator of the diocese is to be applauded for the time and energy he undertook in that role. Bishop elect Monahan will be no stranger to these parts and coming from the west of Ireland

himself and the Archdiocese of Tuam he will relish the culture and sporting activities along the Wild Atlantic Way.

Not to be excluded is the admission of Aidan O'Brien from Kilmaley parish to the national seminary in Maynooth to study for the Priesthood in the diocese of Killaloe. It is particularly gratifying for the diocese and his family to have Aidan on board. It is an assurance that young people like him to take seriously God's invitation to "come follow me".



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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Marie O'Brien, Turnpike Rd. **MM**
Sun 4th 9am: Mary & Paddy Joe Kelly, Listowel.
10.30am: Flan Honan, College View, Clare Rd.
 Margaret Smith, Cahercalla Heights.
 Edward, Margaret, Joe Chandler & Patricia Molloy, Hermitage.
 Kathleen Cullinan, Collins Park.
 Bernard & Margaret Corey, Lahinch Rd.
12noon: Mass for the People.
Mon: 7.45am: Mgt Mc Mahon, Carmody St.
10am: Jimmy Fenton, Ard na Greine.
7.30pm: Margaret & Andy Woods, Hermitage.
Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Aidan Frost, Castlewood Park.
7.30pm: Tadgh, Tim & Susan Queally, Drumcliffe.
Wed: 7.45am: Ml, Martin, Catherine & Maura Hassett, Inch
10am: Flanagan family, Cornmarket St.
7.30pm: John McCann, Ballygriffey South.
Thurs: 7.45am: Angela O'Driscoll Duffy, Reading & Drumcliffe, Fr. Peter O'Driscoll.
10am: Chloe May Villanueva, Sandfield.
7.30pm: Susan McMahon, Limerick Rd.
Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.
10am: Frank Barrington, Parnell St.
7.30pm: Special Intention.
Sat: 10am: James O'Halloran, Limerick Rd.
6.30pm: Mary Griffin, Beechpark. **1st Anniv**
Sun 11th: 9am: Special Intention.
10.30am: Veronica Drinan, Ashmere, Cusack Rd.
 Pauline Greer, Greenhill House, Ashline.
 Michael Quinn, Lahinch Rd.
 Tom Malone, Ard na Gaoithe & late Parnell St.
 Mary Clohessy, Connolly,
 John & Michael Shannon, Loughville.
 J.J. Quinn, St Michael's Villas & Peter Sheridan, Morrissey Ave.
12noon: Mass for the People.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 11th September, 2016

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



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:
Sun 4th 11am: Mary (1st Anniv) & Jimmy Neylon, "Lourda", Cloughleigh Rd.
Tue 9.30am: .Book of Intentions.
Sun 11th 9.30am: Patrick O'Brien, Willow Park.
11am: Josephine Mc Mahon, Shanaway Rd.

Newly Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Ellie May Sheehan, Ella Johanna Murray, Fiadh Christine Daly, Hannah Jane Mc Mahon, Siofra Kate Arkins;**

Bereavement meeting on Thu 8th Sept; 8pm in Cathedral House

Hospital & Sick Calls

4th September, 2016

Priest on Duty:
Fr. Brendan Quinlivan
 Please call duty phone:
065 6869098



CLARECARE

Annual Church Gate Collection is on next **Sat/Sun, September 10th & 11th**. All proceeds from this collection are spent in **County Clare**. Clarecare relies on your generosity to sustain services to vulnerable Children, Families and Older Persons.

THANK YOU!

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



The Adult Study of The Catechism of The Catholic Church resumes on Wednesday 21st September; 7pm; St. Joseph's meeting room. New members welcome. Eithne: 087-6679516

Rest in Peace

Michael Naughton, Maynooth, nephew of Joan Mullins, College Green, **Raymond Hoey**, Abbeycourt & Dundalk; **Mary Keehan**, staff Ennis Community College & Ballinruan; **Mary Kelly**, McHugh Villas & Corofin; **Jimmy McGrath**, Feakle, brother of the late Tom McGrath, Francis St.; **Liam McLaughlin**, late Kilrush Rd & Malin Head, Donegal, brother of Marilyn Stack, Druimeen; **Patrick Shannon**, Dalcassian Pk.; **Peter Norton**, Dundalk, brother of Jerry, Rockmount Manor.



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: Martin & Maureen Mullins, Marian Ave.
Sun 10am: Michael Spellissy, Drumcliffe Rd & Quin. **MM**
11.30am: Noel Bane, Marian Ave.
Mon 11am: Holy Souls.
Tues 11am: Tom & Christina Hogan, Shannon Pk.
Sat 11am: James Fahy, Whitegate & Cavan, Lelia O'Brien, Ennis.
Sun 11th 10am: Helen McCabe, Roslevan.
11.30am: Noel Carmody, Kincora Park.

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



St. Joseph's Choir are back on Sun. 11th September. We urgently need new members. The only requirement necessary is an average voice and the goodwill to sing along to enhance our Sunday Liturgies. Please think about it and contact Therese : 086 3862301

Parish Visitation Team

will visit the following areas starting 12th Sept: St. Michael's Villas. "Where 2 or 3 are gathered in My Name, there I am in the midst of them".



Reflection for the Year of Mercy



A young man had been arrested for deserting Napoleon's army. Sentenced to hang, the man's mother sought mercy on behalf of her son. "But the man does not deserve mercy", said Napoleon. The mother passionately begged, "it would not be mercy if he deserved it". Touched by the mother's grief and passion, Napoleon consented and released the young man.

Many years later Abraham Lincoln observed "I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice".

You can't earn mercy, nor can you pay for it. Mercy is not receiving something you deserve. Grace, also is defined as freely receiving something that is undeserved. During this year of Mercy we gratefully accept the gracious gifts of God's mercy & grace into our lives with open arms!

Bishop Elect Fintan Monahan



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!**

CLASSES RESUMING

EVELYN MAC MAHON SCHOOL OF SPEECH AND DRAMA. Classes resuming. Enrolment in St. Columba's Church Hall, Bindon St. Ennis, Wed 14th; Sept. 4.30pm. Classes available for primary and secondary pupils. For further info: 085 1884158

Liddy O'Reilly school of Speech & drama enrolment in Holy Family Jnr school on Mon 5th Sept from 6.30-7.30pm, CBS on Wed 7th Sept from 3-4pm & 7.30-8.30pm. Peggy O'Reilly 086 8206890

Sarah Griffin School of Speech and Drama resumes Tues Sept 13th and Sat Sept 17th. Classes in Musical Theatre and Speech and Drama. For more info contact 087 1529591 or www.madtheatreco.com

THEATRO Performing Arts Enrolling @ Ennis Leisure Complex from 3-6pm, Sept 7th & 8th. Sing, Dance, Act and shine with Confidence! Thurs for Boys & Girls from 5+yrs to 12+yrs. email: theatroperformingarts@gmail.com or Txt: 087 0657307

The Sharkey School of Irish dancing will commence on Mon 5th and Wed 7th of Sept. Classes begin at 4.30 each evening for beginners in Clarecastle school Hall. All are welcome. For more details contact Geraldine 0863957543/ Aoibheann 0860822140

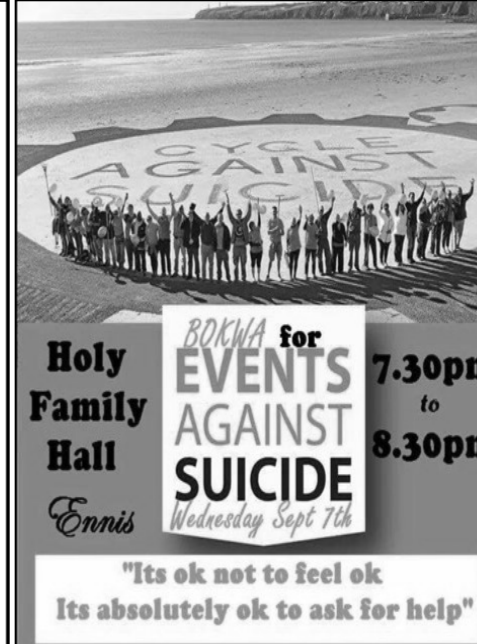
Scoil Uí Ruairc classes re-open on Tues 6th Sept from 6-8pm at the Maria Assumpta Hall & on Sat 10th Sept from 10-12am at St. Anthony's Hall, Francis St..Beginners Welcome

ANNE O'CONNELL SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING. Irish dancing classes will take place every Sat morning in the Holy Family Hall, Ennis, starting at 10.30am. Contact Anne O'Connell TCRG for further details. 0866030339

Thai Chi Classes in Cois na hAbhna, starting 9th Sept 11am-12noon. Contact 087 0568150

Live the Word:

Forgiveness is an act of strength. Through forgiveness you let go of the pain and hurt you have carried. You free yourself.



Bokwa for Events against Suicide

The aim of Events Against Suicide is to draw on the combined goodwill of communities all over the island of Ireland to use their skills and creativity to spread our message: it's ok not to feel ok; and it's absolutely ok to ask for help. We want to raise awareness across the 32 counties through a range of local, community-led events. In Ennis a Bokwa Dance Event has been organised in the Holy Family School Hall on Wednesday 7th of September at 7.30pm by Edel Murphy and Irene Hehir. The Dance Event will be led by Lourdes Murphy from Sparks Dance Academy and promises to be a fun, entertaining event while spreading the important message, 'It's ok not to feel ok and it's absolutely ok to ask for help.'

ICA Fergus Guild resume monthly meetings after summer recess on Thursday September 8th, Clarecare Meeting Rooms, Harmony Row, 7:30pm all are welcome

Like to sing? Interested in being a member of a choir? Cantare Chamber choir resume rehearsals Wed 7th Sept. New members always welcome. Contact Geraldine 086-8351739

The Rock Run & Walk 5k Thursday September 29th at 6.30pm starting from the rock in Scoil Christ Ri, Cloughleigh schoolyard. Register from 5pm at the school. Adults €10 or Families €20. If you are looking to beat your personal best or just enjoy a stroll come and join us in the Rock Run/Walk in aid of Scoil Christ Ri, Cloughleigh.

Fully qualified and experienced English teacher with experience in correcting state exams available for Junior and Leaving certificate grinds at all levels. Comprehensive and detailed notes provided, homework issued and corrected. Major focus placed on exam approach and all classes tailored to individual's needs. Paula 085-7881574.

Lost: Red Jack Murphy rain coat, knee length. Lost in Market area 17th August. Please contact 086 4089379

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 28th August, €7,635.00

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí Meán Fómhair

A Íosa, bí linn i mí Mheán Fómhair, mí na torthúlachta, mí bainte an arbhair. Is iad intinní an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Go gcuire gach aon duine le leas an phobail agus le tógáil sochaí a thugann áit lárnach ann don duine daonna. Go dtaithí na Críostaithe na Sacramintí a ghlacadh agus machnamh a dhéanamh ar an Scriptúir Naofa, gur fearr a thuigfidh siad a ngairm shoiscéalaíochta. Is maith linn go léir ár mbreithlá a cheiliúradh bímis óg nó aosta. Ar 8 Meán Fómhair ceiliúrimid Saolú na Maighdine Muire. Go dtugaimid ómós di sa phaidir Cheilteach seo agus sinn ag iarraidh uirthi teacht i gcabhair orainn in am an ghátair.

A Mhuire na ngrást, a Mháthair Mhic Dé, go gcuire tú ar mo leas mé. Go sábhála tú mé ar gach uile oic, go sábhála tú mé idir anam is chorp. Go sábhála tú mé ar muir is ar tír, go sábhála tú mé ar lic na bpian. Garda na n-aingeal os mo chionn, Dia romham agus Dia liom. Áiméan.

Guímis ar son muintir na hIodáile atá ag fulaingt de bharr an talamhchreatha a tharla ann le déanaí. **Fóir orthu, a Thiarna Dia.**

Be with us Lord during the month of September, month of fruitfulness, month of the harvest. The Pope's intentions for this month are: That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the centre. That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.

We all love to celebrate our birthday whether young or old. On the 8th September we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us honour her in the words of this traditional prayer as we ask her to help us in our hour of need. **O Mary of Graces and Mother of Christ, O may you direct and guide me aright. O may you protect me from Satan's control, And may you protect me in body and soul. O may you protect me by land and by sea, And may you protect me from sorrows to be; A strong of angels around me provide; May God be before me and God at my side. Amen** (Veritas Hymnal)

We pray for the Italian people who are suffering as a result of the recent earthquake.

Lord, come to their aid.

Lourdes Autumn pilgrimage: An extra aircraft has been provided to meet the increased demand for places on this year's Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes which leaves from Shannon Airport on Sunday 2nd October returning Friday 7th October. Booking can be made online to joewalshstours.ie. €667 is the cost.

PADRE PIO DAY 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.