

## 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:

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

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

# 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

The Baptism of the Lord

10th January 2016

(Year C)

## Persons are Gifts

Persons are gifts the father sends me..... wrapped.

Some are wrapped very beautifully they are very attractive when I first see them.

Some come in very ordinary wrapping paper.

Others have been mishandled in the mail.

Once in a while there is a special delivery.

Some persons are gifts that come loosely wrapped; others very tightly.

But the wrapping is not the gift,

It is so easy to make this mistake.....

It is amusing when babies do it,

Sometimes the gift is not easy to open up.

Sometimes I need others to help.....

Is it because they are afraid? Does it hurt?

Maybe they have been opened up before and thrown away.

Could it be that that gift is not for me?

I am a person. Therefore I am a gift too.

A gift to myself first of all.

The Father gave me to myself.

Have I ever looked inside the wrapping?

Perhaps I've never accepted the gift I am.....

Could the Father's gift be anything but beautiful?

I love the gifts which others who love me give me.

Why not this gift from the Father?

And I am a gift to other people.

Am I willing to be given by the Father to others? - a man for others?

Do others have to be content with the wrapping, and never permitted to enjoy the gift?



Every meeting of persons is an exchange of gifts,

But a gift without a giver is not a gift;

It is a thing devoid of a relationship to enjoy.

Friendship is a relationship between persons,

Who see themselves as they truly are; gifts of the Father to each other, for each other.

A friend is not a friend just for me;

but for others through me.

*Author unknown*

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**6.30pm:** Maura 1st Anniv & Vincent Roughan, Highfield Pk.  
**Sun 10th 9am:** O'Dwyer families, Lahinch.  
 Tina Doyle, Clover Hill.  
 Mary Brogan, College Green.  
**10.30am:** Michael Lynch, Clare Rd.  
 Patrick Feeney, St Michael's Villas.  
 Vincent Neylon, Parnell St.  
 Tom Kelly, College Rd.  
 Michelle Malone, Waterpark View.  
 Tony Shannon, Clancy Park.  
**12noon:** Bridie Rynne, Castlewood Park. **1st Anniv.**  
**Mon: 7.45am:** Stephen Cunningham, Labasheeda.  
**10am:** Patrick McMahon, Carmody St.  
**7.30pm:** Billy & Michael Shanahan, Clonroadmore.  
**Tues: 7.45am** Book of Intentions.  
**10am:** Tom, Sheila, Patk, Bridget & Peggy Cotter, Loughville.  
**7.30pm:** P.J. & Lily Brooks, College Park.  
**Wed: 7.45am:** Andrew Cunningham, Donegal & Florida.  
**10am:** Bartholomew Torpey, Shragh & London.  
**7.30pm:** Alice Brennan, O'Connell St.  
**Thurs: 7.45am:** James & Maura Doohan.  
**10am:** Lucy Bradley, Showgrounds Rd.  
**7.30pm:** Christina Griffin, Parnell St.  
**Fri: 7.45am** Sean Foudy, Kilrush Rd.  
**10am:** Martin, Ml, Catherine & Maura Hassett, Kilmaley.  
**7.30pm:** Michael McMahon, Gallows Hill.  
**Sat: 10am:** James Sheedy, Greendale, Clonroad.  
**6.30pm:** Patrick Molloy, Dalcassian Park. **MM**  
**Sun 17th 9am:** Maud & Samuel Cutt, College Green.  
**10.30am:** Gillian Brennan, Considine Rd.  
 Patrick Lyons, Avondale, Kilrush Rd.  
 Nora & Kevin Ryan, Greendale.  
 Delia Armstrong, Cahercalla.  
 Catherine Cotter, College View, Clonroadmore.  
 Kathleen Regan, Considine Rd. **1st Anniv**  
**12noon:** Louis Galvin, Honeywell. **1st Anniv**

### Roster for Cathedral:

**Sunday 17th January, 2016**

Readers: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1

Readers, please collect new 2016 Rotas and Sunday Mass Books from Sacristy.



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 10th 9.30am:** Mary Foley, Cusack Lawn.  
**11am:** Myra Moriarty, Cusack Road. **1st Anniv.**  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Thu 9.30am:** Bridget Crosse Kinnane, Ennistymon.  
**Sun 17th 11am:** John & Annie Lane, Hermitage.

### Live the Word:



As you reflect on the year gone what have you learnt? How can you bring that learning into this new year? You become a better person by taking on board the lessons you have learnt and using those learnings throughout your daily life.

## Hospital & Sick Calls

**17th January, 2015**

**Priest on Duty:**

**Fr. Tom O'Gorman**

**Please call: 065 6869098**

**Wednesday:**

**Fr. Ger Fitzgerald**

**Please call: 065 6869098**

## Newly Baptised



*We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:*

**Finn Patrick O'Connell;**

**Caleb Jude McNulty**

Bereavement team meeting: Thu 14th Jan, Cathedral House 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:

**Sun 10th 8am:** Thomas Scanlon, Newcastlewest.  
**10am:** PJ Foudy, Ivy Hill.  
**11.30am:** Pat Kilker, St. Senan's Road. **MM.**  
**Mon 11am:** Margaret & Thomas O'Mahoney, Tralee.  
**Tues 11am:** John & Maureen Arthur, Tulla Rd.  
**Wed 11am:** Michael Purcell, Birr.  
**Thu 11am:** Bridget Greene, Corrovorrin Ave & Mayo. **1st Anniv**  
**Fri 11am:** Anthony Dormer, Rosanore.  
**Sat 11am:** Bridie Rynne, Castlewood Park.  
**7pm:** Brid Madigan, Ivy Hill.  
**Sun 17th 10am:** Thomas (Toss) O'Sullivan, New Rd.  
**11.30am:** Ann O'Connor, Corrovorrin Grove.

## Rest in Peace



**Mai Molloy**, Dublin & late Steeles' Tce & Turnpike Rd; **Anne Tierney**, Kilrush Rd; **Kathleen Hegarty**, Clareview, Limerick, sister of Sean O'Shea & Eileen Purcell, Ard na Greine; **Ann Carmel Keane**, Kilbaha, sister of Maureen Roche, Kilrush Rd; **Noreen Moloney**, Clarecastle, wife of Andy of Andy's shop, Drumbiggle, **Fr. Tom O'Dea A.P.**, Ballynacally; **Michael Nestor**, Maurice's Mills, brother of Tom, Golfink's Rd; **Mary Moloney**, London & Hermitage, sister of Flan, Stan, Paddy, Michael, John Joe & Berna;  
*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.*

# Jubilee Year of Mercy

Visit the Year of Mercy Jubilee Room at the back of the Cathedral and experience the great gift of Mercy and the Blessings it brings.

## Walk of Mercy — Turas na Trócaire

Stop and Pray at the following stations:

*(cards available at the Mercy room door)*

- 1) Baptism;
- 2) Annunciation;
- 3) Greater love than this;
- 4) Peter & Paul Icon;
- 5) Mercy Window;
- 6) Pieta/Mary;
- 7) Mercy Room;



at the Mercy Room an invitation to:

sit

listen

watch

reflect

Ecumenical Remembrance Service for all remembered on The Cahercalla Hospice Yellow Ribbon Christmas Remembrance Tree, (which was located at Market Square, Ennis) will be held on Friday January 15th; 6pm; The Oratory, Cahercalla Hospital. A warm welcome to all to join us for this special event.

**Cahercalla Hospice Charity** shop has moved to the Market square next to Precious Pets. Come and visit our lovely new shop and avail of our opening sale beginning this Friday. Buy one, get one half price on all floor rails.

**Clare Hospice at Cahercalla;** Weekly Draw Results; Year 15 Week 30; Tuesday January 5th; 1st Prize €650: Brendan Daly, Ennis; 2nd Prize €200: Maurice Walshe, Ennis.

**ICA Fergus Guild Meeting** - Thursday January 14th - St Joseph's Meeting Room; 7:30pm. We would like to wish all our members A Happy New Year, new members welcomed

**Toonagh Charity Walk for Seeking Vision Clare Sunset Foundation;** Sunday 17th Jan; 2.30pm; Register Toonagh Hall: 11.30am; Entry fee €10; 3 Routes to suit all levels of fitness 2k, 5k & 10.5k; Start & Finish Toonagh Hall; Refreshments after walk; Children welcome (no entry fee for children); Info Breda 0851947763; Please support, give a little and feel good.

**Cosa Damhsa - dance class for kids** resumes in Fahy Hall, Roslevan on Thursday Jan 14th; 5.30pm - 6.15pm for beginners; 6.15pm - 7pm for improvers/advanced. Learn to set dance, Ceili dance, waltz, jive and more in a fun filled environment. New members always welcome. More details contact Mary 086 3613230; Caroline. 086 8078599.

**Music Generation Clare**, part of Music Generation, Ireland's national music education programme, are launching the County Clare Trazz Experience, a large ensemble music experience where traditional music meets jazz. Open to all secondary school students who can play/read music. Rehearsals begin January 17th at 10am in Teach Ceoil, Sraid an Teampaill, Ennistymon. See our Facebook page for application details - closing date is 13th January. For further information tel: 065-6828107/email: info@musicgenerationclare.ie

**10 Week Evening Course in Practical Philosophy;** Tuesday Jan 12th; 7.30pm; The Clare Education Centre, Government Offices, Kilrush Rd; Registration: 7.15pm; Queries to 087 228 2382.

**Pilates classes commencing** on January 12th Ennis National School; Beginners 6:30pm & Intermediates 7:30pm; Contact Monica: 087 7763 6733.

**Learn the Old time Waltz**, Quickstep and Jive. Beginner classes start; Thursday 14th; 730pm; Fahy Hall: 0873995877

**Ennis Track Athletic Club** thank all who supported and took part in their Annual Charity fun run in Ballyea, on St. Stephen's Day. A cheque for €1,150.00 was presented to St. Anne's School.

**Old mobile phones wanted** for Bee for Battens, Irish based campaign supporting babies and young children affected by Battens' disease. Please drop into Parish Office.

## Pilgrimages 2016

**Ennis Parish Pilgrimage to Poland:** 13th May to 20th May. Return flight from Shannon to Krakow, 7 nights' accommodation in three star hotel, half board. All baggage and check in fees included. Spiritual Director, Fr Tom Hogan, Leader, Mary O' Sullivan. Full time accompaniment by a Cultural Connections' representative. For details and booking form, contact Mary at 0871247669.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 7 nights;** Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 7 nights, Date 15<sup>th</sup> June ex Shannon with Spiritual Director. Price €679; Contact Bernadette Murphy: 0861634553 Or 0656821627

**Lourdes 2016:** The 60<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage from the Killaloe Diocese to Lourdes will take place from 26<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July. €687pps full board, no change in price. Book online at [www.joewalstours.ie](http://www.joewalstours.ie) and get €10 discount. .

**The Diocese of Killaloe pilgrimage to Rome during the Holy Year; 1st August - 6th August.** Accommodation at the Pontifical Irish College in the city centre. There will be an opportunity to attend a liturgy with Pope Francis and to walk through the holy doors in all four Papal Basilicas. The pilgrimage is being organised by Kieran Troy and a guide will be available throughout. The total cost per person sharing is €849. Information, Tel: 057 9355050 (mornings only) or email: info@culturalconnections.eu

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** Two Pilgrimages will leave Shannon in September 2016. Sept 7th & 14th. Fully inclusive 7 Nights. €100 deposit by Feb 17th. Price is €649 after the 17th, price is €699. Spiritual Directors, Frs. Tom O'Gorman & Paddy Conway. Group Leader, Jimmy Considine. Contact Jimmy @ 9059328 or 085 7385385.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** In response to Pope Francis call to the Year of Mercy, the Diocese of Killaloe is organising a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, direct from Shannon Airport to Tel Aviv, departing on **Sunday 23rd October 2016 and returning direct to Shannon on Monday 31st October.** €1430, half board, including all taxes, coaches and tips. 147 places available. Booking forms: Fr. Tom Ryan, Shannon 061-364133 or Fr. Brendan Quinlivan, Ennis Cathedral 065-6824043. The form can also be downloaded from the Killaloe Diocese website [www.killaloediocese.ie](http://www.killaloediocese.ie).

**Beginners' Set Dancing** starts Tuesday 12th; Fahy Hall; 830pm.

**Scoil Chríost Rí Cloughleigh** is holding a clothes' collection fundraiser. Unwanted clothes will be recycled to raise much needed funds for our new school development. These clothes are then sent to countries in the developing world. Bags can be left in the Hall adjoining Cloughleigh Church after Sunday Mass, after weekly masses or any school day until **Sunday Jan 31st.** Phone 0656820105.

## SAMARITANS

Ennis and Clare Branch will be holding information evenings on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** of January at 7.30pm in their Centre on the Kilrush Road, for people interested in becoming a Samaritan Volunteer. Please call 089-2475946 if you are interested in attending one of the information evenings. Each evening will last approximately 2 hours.

## Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Féile Bhaiste ár dTiarna

Ceiliúrfar Baiste ár dTiarna Iosa Críost ag Naomh Eoin Baiste in abhainn na Iordáinne inniu. Ocaíd mhór i stair an tslánaithe ab ea é. Chuir Iosa tús lena bheatha phoiblí. Leagann na Soiscéil uile béim ar ngach Iosa leis an Spiorad Naomh ag a bhaiste. Nochtadh an Spioraid Naomh i bhfoirm choilme os a chionn agus chualathas guth an Athar ag rá "Is é seo mo mhac muirneach. Éistigí leis." (Matha 3:16-17) Tá tagairt do na flaithis ag oscailt ag baiste Iosa i ngach ceann de na Soiscéil. Le cumhacht an Spioraid sin chuaigh sé thart ag déanamh na maithe agus ag cur as do chumhacht an pheaca. Ó thús na hEaglaise tuigtear go bhfuil dlúthbhaint idir ár mbaiste agus baiste an Tiarna. Baisteadh sinn in ainm na Tríonóide Rónaofa. Is féidir linn machnamh ar ár mbaiste agus ar ár mbeatha inniu. Is féidir linn ár móideanna baiste a athnuachan freisin. Feidhmíonn an Spiorad go ciúin san anam ag cabhrú leis an duine maireachtáil de réir an tsoiscéil. Mar sin:

*Tar chugainn, a Naomhspioraid Bheannaithe;  
Comhairligh sinn in am is i dtráth;  
Treoraigh sinn ar ród na beatha seo,  
Is stiúir sinn go ríocht na ngrást. Áiméan*

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the river Jordan. It was an important event in the history of redemption. Jesus began his public life. Each gospel lays emphasis on the anointing of Jesus with the Holy Spirit at his baptism. The heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descend like a dove and alight on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with him I am well pleased. Listen to him.' (Matthew 3:16-17). All the gospels refer to the heavens opening. With the power of the Holy Spirit Jesus went around doing good and thwarting the power of sin. From the beginning of Christianity there is a close connection between the baptism of Christ and our baptism. We were baptised in the name of the Blessed Trinity. We can reflect on this and on our lives today. We can also renew our baptismal vows. The Holy Spirit works quietly helping us to live according to the gospel.

*Come O Holy Spirit;  
Enlighten us in everything we do,  
Guide us on our way through life,  
And direct us to everlasting life. Amen.*

## Bingo

Great prizes; In Community Centre  
Sundays from 8pm.



Sale of Work 2nd Hand Goods  
Cathedral Grounds

Cuan shop opens each week on  
Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat. from 10am-3pm.

Any unwanted Christmas Gifts can be  
dropped into the Parish Office for sale in  
the Cuan Shop. We are always looking  
for good quality second hand items for  
the Cuan Shop

Ennis Parish Development Fund for  
Sunday 3rd January, €7,342.00

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

## 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.

## First Reading: Is 40:1-5.9-11

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

'Console my people, console them,' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms,

holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

**The word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Response:*

*Bless the Lord, my soul!*

*Lord God, how great you are.*

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R.**

Above the rains you build your dwellings. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **R.**

How many are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your riches.

There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **R.**

## Second Reading: Tt 2:11-14;3:4-7

### A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

**The word of the Lord**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I.*

*He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!*

## Gospel: Luke 3:15-16.21-22

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

**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

**Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.**