



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.

Phone Numbers:

Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: info@ennisparish.com

St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6840715; Friary: 6828751

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

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C) 10th July 2016

A FEW THOUGHTS WORTH SHARING

If you have food in the fridge,
clothes on your back, a roof overhead
and a place to sleep ..

YOU are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in
the bank or Credit
Union, in your wallet,
and spare change in
a dish someplace ..
YOU are among the
top 8% of the worlds
wealthy.

If you woke up this
morning with more
health than illness . .

YOU are more blessed than the million
who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the
danger of battle, the loneliness of
imprisonment, the agony of torture, or
the pangs of starvation ...

YOU are ahead of 500 million people
in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting
without fear of harassment, arrest,
torture, or death ..

YOU are more blessed than three
billion people in the
world.



If your parents are still
alive and still married ..
YOU are very rare.

If you hold up your head
with a smile on your
face and are truly
thankful. ..

YOU are blessed
because the majority can, but most do
not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug
them or even touch them on the
shoulder.. .

YOU are blessed because you can
offer a healing touch.

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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Tommy Mahony, Tobertaoscairn. 1st Anniv

Sun 10th: 9am: Sean Moloney, Tulla Rd.

10.30am: Jimmy & William Winder, Oak Park.

Frank Glynn, Francis St.

Kearney family, O'Callaghan's Mills.

Noreen Murphy, Kilrush Rd.

Billy & Carmel Whelan, Loughville.

12 noon: Nell Hanley, New Road. MM

Mon: 7.45am: Paddy Skehan, Waterford.

10am: Tom, Eva & Noel Ryan, Summerhill.

7.30pm: Peggy Cox, Dalcassian Ave.

Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: Margaret McCannon, Market St.

7.30pm: Thomas Dinan, Hermitage.

Wed: 7.45am: James Gallagher, St. Flannan's Tce.

10am: Seamus & Eugene Curley, Limerick Rd.

7.30pm: Thomas Callinan, Beechpark.

Thurs: 7.45am: Michael Reddan, Beechpark.

10am: Sean, Myra & Mames Kenny,

Dalcassian Park & Drumbiggle.

7.30pm: Tommy Kenny, Cahercalla & Ard Caoin. MM

Nancy Slattery, Cahercalla.

Fri: 7.45am: Frank Hanrahan, Dalcassian Drive.

10am: Michael Queally, London & Ennis.

7.30pm: Jimmy Lillis, Limerick Rd. 1st Anniv

Sat: 10am: Paddy & Josie Hahessy, St. Michaels Vls.

6.30pm: Kathleen Cannon, Cahercalla Estate &

St. Joseph's & Portumna Nursing Homes. 1st Anniv

Sun 17th : 9am: Brenda Flynn, Fergus Park.

10.30am: Mary (Maisie) O'Neill, Kilmorane.

John Brigdale, Clancy Park.

Patrick & Bridget Casey, Clare Rd.

Eileen Burke, Golf Links Rd.

Michael Guerin, College Park.

Teresa Hynes, Ennistymon.

Mary Crowley Connole, Liscannor & St. Clair's Tce.

12noon: Paddy O'Connell, Cloonbeg, Shanballa. MM

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 17th July, 2016

Readers: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 10th 9.30am: Gerard Crowe, Knockerra, Kilrush.

11am: Frank Corey & deceased family, Loughville.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 17th 11am: Margaret Queally, Hermitage & grandson Derek, Tulla.

Rest in Peace

Mary Shannon, Lisdoonvarana;
Desmond Cooke, Willow Pk; **Catherine (Kitty) Casey**, College Park; **Anne Kennedy**, Limerick sister of Sr. Betty O'Riordan, Convent of Mercy;

*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.*

Hospital & Sick Calls

10th July, 2016

Priest on Duty:

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.

Newly Baptised



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

Diarmuid Joseph O'Meara, Luke Bernard O'Neill, Abigail Charmaine Frawley, Liam Patrick Cuddihy

Lough Derg

LOUGH DERG



Time for Body & Soul

Bookings now being taken for the Ennis Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg from: Aug 1st to 3rd. Bus & Island: €100.

Bookings & info:

Parish Office 065 6824043.

Irish Blood Transfusion Unit Blood donor clinic in West County Hotel:

Wed 13th & Thu 14th July:

2pm-5pm.

Mon 18th to Thurs 21st inclusive:

5pm-8pm.



Irish Blood Transfusion Service

Ennis Parish
Development Fund for
Sunday 3rd July,
€6,873.00

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: James & Ellen McGann, Parnell St.

Sun 10th 10am: Baby Abbey Flanagan, Waterside,

Cappahard, Tulla Rd. 1st Anniv

11.30am: Jim Lordan, St. Senan's Rd.

Mon 11am: Michael & Mary Daly, Lifford, Gort Rd.

Tues 11am: Margaret & Thomas O'Mahony, Tralee.

Sat 7pm: Tom & Mary Butler, Marian Ave.

Sun 11.30am: Christina Forde, The Lane, Cappahard, Tulla Rd.

Reflection for the Year of Mercy



Mercy can be defined as "undeserved love" and our Lord wants us to embrace his divine mercy always and come to him in the sacrament of confession. Jesus also wants us to live the message of his mercy in our lives each day to our neighbour. Mercy is very important because unforgiveness, bitterness, anger etc., can weigh heavily on our souls, hearts and minds. When we show mercy and forgive our neighbour a great burden is lifted off each of us and peace flows. Jesus tells us "show mercy and you will be shown mercy". Christ gave us the perfect example of mercy when he said "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do". He forgave them who crucified him. Mercy is the beautiful fruit of forgiveness and is something which will bring peace to our lives.

By Colman Holohan.

Live the Word:



Let us never forget: we cannot stand by as onlookers when we see so many people worn out by hunger, violence and injustice. In the parable, the Levite and the priest walk by the man who had been attacked by thieves and lay half dead on the side of the road. To ignore people's suffering means to ignore God. Compassion is an essential characteristic of God's mercy. It is the same compassion with which God encounters each of us. This teaches us that compassion and love are not vague sentiments; but mean caring for the other to the point of personal sacrifice.

The Somme Remembered

- The Battle of the Somme is synonymous with remembrance of the First World War and the futility of trench warfare. Fighting at the Battle of the Somme began on 1st July 1916 and lasted four and a half months.
- In total, 60 nations from across the British Commonwealth and Europe were involved in the fighting across a 25 kilometer front.
- There were almost 60,000 Allied casualties on the first day of the battle. Of these 2000 were from Ireland (mainly men of the 36th Ulster Division, the only unit to secure its objective that day, and the Irish of Tyneside and Liverpool).
- 460 men from the now Republic of Ireland died on July 1st 1916.
- The German losses were estimated to be 8,000.
- Later in the battle between September 1st-9th, similar losses would be suffered by the men of the 16th (Irish) Division during their successful liberation of the Somme villages of Guillemont and Ginchy. Among the Irish dead were the poet and Nationalist M.P. Tom Kettle.
- At the start of the battle, most of the British Army had been an inexperienced mass of volunteers. Going over the top at the Somme was the first taste of battle for many men, as a large number were part of "Kitchener's Volunteer Army" which was formed by "Pals battalions".
- The Pals battalions were made up of groups of friends, team mates in sports clubs and colleagues, who had joined together expecting to fight alongside each other. The heavy losses in one battalion had a profound effect on Britain and Ireland and were felt locally and nationally.
- Of the approaching half a million British and Imperial injuries suffered in the 141-day battle, a third resulted in death. When the offensive finally came to a halt on 18th November 1916, the Battle of the Somme had claimed a million casualties; 430,000 from Commonwealth countries.




To my daughter Betty, The gift of God

In wiser days, my darling rosebud, blown
To beauty proud as was your mother's prime.
In that desired, delayed, incredible time,
You'll ask why I abandoned you, my own,
And the dear heart that was your baby throne,
To dice with death. And oh! They'll give you rhyme
And reason: some will call the thing sublime,
And some decry it in a knowing tone.
So here, while the mad guns curse overhead,
And tired men sigh with mud for couch and floor,
Know that we fools, now with the foolish dead,
Died not for flag, nor King, nor Emperor,
But for a dream, born in a herdsman's shed,
And for the secret Scripture of the poor.

Thomas Kettle

Dalغان Summer School 2016 'Finding God in Creation' Monday 11th-15th July 2016. Presenter: Dr John Feehan. *6 days of encounter, discussion and reflection in which we explore the mystery of God's presence in the natural world:* Further information & booking from: Elizabeth McArdle, Columban Ecological Institute, Dalغان Park, Navan, Co. Meath. Email: devofficemail@gmail.com

Sum of money found in Ennis on Monday 1st July. Contact Parish Office: 0656824043.

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER MEETING: Monday 11th July; 8pm; District Daycare Centre, Clarecastle. All welcome. 

Clare Archaeological and Historical Society - Summer Outing on Sunday 17th July to Inis Cealtra or Holy Island. Ger Madden leads a trip to Holy Island, an early Christian settlement and religious site with the ruins of several churches and a round tower. Meet at Mountshannon Harbour at 2.30pm. Charge for boat is €8. Appropriate footwear and wet-gear advised. Any queries please contact Frances at fogorman51@gmail.com Tel 0872262259



National Rededication of the Basilica of Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland; officiated at by His Eminence Seán Patrick Cardinal O'Malley Archbishop of Boston; Saturday 16th July; 3pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Clarecare Ennis Thrift Shop Huge sale! BUY ONE GET ONE FREE!!! We are open Mon-Fri 9.30am-1pm with late opening till 4pm Tuesday and Thursday. Many thanks to all for your kind donations to Clarecare! School books and uniforms still urgently needed.

Pilgrimage to Glendalough on Sunday the 28th August. Day involves return bus trip from Ennis to Glendalough, Co. Wicklow, long guided walk with panoramic views, visiting the cell of St. Kevin, Mass and talk by Fr. Thady Doyle. Bus leaving from Banner Arms, Market Street at 8am sharp. Cost of return bus fare €22. Booking, payment and further details from Frank Glynn (087) 9652864 (call or text).

Killaloe Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes will leave Shannon Airport Sunday 2nd October returning Friday 7th October. €667 per person sharing with €10 discount for online bookings. Limited capacity so early booking is advisable. Forms available in the Parish Office or contact www.joewalstours.ie or ☎:01 2410810

Concert in Clarecastle Church this Sunday, 10th July; 8pm. Will feature Ann Droney-Kirrane & her Band, plus several special guests. Proceeds to the District Daycare Centre and tickets at door. Please support.

Trócaire Emergency Appeal: The worst drought in decades has left approximately 60 million people, ten times the population of the island of Ireland, facing hunger across the developing world. Trócaire has launched an emergency appeal to get relief to people in Ethiopia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Honduras and Guatemala. To donate log on to www.trocaire.org, call 1850 408 408 (ROI).

SHRINES OF ITALY, PADUA & LAKE MAGGIORE, 15th August – 7 nights. Detailed Itinerary: Fr Pat Larkin 087 2300627 or 065 6839735; Mary O Loughlin 087-2482528 or 065 7084000. Few places left only.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Oilithreachtaí

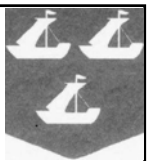
Má léann tú an bhileog Aifrínn Domhnach ar bhfeicfidh tú fógraí maidir le hoilithreachtaí go háiteanna éagsúla in Éirinn agus thar lear. Is éard atá i gceist in oilithreacht ná turas chun áite spioradálta chun seal a chaitheamh ag machnamh agus ag guí chun Dé. Rinneadh na chéad oilithreachtaí chuig an Talamh Naofa agus chuig láithreáin a bhí bainteach le ministreacht Iosa. Téann nós oilithreachta in Éirinn i bhfad siar sa stair go dtí an cuigiú agus séú haoise déag. Gach Samhradh tugann na mílte daoine aghaidh ar Loch Derg amach ó chósta Dún na nGall nó ar Chnoc Mhuire nó ar Cruach Phádraig i gCo. Mhaigh Eo an sliabh is naofa in Éirinn ag féachaint amach ar Chuan Modh. Tá sé ar cheann de na beanna is airde in Iarthar na hÉireann, seacht gcéad méadar os cionn na farraige. De réir an tseanchais tá daoine ag drepadh an tsléibhe seo ón gcloch aois go dtí an lá atá inniu ann gan idirbhriseadh. Chuaigh na Páánaigh go dtí a bharr chun tús an Fhómhair a cheiliúradh. Chaith Naomh Pádraig daichead lá ag troscadh air sa bhliain 441AD. Bhí Clog Naomh Pádraig ina iarsma ag barr an tsléibhe ar feadh na mblianta. Tógadh íomhá Naomh Pádraig sa bhliain 1928 agus is é seo an chéad stad ar an oilithreacht. Is é an Domhnach deireanach de mhí Iúil lá na hoilithreachta traidisiúnta. Ceiliúrtar an tAifreann sa séipéal ar a bharr. Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá roimh dul ar oilithreacht duit:

A Iosa déan fáithe dinn anois, oilithrigh gan a bheith inár ródaith. Go dtosaí gach lá le paidir ag oscailt ar gcroí do spiorad na haithrí. Áiméan

If you read the newsletter any Sunday you will see pilgrimages advertised to various places in Ireland and abroad. A pilgrimage is a visit to a holy place to spend some time in prayer and meditation. The first pilgrimages were made to the Holy Land and to places connected to the ministry of Christ. Pilgrimages are an ancient custom in Ireland dating back to the fifth and sixth centuries. Each Summer thousands visit Lough Derg or Knock or Croagh Patrick, Ireland's holiest mountain looking out on Cuan Modh. It is one of the highest peaks in the West, seven hundred meters above sea level. According to tradition people have climbed the mountain since the Stone Age to the present day without a break. Pagans climbed it to celebrate the Harvest. St Patrick spent forty days there fasting and praying in 441A.D. His bell was there for many years. His statue was erected there in 1928 and this is the first station for the pilgrim. The last Sunday in July is the traditional day of pilgrimage. Mass is celebrated in the church at the summit. You can say this prayer before you go on pilgrimage.

Lord, make us prophets of our times, pilgrims not wayfarers. May each day begin with prayerful preparation, opening our hearts to a spirit of loving repentance. Amen

ENNIS TIDY TOWNS say a huge thank you to members of Ennis Sub Aqua and members of Clare Civil Defence who rolled up their sleeves last Thursday June 30th



and went down the river from the Post Office field to Steele's Rock and collected in excess of a ton of all sorts of types waste which was later sorted and disposed of by the hardworking Clare County Council Environment section staff. Well done everybody.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

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 Deuteronomy Dt 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?"

No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance'.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *Seek the Lord, you who are poor, And your hearts will revive.*

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R.**

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;

For the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **R.**

For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians Col 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers—all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,

I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?'

He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.'

'You have answered right,' said Jesus. 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'

Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead.

Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.

In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have."

Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself'.

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

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.