



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

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

5th Sunday of Lent,

13th March 2016

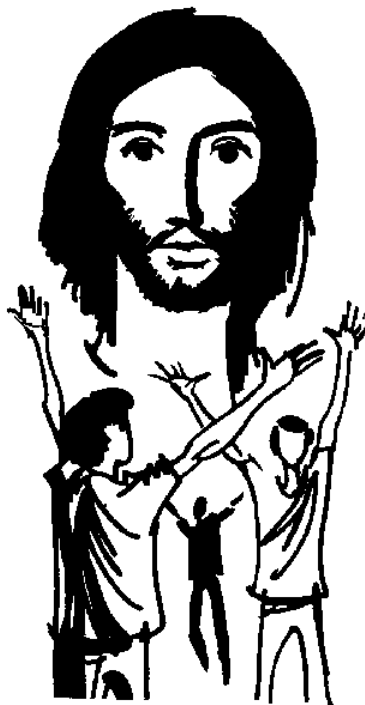
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FAITH MATTERS

The late Fr. Michael Paul Gallagher, S.J., distinguished author and lecturer, spoke some time ago of *'the slow death of Irish Catholicism'*. He said that the process may have begun in that significant numbers of young people are losing any living contact with both Christ and the Church. He points to the fact that many young couples are hanging onto the Church for various practical reasons but with decreasing depth of commitment. The parents' frustration and increasing apathy rubs off on the children. To survive as a believer in modern times, a younger person will need to make a more conscious option for faith in the face of the new opposing currency of unbelief.

The late Fr. Martin Tierney, Dublin priest and sometimes resident in the Burren, in a newspaper article, points to *'an appalling ignorance of the basics of the faith among 15*

– 20 year olds. Only 5% could quote the First Commandment and 32% didn't know where Jesus was born.'



Pope Benedict addressing the young people in Cologne in August 2005 said that there are many who speak of God, some even preach hatred and perpetrate violence in God's name – so it is important to discover the true face of God. St. John Paul II in Denver, Colorado, in August, 1993, said to the young people: *'Do not be afraid to go out on the streets and into public places, like the first apostles who preached Christ and the good news of salvation in the squares of the cities, towns and villages. This is no time to be ashamed of the gospel. It is a time to preach it from the rooftops.'*

St. Patrick pray for us

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Barbara O'Connell, Abbeyville. **1st Anniv**
Sun 13th: 9am: Richard Crotty, Willow Park.
10.30am: John Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.
 Hugh Ferrigan, Gallows Hill.
 Frank McMahon, Drumcaranmore.
 John Daly, Lifford, Gort Road.
 Elizabeth, MI, Seamus & Paul Brassil, Ennis & Kilrush.
Presentation of the Lord's Prayer—RCIA Candidates
12noon: Lylie O'Connell, St. Michael's Vls & Quin. **MM**
Mon: 7.45am: Margaret & Patrick Doohan, Summerhill.
10am: Hal & Eva Frazer, Considine's Tce.
7.30pm: Matt, Mary & Harry Hogan, Tobartaoscairn.
Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Francis Cosgrove, Ard na Greine.
7.30pm: Nora & Daniel & dec'd O'Neill Family, Connolly.
Wed: 7.45am: Mary Ann Purtill, Darragh.
10am: Patrick O'Donoghue, Limerick & Ennis.
7.30pm: Sr. Marie Stephens, Convent of Mercy.
 Bridie & Albert Stephens, Clonroad.
Thurs: 9am: Special Intention
10.30am: Patrick McInerney, Dalcassian Park.
12.30pm: Pat Wallace, Cottage Gardens.
7.30pm: Rosarie Gleeson, Ard na Greine.
Fri: 7.45am: Mass for the People.
10am: Brian & Paul Hogan, Ardle Road.
3pm: Joseph McDonagh, Ballygriffey, Larchill. **MM**
7.30pm: Ando White, Dalcassian Park. **MM**
Sat: 10am: William & Eileen Kerin, Hermitage.
6.30pm: John Daly, Clare Rd.
Sun 20th: 9am: Billy & Theresa Fitzgerald, Clare Rd.
 John Guerin, Cahercalla Rd.
 Martin O'Sullivan, Lisheen, Tiermaclane.
10.30am: Pat Hanrahan, Ard Aoibhinn, Limerick Rd.
 James Vaughan, The Market.
 Francis Morgan, Roscommon.
 Elizabeth Maher, Clonroadbeg
 Nancy & Michael O'Sullivan, College Rd.
 Pappy Gleeson, Dalcassian Park.
 Mai & Michael Glynn, Knockaderra, Tulla Rd.
12 noon: Nonie Kearse, St. Michael's Villas. **MM**

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 20th March, 2016

Readers: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Paddy, Kitty & Martin Kennedy, Fountain.
11am: Mary Eziofuru & Akunnakwe Mba-Ileozor, Nigeria
Mon 9.30am: Special Intention.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Thu 9.30am: Leo Guy, Circular Rd.
11am: Daniel McNamara, College Green.
Sun 9.30am: Patrick, Mary Anne & JJ Fitzpatrick,
 Circular Rd & Ennistymon.
11am: Decd McGowan & Frawley Families, Woodlawn.

Cloughleigh Connect group will meet in the
 Presbytery Cloughleigh; Mon 14th March; 6pm.

Hospital & Sick Calls

13th March, 2016

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Brendan Quinlivan

Please call: 065 6869098

Wednesday: 065 6869098

Newly Baptised



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

Brooke Amber Purtill;
 Ann Lawal; David Lawa, Pecular
 Lawal; Celine Margaret Long;
 Benas Vaskys; Jonas Vaskys;

Ennis Parish Faith Friends' Confirmation Programme.

Faith friends- is an experience of schoolchildren who are making confirmation and transition/4th year students. Over three nights they are able to discuss in an informal and fun way outside of the classroom about their faith; the Holy Spirit; how they belong to the Church community; and, what gifts and fruits confirmation gives. 19 students from St. Flannan's volunteered as Faith Friends to the confirmation students at Holy Family.
The first night; this coming Tuesday March 15th - 7-8pm in the Parish Centre.
The other dates are Tuesday 5th and 12th of April 7-8pm.
 Thanks to the parish volunteers who plan and organize the programme, and to the Holy Family parents and staff for encouraging the participation of Confirmation students.

Easter Cluster

Reconciliation Service

'Be merciful like the Father - is a well spring of joy, serenity and peace'.

Pope Francis

For Easter we extend an invitation to celebrate the sacrament of God's mercy
Monday March 21st 7.30 - 8.30pm; Cathedral.



Live the Word: Worrying does not empty tomorrow of its troubles. It empties today of its strength. Be present, be accepting and know that every answer lies inside of you.

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: Paddy Darcy, Arbutus House, Glenoir. **MM**
Sun 13th 10am: Joe Moroney, Corofin & Ennis.
Mon 11am: Mary & Michael Doherty, McNamara Pk.
Tues 11am: John Murphy, Cobh.
Wed 11am: Pat Quinn, Sligo.
 Nora Armstrong, Eastleigh.
Thu 10am: Michael & Jennie Carmody, Kincora Park.
Fri 11am: Mass of Thanksgiving.
Sat 11am: Hugh Reavey, Anne & Frank Baxter & Fr. Mitchell, Co. Monaghan.
7pm: PJ 1st Anniv & Eileen O'Connell.
 & Seamus Tierney, St. Senan's Rd.
Sun 10am: Pat & Mary O'Brien & Tina Connole, Carron.
11.30am: Maureen & James O'Keeffe, Lifford Rd.

A Prayer for the candidate who will be received into the Church this Easter.

Lord eternal source of light, justice and truth,
 take under your tender care your servant preparing
 for Baptism on Holy Saturday evening.
 Purify him and make him holy.
 Give him true knowledge,
 sure hope and sound understanding,
 and make him worthy to receive the grace of Baptism.
 Give Your Holy Spirit to him
 so that he will live by the truth
 and walk in the light of Christ.
 Let him always remember
 that he is God's work of art
 and may he live a good life as from the beginning
 You meant him to live.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus.
 Amen.

People of the Year Presentation of Awards

31st March; Cathedral; 8pm

Congratulations to this year's recipients:

Brid Staunton, College Green;
 Teresa Hogan, Tobartaoscairn;
 Mary O'Looney, Elm Park;
 Eithne Gleeson, Elm Park;
 P.J. O'Driscoll, Roslevan;

Special Merit Award:

Fr. Michael O'Loughlin, Moyard, Shanballa.

*The night will consist of an illustrated talk
 on the History of Ennis Cathedral.
 Welcome to all!*

Year of Mercy

During the year of mercy we are invited to know the mercy and love of God and let others know about it. Throughout this year Catholic schools have been invited to celebrate the theme of mercy. Friday March 4th was designated as The Diocesan Day of Mercy. It was with great joy that I experienced the co-ordinated work and activities carried out by many students in the school in which I teach. These activities included a food and book collection and "A Wall of Mercy" displaying images of mercy and a prayer service. Indeed, Catholic schools have been called to "Be Merciful as God is Merciful," LK 6:36 and to proclaim God's mercy in their communities and beyond. Many senior students in the diocese are responding to this challenge by their participation in The Pope John Paul II Awards enabling them to carry out the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy as active members of their parish and community. There is much need for mercy and compassion in our world and with a heart full of hope I can say that many young people in our church and school communities are enthusiastic witnesses to The Gospel of Mercy.

Myriam Black, St Flannan's College



In order to be capable of mercy, therefore, we must first of all dispose ourselves to listen to the Word of God. This means rediscovering the value of silence in order to meditate on the Word that comes to us. In this way, it will be possible to contemplate God's mercy and adopt it as our lifestyle." (#13)

Rest in Peace

John O'Sullivan, Gallows Hill; Michael Gleeson, Gallows Hill; Frances Butler, Claureen, Lahinch Rd; Peggy Hehir, Labasheda, sister of the late Joe Moloney, Loughville; Bernard Murphy, Inch, brother of Pat, Golf Links Rd, George, Inch, Mgt McEnery, Ballybeg, Christina Whelan, College Pk.;



Monthly Mass Ennis Padre Pio prayer group, Friary, Ennis; Wed. 16th March; 7.30pm. All are welcome.

TROCAIRE
Working for a Just World

Lenten Campaign 2015, Ennis parish contribution €22,56600

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday, 6th March €7,009.00

Follow the Icon
Our Mother of
Perpetual Help
Pilgrimage to Cathedrals
of Ireland, Celebrating 150
Years with the
Redemptorists 1866-2016.



Blessed Pope Pius IX presented the Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help to the Redemptorists for veneration in their newly-built Church of Sant' Alfonso, Rome in December 1865. It was much in need of restoration so it was April 26th, 1866 before it was solemnly installed there. The Holy Father gave the Redemptorists a mandate: they were to promote devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help throughout the world. Just over a year later, the first copy arrived in Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick.

The Icon is arriving to Ennis Cathedral Thursday 14th April. Further details later.

Maranatha Prayer Ministry Healing Retreat; Sunday, 20th March; 2.30pm; St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Fr. Pat O'Sullivan, Limerick and Lay Speaker, Marie Beirne, Charismatic Renewal Ireland, Leitrim with beautiful Spirit filled praise worship music, song, talk, Mass and Confessions included. Tea after. All welcome.

Medjugorje Prayer Meeting Daycare Centre, Clarecastle; Monday, 14th March; 8pm. All welcome. 

Speakers for Lent in Cathedral Sunday March 13th

Fr. Michael Geraghty CC Nenagh.

Michael has worked here in Ennis Parish on his Pastoral Assignment before his Ordination last summer.

Voice of Peace Ministry residential retreat April 8-10th 2016. St Flannan's College. Spirit filled talks by International preachers. Contact Michael Moloney 086-8327844; Kay Downey 087-9912047; Email: voiceofpeaceministry@gmail.com

Consultation on Education: The National Council of Curriculum and Assessment have invited submissions on the teaching of ethics in our schools. Written proposals may be sent to ERB and Ethics Consultation, National Council of Curriculum and Assessment, 35 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin 2 or emailed to info@ncca.ie or online www.ncca.ie/consultation.erbe. The closing date is 31 March, 2016. Catholic schools currently make provision for inter-religious and inter-cultural learning and awareness in terms of their policies, ethos, leadership, the programme in religious education and across other curricular areas. This commitment to inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue is clearly outlined in the new religious Education Curriculum for Ireland and in the Veritas programme, Grow in Love.

Ennis Parish Pilgrimage to Poland: Friday 13th May to Friday 20th May. One place remaining on this pilgrimage for person willing to share room. Contact Mary: 0871247669 details and booking form.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí an Mhárta

I mí an Mhárta bí linn a Thiarna. Is é seo mí an fheirmeora, mí na sailchuaiche, mí na hathbheochana, mí na Féile Pádraig. De réir an tseanchais má thagann an Márta ar nós an leoin, imeoidh sé ar nós an uain agus má thagann an Márta ar nós an uain, imeoidh sé ar nós an leoin. Bimis dóchasach. Tá na laethanta ag dul i bhfad agus laethanta geala os ár gcomhair amach.

Is iad intinní an Phápa do mhí an Mhárta: *ná go bhfaighe teaghligh atá i ngátar an tacaíocht is gá dóibh agus go bhfása páistí aníos in áit a bhfuil an saol mórthimpeall orthu sábháilte agus síochánta. Go bhfana Críostaithe atá faoi leatrom agus inghreamthe de bharr a gcreideamh dílis don tSoiscéal, a bhuíochas do phaidreacha buan na hEaglaise.*

Leanaimis ag guí ar son polaiteoirí uile na tíre. Go raibh rialtas buan, seasmhach againn sula i bhfad. Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá: *A Dhia uilechumhachtaigh, dáil do thuiscint orthu siúd atá tofa do Dháil Éireann. Tabhair dóibh mar ghrásta bheith ina gceannairí críonna, córa ionas go mairfidh ár muintir faoi shíocháin is faoi bhláth. Áiméan.*

Be with us Lord during the month of March, month of the farmer, month of the violet, month of renewal, month of Saint Patrick. According to folklore if March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb. Let us be hopeful. The days are lengthening and the future looks bright.

The Pope's intentions for March are: *that families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments. That those Christians who on account of their faith are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.*

Let us continue to pray for Irish politicians. May we have a stable, steadfast government soon. We can pray: *Almighty God enlighten all those elected to Dáil Éireann. Grant them the grace to rule with wisdom and justice, so that our people may live in peace and prosperity. Amen.*



Ennis Flower and Garden Club present Betty Cumiskey, Carlow, at Treacy's West County Hotel, Tuesday, March 15th. Sales Table and Easter Bonnet Competition. Demonstrators Arrangements raffled. 8.15pm Doors open 7.30pm. All are welcome. Adm:€10 (non members). Enquiries: ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

Swimming competition, Ennis St John's community games area. Swimming finals Thursday 7th April Ennis Leisure Complex. Entry forms available from all Ennis pools or email communitygamesennis@gmail.com

Clare Type 2 Diabetes Support Group will have their next meeting on Tuesday, March 15th, The Temple Gate Hotel; 8pm.

Sean Connolly Memorial Charity night will take place at the Ennis Bridge Centre on Sunday 20th March at 7.30pm. All proceeds go to Slainte an Chlair and Cahercalla Hospice. All are welcome, please support.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me

For you, O God, are my strength

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

IS 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild)

to give my chosen people drink.

The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Phil 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Seek good and not evil so that you may live,

And that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?'

They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus, 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

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

Has no one condemned you, woman?

No one, Lord.

Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.