



Ennis Parish News

Confessions in Cathedral every Saturday:
12 to 1pm & also before and after 6.30pm Mass

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

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

First Sunday of Lent - 14th February, 2016 (Year C)

LENT A SPRING TIME FOR THE SPIRIT

The original meaning of Lent is Springtime. It is meant to be a joyful season ... a springtime for the spirit. During Lent I can look into my heart and see how I stand in relation to God and my neighbour. God is inviting us to deepen our prayer life as we reflect on the life of Jesus.

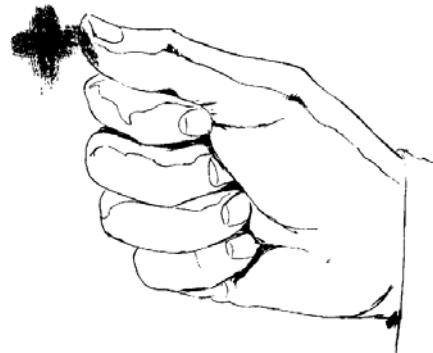
In this year of mercy Pope Francis is asking us to make the celebration of the Stations of the Cross a special time of reflection to contemplate the generosity of God in giving us His Son Jesus.

He also asks us to reflect on the Word in the Sunday readings. Jesus said: *“If you make my word your home you will learn the truth and the truth will set you free.”*

In the first reading today from Deuteronomy Moses is instructing the people to offer thanksgiving to God Who has freed them from oppression and slavery in Egypt. He asks them to show their fidelity to God by living the way of justice and mercy. In this year of remembering 1916 we too can offer thanks to God for the freedoms we now enjoy and renew our commitment to living by the ideals of the Proclamation.

In the Gospel we reflect on the temptations of Jesus who guided by the Holy Spirit was able to reject them. That same Spirit will also guide us in the struggles of life and help us to live our lives with courage and enthusiasm.

St Valentine's day tells us about the God of Love. God says to me: *“You are precious and honoured and I love you”* God's love for me enables me to say the same to others. Today I can remember in prayer all those with whom I especially share my love. I ask God to bless all those whose love has enabled me to be the person I am.



God rekindle the spirit of love in our broken world. Grace us with intimacy and bless us with lavish love

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Mary Moroney, Hermitage & London. MM
Sun 14th: 9am: Edward & Annie Mallon, Tyrone.
 Gerry & Mary Moroney, Lower Market St.
10.30am: Paddy & Mary Keane, Limerick Rd.
 Olive Slattery, College Park.
 Michael Griffin, Woodlawn.
 Lorraine Cooley, Dalcassian Ave.
 Patrick & Ciss Garrehy, St. Michael's Villas.
 Liam Molony, Shanaway.
 Fr. John Meehan, Summerhill.
12 noon: Mary Browne, St. Anthony's, Circular Rd. MM
Rite of Election—RCIA Candidates
Mon: 7.45am: Mary & Sean Feehan, Ennis & Cork.
10am: Vera McGovern, Athlone.
7.30pm: Aggie Sexton, Hermitage.
Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Noel Molloy, Turnpike Rd.
7.30pm: Michael O'Donohue, Sanborn Hse, Edenvale.
Wed: 7.45am: Pat & Noran Harnett, Limerick.
10am: Michael & Mary Hogan, St Flannan's Tce.
7.30pm: Yvonne O'Callaghan Moore, Cahercalla & Turnpike.
Thurs: 7.45am: Ita White McMahon, Shannon & Ennis.
10am: Joe & Mary Kenny, Parnell St & Agnes Quigley.
7.30pm: Patrick, Catherine & Mgt. Doohan, Connolly.
Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.
10am: Teresa Mc Cormack, Hermitage.
7.30pm: Special Intention.
Sat: 10am: Anthony Coyle, Glenina.
12 noon: Katie Drennan, Lahinch Rd. **1st Anniv.**
6.30pm: Cyril Lane, Tobertaoscairn. **1st Anniv.**
 Brid Vaughan, College Rd. MM
Sun 21st: 9am: Gerry Keane, St. Anthony's Tce.
 James O'Halloran, Clare Rd.
10.30am: Mabel & Cormac McGuinness, Clonroadmore.
 James (Jim) O'Halloran, Dalcassian Ave.
 Kathleen Sorce, Cappamore, Barefield.
 Margaret & Paddy Rynne, Lissycasey.
 Pauline Cullinan, Tulla Rd.
 Tony Dargan, Limerick Rd.
12 noon: Donal Ryan, Brookville.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 21st February, 2016

Readers: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 14th 9.30am: Bridie & PJ Dilger, Hermitage.
11am: Edward & Mary Hayes, Hermitage.
Mon 9.30am: Kathleen & James White, Considine Tce.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Bernard & Nancy Murphy, Circular Rd.
Thurs 9.30am: Paddy & Mary Meaney, Golf Links Rd.
Sun 9.30am: Gerard & Evelyn Moloney, Dalcassian Ave.
11am: Garry Murphy, Considines Rd.
 Gabriel Kerin, Considine Rd. **1st Anniv.**

Stations of the Cross will take place in the Cathedral each Friday during Lent before 10am Mass.

Hospital & Sick Calls 14th February, 2016

Priest on Duty: Fr. Tom Hogan
 Please call: 065 6869098

Wednesday: Fr. Dariusz Plasek
 Please call: 065 6869098

LENT 2016

Come and Listen.

Jubilee of Mercy - a series of catechesis for adult and young, will be given every Sunday and Wednesday at 7.30pm in Maria Assumpta Hall, beside Cathedral, starting; 31st January, for 7 weeks. These talks, given by a team of the Neo-catechumenal Way, would help us to listen again to the Good News of the Mercy of God for us, called the "Kerygma" by St. Paul and the early Church. "God wanted to save the world through the Kerygma".

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.



Irish Catholic Catechism

IRISH CATHOLIC
CATECHISM
FOR ADULTS



Would you like to do something for the Holy Year of Mercy? Why not learn more about your faith/ A study group with Eithne Gleeson to study the Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults begins on Wed. 10th February at 7pm in the Parish Centre, Station Rd.

Set in the context of prayer, it will, with God's grace, be a learning that reaches our spirit, our individuality and engaging with our everyday life and personal existence. So come as you are, all will be welcome.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 7th February, €6,787.00



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:

7pm: Maurice O'Brien, Inch.
Sun 14th 8am: Burns & Lipton families, L.A; USA.
10am: Maura Cavanagh, Pine Grove.
11.30am: Aileen Nugent, Castlerock.
Mon 11am: Margaret, James & Michael Meehan, Killimer.
Tues 11am: James O'Brien, Willow Park **1st Anniv.**
Wed 11am: McMahon Family, Dublin.
Thurs 11am: Patricia Quinn, Ivy Hill.
Fri 11am: Tony, Josephine & AnnMarie Lucas, Cusack Rd.
Sat 11am: Teresa Howard, Kilrush Rd.
12noon: Margaret Holmes, Oak Park. MM
7pm: Patrick O'Donovan, The Crescent.
Sun 21st 8am: Margaret McMahon, Loughville.
10am: Barry O'Connor, Pearse Ave. MM
11.30am: John Mulkerrins, Marian Avenue. **1st Anniv.**

Speakers for Lent in Cathedral

Sunday February 14th - Amalee Meehan.

Amalee works with CEIST (Catholic Education, an Irish Schools Trust), where she works in faith development. She teaches on the MA Christian Leadership in Education in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, and has written many works. Her most recent publication was "The Message of Mercy".

A Prayer for those who will be Received into the Church on Holy Saturday Night:



We give thanks to God for the love you have shown to Emma and Egils, the two candidates preparing to be received into the church. You have called them and they have answered. We give praise and thanks to you for their gift of faith. We rejoice with them in the gentle guidance of God who has brought them so far. May they continue to respond to God's Word and may Christ dwell in their hearts. We welcome them with love and stand ready to help and pray for them. May they find in our community compelling signs of unity and generous love and feel our sincere and unflinching support. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Amen.

Newly Baptised



We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Oisín Liam Quinn; Ronan Conor Crowe; Michael Joseph McDonagh; Elizabeth Fiona McDonagh; Stacey Savanna Maughan; Darragh Patrick Oliver Hickey; Crea Mary Brosnan; Patrick Belis;**

Rest in Peace



Paddy Barrett, Lifford Rd & Ashling Hse, Bunniconlon, Co Mayo; **Joseph McDonagh**, Ballygriffey, Larchill; **Florence O'Brien nee McInerney**, Circular Rd; **Lylie Mabel O'Connell**, St Michael's Villas & Quin; **Ann Keogh**, Clarecastle, sister of Margaret Mulvey & Kathleen O'Reilly, Corrovorrin; **Girda Hehir**, Holland, wife of Michael late of Connolly Villas;



Year of Mercy

Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. (The Face of Mercy, #1)

Monthly Mass of the Ennis Padre Pio prayer group will be held in the Friary Ennis; Wed. 17th; 7.30pm. All welcome.



Maranatha Prayer Ministry invites you to the Healing Retreat on Sunday, 21st February; 2.30pm; St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Rev. Fr. Gerard McCarthy, S.V.D., Claregalway (Retreat Preacher) with beautiful, Spirit filled praise, worship, music, song, talk, laying on of hands for healing. Mass and Confessions included. Tea after. All welcome.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2016: "Learn to do good, search for justice, discipline the violent, be just to the orphan, plead for the widow." Isaiah 1:10.17. Trócaire is asking people here at home to join the fight for justice by supporting Trócaire's work. The injustices faced by the world's poorest people are many and can only be tackled with your help. To find out more, visit www.trocaire.org/lent

Lenten Reflections: A one page reflection on each Sunday Gospel called Hearing, Happening, Hoping can be downloaded from the Killaloe Diocesan website <http://www.killaloeocese.ie/diocesan-news/hearing-happening-hoping-2016.html>. First three Sundays are available now, weeks four, five and six will be available later. Reflections were compiled by Fr. Seamus O'Connell, Maynooth; Jane Mellett, Dublin; Philip Carder, Armagh; Sr. Marie McNamara and Maureen Kelly, Killaloe.

Mary Immaculate College will host a one day seminar with Inter-belief Dialogue in Contemporary Ireland as its theme, in the Lime Tree Theatre; Wednesday 17th February. This free event, which will host participants from a host of faith groups and belief traditions, offers all present an opportunity to dialogue with those from a variety of belief traditions in an open, respectful, and mutually enriching manner; to engage in inter-belief dialogue at a variety of levels and in a variety of ways. Further information see www.mic.ul.ie

Irish Institute for Catholic Studies Spring Lecture Series; Mary Immaculate College, Limerick; Thursday 18th February; 7pm, T1 18, TARA Building. Reflecting on the Role of Women in the Church by Sr. Elizabeth Maxwell, founder member of schools' trust CEIST (Catholic Education an Irish Schools' Trust) and current member of the Catholic Education Service Committee (CESC). Admittance Free – Everyone welcome.



Live the Word:

Everyday, every hour, every minute, every second can be the commencement of a fresh start. No matter how stuck, helpless, stressed, downtrodden you feel you can always start again. Being aware you have gone off course is the first step and then choosing to realign yourself is the next. Never think that things have to stay the same because you can always start again.

Daffodil Day Friday March 11th. All volunteers are invited to Michael Guerin's Daffodil Day's launch night, Tracey's West County Hotel; 8pm; Monday Feb 15th. Hope to see you all there.

Ennis Players present "The loves of Cass Maguire" by Brian Friel. Wednesday 23rd — Saturday 27th Feb, Glór. Admission €15

Table Quiz; Clare Crusaders fundraiser; The Cloughleigh branch of Comhaltas and Woodstock set dancers will host a table quiz for the Clare Crusaders Clinic at Woodstock Golf and Country Club; Thurs, 25th Feb; 8pm. Table of four €20. All support greatly appreciated.

Clare Roots Society Lecture - The State Inebriate Reformatory; by Dr Conor Reidy in the Old Ground Hotel, Thurs Feb 18th; 8pm. How Ennis became the centre of the war on criminal drunkenness in the early twentieth-century Ireland. The Irish State Inebriate Reformatory was opened at Ennis local prison in County Clare in 1900 for the punishment and reform of habitual criminal drunkards. The reformatory at Ennis was one of four such institutions that opened in Ireland between 1900 and 1910.

Chapel Lane Market - indoor craft & food market - continues in the Community Centre on Chapel Lane; every Saturday 10-5. Info chapellanemarket@gmail.com Facebook: /chapellanemarket

Volunteers Wanted if you are interested in books and would like to give 4 hours of your time a week to a good cause, please call to our shop for an application form. Bookstop charity shop, 8 Parnell St, Ennis. Info.: 0857110204

Avenue United Schoolboys Registration evening; Thursday Feb 18th; 7pm; Clubhouse Roslevan. New members welcome.

Clare ICA host their first Fashion Show in support of Bushy Park in Woodstock Hotel on Friday 26th February. Doors open 7pm with many pop up shops; door prize; best dressed prize; and Raffle. Fashion show 8pm. Tickets from Secretary Aisling Finn 085 170 5735 or Woodstock Hotel.

Pioneer Lenten Challenge! Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Go for it and make a difference to someone's life! Make your Lenten pledge by visiting: www.pioneerassociation.ie and joining online or by contacting your local Pioneer centre representative.

Clare Type 1 Diabetes Support group Tues 16th Feb; 8pm; The Temple Gate Hotel. Info: 087 6548320 or email: clarebranchdfi@gmail.com

Yoga with Antoinette 086 3100827. New 5&6 Week courses begin Mon15th Feb. Beginners/ Mens/Continuation/Pregnancy Class. Beginners Class Tue16th; 7pm; Ennis yoga studio. This class to ease stiffness/relieve backache/build strength flexibility & balance for men & women .

Sale of work & bake sale, Sunday 21st Feb; Toonagh Hall; 12-4 pm. Fundraising event is organised by Becky Curtin Fountain, who is one of ten general nursing students travelling to Uganda with Irish Charity Nurture Africa, providing healthcare and education to the local orphaned children. All donations welcome. Bake a cake or donate clothes/footwear/household items to help fund this amazing trip to Uganda. Contact Becky on 0861521227 /0863533979.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Carghas

Chuir Céadaoin an Luathrigh tús leis an gCarghas, an ré aithrí in onóir do Pháis Chríost. Beannaíodh luathreach ar an lá sin agus chuir an sagart é ar chlár éadain an duine leis na focail "*déanaigf aithrí agus creidigí sa soiscéal*" nó "*cuimhnigh air, a dhuine, gur cré tú agus go ndéanfar cré diot arís*" ag cur ár mbásmhaireacht i gcuimhne dúinn. Is am troscaidh, aithrí agus paidreoireachta An Carghas. Is iad seo a leanas roinnt moltaí chun aithrí a chomhlíonadh:

Saonadh ó dheoch alcólach agus ó chaitheamh tobac

larracht speisialta a dhéanamh bheith gafa le paidreoireacht teaghligh

larracht speisialta a dhéanamh freastal ar an Aifreann go háirithe ar an Domhnach

Cuairt a thabhairt ar Naomh Sacramint na hAltóra Turas na Croise a dhéanamh

Cabhair a thabhairt do na boicht, do na heasláin, do sheandaoine agus dóibh siúd atá uaigneach i mBliaín seo na Trócaire.

Is í an phaidir dréimire Pharthais.

Ash Wednesday was the first day of Lent, a season of preparation for and in honour of the Passion of Christ. Blessed ashes, reminding us of our mortality, was distributed with the words, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel" or "Remember, man, that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return." Lent is a time of fasting, penance and prayer.

Here are a few suggestions:

Abstain from alcoholic drink and from smoking.

Make a special effort to be involved in family prayer.

Make a special effort to attend Mass especially on Sundays.

Visit the Blessed Sacrament.

Pray the Stations of the Cross.

Assist the poor, the sick and the lonely in this Year of Mercy.

Prayer is a ladder to Paradise.

FREE BENEFIT 4 COMPUTER CLASSES ON

HOW TO: Send/Receive Email, Use Social Media, Use of Apps, Digital Photography, Online transactions such as: Book a ticket, Online Banking, Safety and Security online. These classes are held over two days (4 hours per day). To enrol contact Pauline/Mary Ellen at CIOC, Elevation Business Pk, Clonroad, Ennis. Phone: 065 6841009 or email: education@cioc.ie

Family Carers Ireland are providing the QQI Leve 5 Care Skills module in Georges Quay limerick on the 23/02/2016, this module includes patient moving and handling training. This training will run one day a week for five weeks from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Family Carers Ireland are providing the QQI Level 5 Activities of Living Patient Care module in Shannon, Co Clare on the 29/02/2016, one day a week for five weeks per module from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

To express an interest and for more info contact 05793 70221.

Scoil Chríost Rí Cloughleigh would like to thank most sincerely everyone who donated old clothes for our recent clothing collection fundraiser. It was a fantastic success and the money raised will go towards our new school development. Thank you, **Gearóid Roughan Principal.**

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

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.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Deut 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers.

The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders.

He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me."

You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'
R

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways.
R

They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon.

R

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you'.
I will save him in distress and give him glory.

R

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

Rom 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

*Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone.*

*But on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.*

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him. 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your

God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,
and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

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.

**One does not live by bread alone,
But by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.**