



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.

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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/ennisparish>

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

Day of Prayer for Vocations

(Year C)

17th April 2016

VOCATION SUNDAY

“Go forth and tell the Good News”

These were the departing words of Jesus to His disciples and they have been responded to in different ways through the centuries answering the needs of the times.

The early church was completely run by lay people. The apostles preached and women ran house churches where Eucharist was celebrated. As time went by some people felt called to give themselves more completely to God so they went out to the desert.

Later new preachers came forward like St Jerome and St Augustine and others. Here in Ireland after the teaching of St Patrick we had our own monastic communities and from here monks like St Columba and St Columbanus took the Good News to Scotland and to Europe.

We had the era of the Great Women Mystics who spread the Good News by their teaching and by their writings.

Later men like St Ignatius, St Dominic, St Alphonsus and St Francis seeing the needs of their time answered God's call to preach and to teach. Women like St Angela Merici and Mary Ward saw the need for educated women and founded orders to fill that need. Unfortunately the Church could only see women in enclosed orders so women with a vision found it very hard.



**Humbly
welcome
the word
that has
been
planted
in you.**

But God kept calling to respond to the needs of the nineteenth century which were issues like poverty, ignorance, disease and all kinds of sickness. The Christian Brothers and the Brothers of St John of God answered the call. Mary Aikenhead, Catherine McAuley, Nano Nagle answered the call here in Ireland. Others responded in Europe while Mary MacKillop saw the needs of a new colony in Australia.

We are now in the 21st century. There are new needs in the world and God is still calling. I feel we have come a full circle and the church is once more in the hands of the laity.

Is God calling you? How will you respond?

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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Kathleen McNamara, Glensheen. **1st Anniv**
Sun 17th 9am: Michael Larkin, Cusack Rd.
 Frances O'Rourke, Dalcassian Ave.
10.30am: William McGovern, College View, Clare Rd.
 Kevin Maxwell, Shalee Drive.
 Mortimer Guthrie, Loughville.
 Des & Peggy Carroll, Corrovorrin Drive.
 Bridget White, Drumbiggle.
 Elizabeth & Denis Neylon, Bank Place.
 Enid O'Loughlin, Corrovorrin Grove.
 Con & Teresa Delaney, O'Connell Square.
 Christy & Breda Carpenter & family, Hermitage Rd.
12noon: Tony Lillis, Edenvale. **1st Anniv**
Mon: 7.45am: Joan & Gerard Devitt, St. Michael's Vls.
10am: Katie & Jack Keane, Clonlara.
7.30pm: Maureen & Billy Pigott &
 Burns family, Connolly Villas.
Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Anna & Sonny Greene, Miltown Malbay.
7.30pm: Martin & Anne Cronin, Drumbiggle Rd.
Wed: 7.45am: Mick & Ellen O'Rourke, Newmarket-on-Fergus.
10am: Mary & Joseph Halpin, O'Connell St.
7.30pm: Cullinan family, Ard na Gréine.
Thurs: 7.45am: Special Intention.
10am: Mary Doherty, Ashbourne, Co. Meath.
7.30pm: No Mass - Seinn Concert
Fri: 7.45am: Mass for the People.
10am: Mary Ellen McInerney, Doora.
7.30pm: Martina Moloney Traufeld,
 Steele's Tce & USA. **1st Anniv**
 Don Ryan, Summerhill MM
Sat: 10am: Pat, John Joe, Sarah & Angela Kelly,
 Kildysart & Greaney family, Galway.
6.30pm: John Curtin, Cahercalla Rd.
Sun 24th 9am: William & Teresa Clohessy, Drumcliffe.
10.30am: Veronica Fenton, Ard na Gréine.
 Elizabeth Neylon, Parnell St.
 John Feeney, St. Michael's Villas.
 Christopher Keane, Fergus Park.
 Paddy & Jane Coffey, McNamara Park.
 John Snr., John Jr. & Johanna Garvey.
12noon: Maureen O'Brien, Miltown Malbay. **MM**

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 24th April, 2016

Readers: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 17th 9.30am: John Daly, Cloughleigh & Westbourne.
11am: Susan Bannon, Loughville.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 24th 9.30am: Michael Hoare, Morrissey Ave.
11am: Jimmy Frawley, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.



Parish Visitation Team will visit the following areas starting 25th April: St. Michael's Villas. "Where 2 or 3 are gathered in My Name, there I am in the midst of them".

Lost & Found: Bracelet lost on 16th March in Dunnes stores. Reward offered. Contact 085 7245366

Hospital & Sick Calls

17th April, 2016

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald
 Please call: 065 6869098
Wednesday:
 Fr. Brendan Quinlivan
 065 6869098

Blessing of Expectant Parents



Ennis Cathedral
 20th April @ 8pm
 All Welcome!!!!

This Sunday 17th April

Ennis Cathedral 2pm

All babies baptised in Ennis during 2015/16, and their families, are invited to a Special Blessing for their first year of life. As these little babies begin to crawl, walk and teethe, we want to ask God's Blessing on their infant years. *Baptismal Team members are most welcome.*



There is a welcome to all babies and young children.

Newly Baptised

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

Rian Thomas O'Connor;
 Sarah Elale Obokiti;
 Michael King Bantom;
 Rachael Kelly;
 Michéal Kelly;
 Daniel Luke O'Shea;
 Maria Breda Hurley



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: Kevin Lynch, Lifford Rd. **1st Anniv**
Sun 10am: PJ & Eileen O'Loughlin, Kevin Barry Ave.
11.30am: Peter Finnegan, St. Senan's Rd.
Mon 11am: Tommy Moloney, Marian Ave.
Tues 11am: Decd Coughlan family, Marian Ave.
Wed 11am: John, Winnie & Bridie Hayes, Mullagh.
Thu 11am: O'Brien family, Crusheen.
7pm: Denis & Josephine Rice, Circular Rd. & Dec'd. Malone family Francis St. & Maureen McAllister (Rice).
Fri 11am: Gerard Hartnett, Lifford.
Sat 11am: Josephine Craig, Meadow Court. **MM**
Sat 7pm: Barry Coughlan, Corrovorrin Grove.
Sun 24th 10am: Paul Glynn, Hilltop, Corrovorrin. **MM**
11.30am: Joe Conway, Corrovorrin Drive.

Reflection for Year of Mercy

Mercy is compassion and forgiveness shown towards someone. Mercy is kindness exercised towards the miserable and includes pity, forbearance and gentleness which the Scriptures so abundantly ascribe to God. God's mercy is his tender-hearted compassion for his people. It is his tenderness of heart towards the needy. In the scriptures, Jesus asks us to be merciful towards one another just like our heavenly Father is merciful to us. "Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord how many times must I forgive my brother who sins against me? Up to Seven Times?' Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times but seventy seven times.'" (Mt. 18:21-22)

The mercy of God means a blessing instead of punishment. It is the withholding of condemnation. Throughout the scriptures, God demonstrates his mercy fully in the person of Jesus Christ. Because of his love for us, God wants us to be with him. There is an inseparable connection between God's love and his mercy. In Christ the ultimate act of God's mercy took place upon the cross when Christ died for us. In this place mercy triumphs over Judgement, leading to the ultimate goal of mercy, our salvation.



Jesse Onyijekwe

Dates for Your Diary

Mass and Anointing for people with disabilities and chronic illnesses: Ennis Cathedral Wednesday 25th May 2pm. Chief celebrant and homilist Fr. Tom Hogan PP.

Live the Word:

When you accept, you stop running, you let go, you cease to resist and judge and you find yourself being fully present to your experience. In time that experience will naturally dissolve because you have learnt to stop fighting. That is the power of acceptance.



Monthly Mass Ennis Padre Pio prayer group, Friary, Ennis; Wed. 20th April ; 7.30pm. All are welcome.



Maranatha Prayer Ministry Sunday, 17th April, at 2.30pm; Fr. John Walsh, Limerick; lay speakers Janice and Moss Carrigg, at St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick. Tea after in hall. All welcome.

Diocesan Pastoral Plan evaluation - A mid-term evaluation of the implementation of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan is currently underway, and any parishioner who wishes can participate. An evaluation questionnaire is now available on the diocesan website for completion by **18th April, 2016**.



Senior Citizens' Day Tour to Galway on Wednesday the 18th May 2016. Tour includes return trip to Galway, tea/coffee, scones, light lunch & evening dinner, site visit and activities. Bus leaving from Banner Arms, Market Street at 9am sharp. Cost of Day €40. (Only payments made to Ennis Parish Office confirm booking). Booking and further details from Fr. Ger Fitzgerald (065) 6824043 or Frank Glynn/Community Outreach Worker for the Elderly (087) 1818828

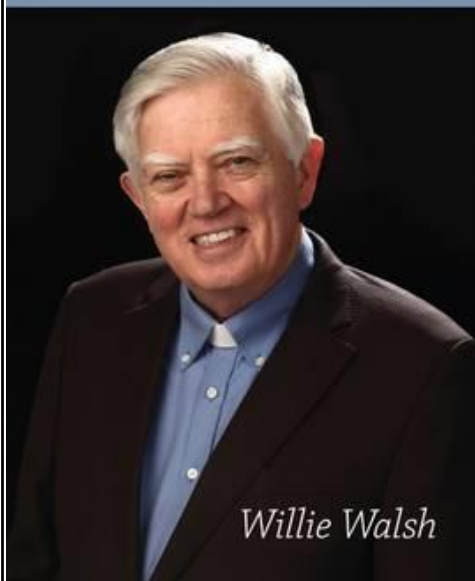
The Matt O'Connor Memorial Sports will be held at Lee's Rd track on Sun 24th April ' 2pm. Sprint and middle distance races for all age groups, with throwing events for junior/ senior men and women. Registration from 1pm.

Clare Roots Society Lecture; Thursday 21st April 8pm Old Ground Hotel; Peadar Clancy 1916 Hero & Irish Martyr; By *Cormac Ó Comhraí*. Peadar Clancy; fought in the Easter Rising, distinguished himself because of his bravery and was promoted in the field. Clancy was one of those sentenced to death after the Rising, He was spared however, and imprisoned in Britain. By 1920 he was a key planner of the attack on British intelligence agents on Bloody Sunday. Clancy was arrested hours before the Bloody Sunday attacks were to take place. He was killed in British Custody the following day.

Clare Youth Service Bake Sale being held at the centre on Carmody Street on Friday 22 April from 9am to 2.00pm. A selection of homemade baked goods available: Brown bread, brack, lemon drizzle cake, carrot cake, biscuit cakes, sausage rolls, scones etc. Tea/Coffee available on the day. Thanks for your support. To pre order, email: ctcadmin@clareyouthservice.org.

*Launch of
Bishop Willie Walsh's book*

NO CRUSADER



Willie Walsh

Ennis Cathedral
Friday 29th April
8pm

and afterwards to Maria Assumpta Hall for get together . All are very welcome to this event – if you want to pre order his beautiful memoirs, please ring Geraldine: 0656828696 --- looking forward to seeing you on the night.
(Note change of date)

Ennis Flower and Garden Club present Tom Giltenane, D M Garden Centre, Croagh, Co. Limerick, West County Hotel; Tuesday, April 19th; 8.15pm; Plants will be raffled on the night. All are welcome; Admission (non members) €10; Enquiries:ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

Arthritis Ireland Clare Branch, present an information evening "Living with Gout" with Dr. Alexander Fraser at the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis on Wednesday 20th April at 7pm. Free admission, all welcome. Contact 086 0279379 for more information.

Mount Callan challenge. St Joseph's Doorabarefield ladies' football club. Sunday April 17th 11am. Walk led. Meet at The Hand, Kilmaley. Contact Martina 087 7781839

Sale of Work on Saturday 16th April from 12 mid day and Sunday 17th April after all masses in the new Parish Centre. Great variety of clothes and Bric a Brac, Cake Sale, Raffle, and tea served. Come along and enjoy a great day.
TABLE QUIZ in Ennis Golf Club on Friday 22nd April; 8.30pm supporting Ennis Day Care Centre for our elderly. Table of four €40 or €10 each, lots of raffle prizes on the night. All support greatly appreciated, Cuan an Chláir.
Bingo Great prizes; Jackpot: €1,500; In Community Centre Sunday from 8pm.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Ceathrú Domhnach den Cháisc / An tAoire Fóna.

Tá an ceathrú Domhnach den Cháisc tiomnaithe do lá domhanda d'urnaí ar son gairmeacha. Deir Íosa linn i soiscéal an lae inniu "Mise an sáraoire, tugann an sáraoire a bheatha ar son a chaorach."(Eoin 10:11). Is íomhá an-chumhachtach é an Sáraoire ar an ngrá pearsanta agus an cúram atá ag Críost do gach duine. Tá an creideamh lárnach don chaidreamh idir Íosa mar Aoire agus baill den tréad sin. Tá gairm ag gach duine chun bheith ina dheisceabail ag Íosa. Iartar orainn inniu guí go speisialta go bhfreagróidh daoine óga an ghairm chun na Sagartachta agus an Bheatha Reiligiúnach. Is é Íosa féin a dúirt linn: "Tá an fómhar fairsing ach níl ann ach meitheal bheag. Dá bhrí sin guígí Máistir an fhómhair go gcuirfeadh sé meitheal uaidh isteach ina fhómhair" (Matha 9:37-38).Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá:

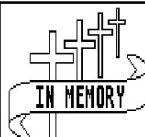
A Thiarna Íosa Críost, Slánaitheoir an domhain, go n-éirí linn ár mbeatha a chaitheamh de réir do dhílse. Go dtreoraí an Spiorad Naomh sagairt agus lucht craobhscaoilte an dea-scéil. Áiméan.

Fourth Sunday of Easter/The Good Shepherd
The Fourth Sunday of Easter is devoted to prayer for vocations. Jesus tells us in today's gospel, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep" (John 10:11).The Good Shepherd is a very powerful image of the personal love and care that Jesus has for each person. Faith is central to the friendship between Jesus the Good Shepherd and the members of His flock. Everybody has a vocation in life and is called to be a true disciple of Jesus. We are asked to pray especially today for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. It was Jesus who said, "The harvest is great but the labourers are few. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send labourers into His harvest". (Matthew 9: 37-38) We can say the following prayer today:

Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, may we spend our lives faithful to You. May the Holy Spirit guide priests and all who preach the gospel. Amen

The annual Ennis Old Folks' Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on May 7th. The pilgrimage will include Mass in the apparition chapel and is led by Fr. Gerard Fitzgerald. The cost of the trip is €20 and includes bus fares, lunch and afternoon tea. Bus will leave the Banner Lodge at 9:30a.m. on the 7th of May and will also pick up at St. Joseph's and the Auburn Lodge. I suggest that you be on time for the pick ups as these are the only pick-ups. Spaces on the pilgrimage are limited to 55 people and this will be strictly adhered to. You may only book your place on and pay for this pilgrimage through the Parish Office and no other method of booking or payment will be accepted. To book your spot or for more details, contact the parish office on (065) 6824043.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 10th April, €7,743.00



Rest in Peace

Jimmy Ryan, Greystones, Co Wicklow & formerly Ennis, sister of Noreen Doohan, Kinchora Pk & Mary Moloney, Clarecastle; **Julia McDonagh**, Waterpark Heights, Drumbiggie; **PJ Coote**, Cahercalla; **Tommy Dormer Jr**, Ivy Hill; **Nell Ryan**, Stonepark, Barefield, mother of Martina Mc Enery, Gort Rd & Antoinette Kelly Maolney, Clonroadmore; **Michael Considine**, formerly Corrovorrin, husband of Florence, Coopers Place; **Anna Mc Mahon**, Spencilhill.

*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.*

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

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 Acts of the Apostles Acts 13:14.43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
We are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
Eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse Apo 7:9.14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jn 10:27-30

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

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 our 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

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.