



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.

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

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—17th January 2016 (Year C)

TRANSFORMING THE ORDINARY

This story of the Wedding Feast at Cana was remembered and recorded not to say something about wine, but to say something about Jesus. It is Jesus who has come to take the ordinary, the flat, the tasteless, the common and transform it into something robust, heady, hearty and joyful. The point is this: Jesus can transform human existence. In him is all the fullness of God. In him is life, and when he touches our lives what is common and ordinary and flat becomes beautiful.

There are two things worth noting about the wine Jesus made from water. The first has to do with its quantity. There was plenty – more than enough. When God gets ready to bless, there is an abundant supply. God is not stingy. We get blessings piled up, pushed down, shaken together and overflowing. While we tend to ladle out life carefully, give carefully, serve carefully – a teaspoonful at a time, God gives blessings so great we can't even use them all.



Not only was there plenty of wine, but according to the steward, the host had saved the best until last. I don't know what you expect from God, but he only sends us the best. If you think you are only getting small gifts from God, the problem may be your small expectations.

It's important to remember that Jesus gave us life at its best, symbolized by turning water into wine, how dreadful it is to see a church that has gotten the trick backwards and continually manages to turn wine into water. A religion which is always solemn, ponderous, heavy, dull, full of thou-shalt-nots, and joyless violates the core of this text. There ought to be more joy in worship, more laughter at our committee meetings, more celebration when someone wins a victory.



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

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.
 Kathleen Regan, Considine Rd. 1st Anniv
 Catherine Cotter, College View, Clonroadmore.
 12 noon: Louis Galvin, Honeywell. 1st Anniv
 Mon: 7.45am: Tom & Nor Harnett, Tralee.
 10am: Dan Greene & Mary Pyne, Kilmaley.
 Joe & Mary Kenny, Agnes Quigley, late Parnell St.
 7.30pm: Eileen & Patrick Morrissey, Cornmarket.
 Tues: 7.45am: Book of Intentions.
 10am: Decd members Jordan family, Drumbiggle Drive
 7.30pm: Patsy Cosgrove, Clare Road.
 Wed: 7.45am: Decd members Griffin family, Feakle.
 10am: Alfie McDonagh, Station View.
 7.30pm: Colm Slattery, Moyriesk & Golf Links Rd.
 Thurs: 7.45am: John Guilfoyle, Hermitage.
 10am: Mary Bolger, Turnpike Rd.
 7.30pm: James Cox, Dalcassian Ave.
 Fri: 7.45am: Mass for the People.
 10am: Donal Maher, Clonaslée, Co Laois.
 7.30pm: Cathal Brohan, Hermitage. 1st Anniv
 Sat: 10am: Daniel, Ellen & John Kelly, Teresa Carroll,
 Marie & John McCarthy & Tom Sullivan, Ennis, London
 6.30pm: Mary Fitzgerald, St. Flannan's Tce. MM
Holy Family & Ennis National— Do this in Memory
 Sun 24th: 9am: Patsy Quinn, Clonroad.
 10.30am: Agnes Fox, Cornmarket St.
 Paul Shannon, Clarecastle.
 Pat, Molly, Rodger & Andrew Carey, Roslevan.
 Geraldine Kenny, Craqmohér, Corofin.
 Paddy & Kathleen Hynes, Willbrook, Corofin.
 12 noon: Marie Hogan, Shanaway. 1st Anniv

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 24th January, 2015

Readers: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 17th 11am: John & Annie Lane, Hermitage.
 Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
 Fri 9.30am: Maura, Joe, Johnny & Marie Griffey,
 Circular Rd., Inch & USA.
 Sun 24th 9am: Do this in Memory Scoil Chríost Rí.
 11am: Fergal Landy, Considine Rd.

Scoil Chríost Rí Cloughleigh is holding a clothes' collection fundraiser. If you are throwing out any old clothes after Christmas, 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 for info.

Hospital & Sick Calls

17th January, 2015

Priest on Duty:

Please call: 065 6869098



National Catholic Schools Week

January 31 - February 6, 2016



In this year of Mercy, Catholic Schools are challenged to proclaim God's Mercy. It is hoped that schools and families will enable children to be the face of God's Mercy in:

- the classroom,
- the playground
- the family
- the community

Dear God,

Help us to be open to the challenge of proclaiming your mercy in the modern world. Guide our school to be rooted in your example. Open our hearts to reflect your loving mercy in all we do, and inspire us to be brave in answering the call to 'proclaim your mercy'. As we journey through this week, strengthen us to reignite the Catholic ethos upon which our school was formed. **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
 10th January, €7945.00

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: Brid Madigan, Ivy Hill.
 Sun 17th 10.00am: Thomas (Toss) O'Sullivan, New Rd.
 11.30am: Ann O'Connor, Corrovorrin Grove.
 Mon 11am: John Downes, Marian Avenue.
 Tues 11am: Mary O'Rourke, Miltown Malbay.
 Wed 11am: Joseph Summerville, Fergus Lawn.
 Thu 11am: John McDermott, Doonbeg.
 Fri 11am: Lena, Gus & John Hynes, Drumcliffe.
 Sat 11am: Denis Callinan, Shannon Park, Lifford.
 7pm: Paul Byrnes, Gort Road. MM
 Sun 24th 10am: William & Mary Lynch, Corrovorrin.
 11.30am: Peter Burke, Lifford Rd.

The monthly Mass of the Ennis Padre Pio prayer group will be held in the Friary, Ennis on Wed 20th January, 2016 at 7.30pm. All are welcome.



Clare Type 2 Diabetes Support Meeting.

The Clare Type 2 Diabetes Support Group will have their next meeting on Tuesday, January 19th, in The Temple Gate Hotel at 8pm.

The Annual 10k Burren Walk in aid of the Clare Branch of the Alzheimer Society will take place on Sunday February 14th from O' Donoghue's Pub in Fanore. Sponsorship cards available from the Alzheimer Society, Cuan an Chlair, Cahercalla, Ennis - 065 6868621/6845835

The Miltown Malbay Men's Shed has bird boxes, bat boxes and owl boxes available. Those boxes are suitable for the grant applications under the GLAS scheme for farmers. All types and sizes available. Ring 089-2520436 for more information and orders.

Cahercalla Community Hospital & Hospice acknowledge with gratitude the sum of €1,462.35 proceeds from Christmas Carol Service collection in Cathedral on December 20th 2015.

Clarecare wishes to express its gratitude to all who made donations of food items at the Cathedral in aid of Clarecare Food Appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Milford Care Centre Annual 10k walk/ jog/ run will take place on Sun 31st Jan at 12 noon, commencing at UL Arena and finishing on the track in UL Campus. Any queries to 061 485859

Rest in Peace

Michael Bugler, Ballygirreen, Newmarket-on-Fergus.
 Nora Fogarty, Dublin, sister of Frances Arthur, Station Court; Frances Keville, Leixlip, sister of Angela O'Sullivan, Woodlawn; Nora Crerand, Letterkenny, mother of Gerry, Oak Pk; Paddy Darcy, Glenoir, late Shanaway Rd & Mullagh; Ann Burns, London, sister of Emmanuel Mc Mahon & Virginia Mc Keirnon.

*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.*

Celebrating Christian Unity Week 2016

An Invitation

to attend

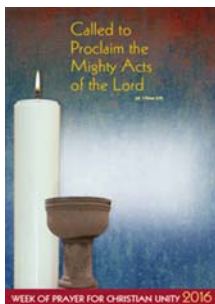
a Christian Unity

Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of

God with the Cathedral Choir

and Various Ennis Choirs

and all who enjoy singing.



Speaker: Artist- Holly Mullarkey

Date:- Thursday January 21st

Place: Church of Ireland Bindon St.

Time: 7:30pm

Theme: In reminding all Christians of their own baptism, it serves as a reminder of the Christian call to:

Proclaim The Mighty Acts Of the Lord' (1 Peter 2:9)

In Baptism we are called to spiritually encourage one another through prayer and dialogue to seek always the Unity of The Church.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Pope Francis has declared this year to be a very special year for the Church as he has inaugurated a Year of Mercy to run until November 22nd 2016. To celebrate this we are starting a Divine Mercy Prayer Group for Ennis. Anyone interested in The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Faith, the Gospel, Singing, Music, The Rosary and enjoying your faith are all very welcome, young and old, to come and share in the joy of prayer and faith.

We start Tuesday 19th at 8 pm in the Chapter Room with cup of tea afterwards.

Migrant Sunday

"Migrant and Refugees Challenge Us. The Response of the Gospel of Mercy" is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for Migrant and Refugee Sunday. On this day we are asked to remember in our prayers, those who have left our shores and those who have joined us here in our parishes from overseas.

Vocation to Diocesan Priesthood:

A Vocations Workshop is being organised for the Munster Dioceses inviting any person interested in being a diocesan priest to experience a time of reflection and discernment. The workshop is on February 5th-6th 2016 in Thurles and further details available from Fr. Ignatius McCormack, Killaloe Diocesan Vocations Director at 086 2777139



Primary School Enrolment For the School Year 2016 – 2017

Ennis Parish Schools' Agreed Application System. Parents/Guardians wishing to enrol their children into Junior Infants (2nd Class in The Holy Family Senior School) are advised that application forms are available from each school. The Closing Date for Receipt of Completed Application Forms is Thursday, February 4th 2016 at 3 p.m.

The agreed system operates for the following **Ennis Parish Schools, Ennis National School, Gaelscoil Mhichíl Ciosóg, Holy Family Junior School, Holy Family Senior School, Scoil Chríost Rí, Cloughleigh, CBS Primary School.** Completed Application Forms are to be returned to the school.

A lifeline for married couples.

Are you disillusioned or bored in your marriage? Feeling confused, stressed, unloved?

Separated, divorced, or thinking about it? Do you want to try again? You can improve your marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples worldwide work through challenging times. Tel 01 4953536
Next programme Feb 5th—7th 2016.

www.retrouvaille.ie

Céili in Cois na hAbhna on Sunday Afternoon 17th January with Striolán Céili Band. Dancing 3.00 - 6.00. This is a benefit Céili for Fleadh Nua 2016

Family Carers Ireland will commence QQI FETAC Level 5 Communications Module as part of the Full Healthcare Award in Limerick on 19/01/2016. For further information please contact the Training Department.

Knitter available for knitting baby & children's clothes. Contact Rose 087 6138481

Public Meeting of all election candidates

on Friday January 22nd, Clare Leader Forum (people with disabilities), Temple Gate Hotel, 11am-1.30pm. Author and advocate Leigh Gatte will chair this. **All welcome**

Contact: Pdraig 0861731955 or Susan 0861712648 susanobrien@dublincil.org

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.

Set Dancing classes in Woodstock Golf Club, Mondays 8.30pm. Everyone welcome. Contact 087 9738482

StepFitt 5 week programme comprising of Step Aerobics/Step Circuits, commencing Tues 19th Jan, 7pm-8pm and Thurs 21st Jan, 5.15pm-6.15pm, Gael Scoil Primary, Gort Road. Contact Clare on 0876855569 to book your place.



Live the Word:

Gratitude is a simple and effective way of recognising and being thankful for all you have in life. Practising gratitude brings content and happiness into your life and it is also an effective tool to use when times are challenging. Reflect and write down all the things you are grateful for and you will soon realise just how good your life is. and write down all the things you are grateful for and you will soon realise just how good your life is.

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

Lá Domhanda na nImirceach is na dTeifeach Inniu díreáir ár n-aire ar Imircigh agus Teifigh. Sa teachtaireacht thréadach a d'eisigh an Pápa Proinsias don ócáid speisialta seo i bhféilire na hEaglaise i 2015 chuir sé i gcuimhne dúinn go raibh íosa go mór ar thaobh an strainséara agus an díbeartaigh. Dúirt sé go mbíonn íosa Críost ullamh le go n-aithneofaí É i measc na n-imirceach, na dteifeach, na daoine easáitithe, na deoraí. D'iarr sé orainn ár gcuid a roinnt leo, nó cuid dár maoin féin a thabhairt suas dóibh. I rith na bliana gafa tharainn, chonaiceamar na mílte duine idir mhná, fhir is páistí ag teitheadh a dtíortha féin de bharr cogaí agus géarleanúna. Chuir na pictiúir a bhí le feiceáil sna meáin chumarsáide dubhachas agus gruaim orainn agus níl feabhas ar bith ag teacht ar an scéal. Ba cheart do Rialtais na dtíortha éagsúla agus dúinn go léir, a chinntiú go gcuirtear fáilte chroíúil rompu agus dídean a sholáthair dóibh. Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá ar a son, ár muintir mhuirneach, atá gan dídean:

A Thiarna Dia, Bí i bhfochair na himircigh agus an iad siúd a cuireadh as a seilbh.

Bí i bhfochair an duine nach féidir leis dul i dteagmháil lena mhuintir.

Bí i bhfochair an duine a lorgaíonn aghaidh cheanúil amháin os a chomhair.

Bí i bhfochair an duine a shantaíonn an teagmháil ghrámhar.

Cabhraigh linn lámh chaoín chúnta a shíneadh i dtreo do mhuintire ionas go dtógfar saol ceart cóir a mbeidh áit do chách ann. Áiméan

Today the Church remembers Migrants and Refugees. In his pastoral letter for this special Sunday in 2015, Pope Francis reminded us that Jesus always considered himself among the strangers and the outcasts. He said Jesus wishes us to recognise Him in the migrants, fugitives, exiles, dispossessed and in the stranger. He asked us to share our means and wealth with them. During the past year we saw thousands of people, women, men and children, fleeing their countries because of wars and persecution. We were saddened by the pictures of refugees published in the media and their suffering goes on. Governments and each one of us ought to make sure that they are welcome and that shelter is provided for them. We can recite this prayer for them:

Lord, be present to migrants and all those dispossessed.

Be present to those who cannot be with their own people.

Be present to those who long to see even one friendly face.

Be among those who yearn for a warm greeting. Help us to reach out to your people to create a just world for all. Amen

KILMALEY PARENT & TODDLER GROUP starts back on Thursday from 11-1pm at a new venue Woodstock Hotel (Leisure Centre). Parents, Toddlers & Babies are welcome for fun activities such as play, arts/crafts, singing & storytelling. Why not join us for a cup of tea and a chat! If you require further information please contact: Niamh on 0877424030 or Tricia on 0868349455

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

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 prophet Isaiah


Isaiah 62:1-5


About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded' for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, So will your God rejoice in you.


The word of the Lord


Responsorial Psalm

*Proclaim the wonders of the Lord
Among all the peoples.*

O sing a new song to the Lord,
Sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. 

Proclaim his help day by day,
Tell among the nations his glory
And his wonders among all the peoples. 

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
Give the Lord glory and power,
Give the Lord the glory of his name. 

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king'.
He will judge the peoples in fairness. 

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord,
And they are life:
You have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are

customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants. 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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

You have prepared a table for me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.