



# 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](mailto:info@ennisparish.com)  
St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6840715; Friary: 6828751

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

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

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

1st May 2016

## The Signs of the Times

Last month we celebrated Vocation Sunday but not without some concern. While we acknowledge the contribution of men and women who continue administering, we also realise that we are experiencing a vocation crisis in Ireland and especially in our own diocese of Killaloe.

There are no indications of upcoming ordinations to the priesthood for the foreseeable future. Priests and religious are getting older, fewer in numbers and people are wondering as to what the future holds. Because of the shortage of priests it is not possible to maintain traditional practices in the Church. Henceforth in recent years there has been a restructuring of parishes across the diocese where accommodation is made for the celebration of the Eucharist. Some parishes have been reduced to Saturday evening Mass – Vigil, and in some cases the practice of daily Mass has been reduced to para liturgies. This of course has not been met with general agreement or understanding. It is also recognised that Sunday Mass attendance has dropped in many places and religious values and moral standards are being questioned.

All of this may sound negative but there are visible signs of hope. Respective Diocese across the country are conducting broad discussions and there is a sense of urgency on the part of the laity to address the situation and plan for the future. Voices are being heard and change is being called for not just words but positive realistic steps for the implementation in dealing with this crisis. Structures are in place as outlined in the Diocesan Plan – Builders of Hope –

initiated by both Bishops Willie Walsh and Kieran O'Reilly. However it will take time, patience and co-operation to implement these plans.

Pope Francis since assuming his Pontificate has repeatedly addressed difficulties of the Church in the modern world. He refers repeatedly to 'stagnation' and is calling for an overview of the Church's traditional model of ministry. While the Church is challenged by many difficulties it is imperative that the people of God understand, appreciate and co-operate in the formulation of new models of ministry that are called for. It leaves each of us in our individual way to recognise the challenge and create an atmosphere of trust that the Church will walk with renewed energy and face the difficulties that we are faced with.

The Church in Ireland has been impacted by a wave of secularism and negative media vibes but nonetheless there is a growing awareness that both Church and State must grow out of the morass that stifles growth and vitality. At the same time, we pride ourselves in the spiralling potential of young people who despite many difficulties are carrying the torch that Pope Francis has ignited into the foreseeable future.

*Hope*  
CHANGES EVERYTHING

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**6.30pm:** Josie Kerin, Templemaley. **1st Anniv**  
**Sun 1st May 9am:** Michael Coote, Cornmarket St.  
 Michael Garry, Lissaniska. **1st Anniv**  
 Francis Anthony McDonnell.  
**10.30am:** Owen Linnane, Parnell St.  
 Joe O'Sullivan, Hermitage.  
 Chris Meaney, Limerick Rd.  
 Marie Deegan, Ashfield House.  
 Ruth Hanley, Willsgrove, Cahercalla.  
 Michael Joseph Doherty, &  
 Ashline & William Carr Sr., Mervue, Galway.  
**12noon:** Maura Tuohy, Clonroad. **1st Anniv**  
**Mon: 7.45am: Bank Holiday (No Mass).**  
**10am:** Thomas Nihill, Francis St.  
**2pm:** Kevin Maughan, Childers Rd. **MM**  
**7.30pm:** Sullivan family, Patrick St., Clarecastle.  
**Tues: 7.45am** Book of Intentions.  
**10am:** Patrick & Kieran O'Loughlin, St. Michael's Vls.  
**7.30pm:** Jimmy Kelly, Kilrush Rd.  
**Wed: 7.45am:** Patrick Keane, McNamara Park.  
**10am:** Tom, Sheila, Ptk, Bridget & Peggy Cotter, Loughville.  
**7.30pm:** Rita & Martin O'Connell & son Eoin.  
**Thurs: 7.45am:** Cullinan family, Drumcliffe Rd.  
**10am:** Lynch family, Drumbiggle.  
**7.30pm:** Michael & Teresa Slattery, St. Michael's Vls  
**Fri: 7.45am** Mass for the People.  
**10am:** Donors' Intentions.  
**7.30pm:** Frances Coffey, The Crescent, & New Rd. **MM**  
**Sat: 10am:** Paschal Molloy, Hermitage.  
**4pm:** Julia McDonagh, Waterpark Heights. **MM**  
**6.30pm:** Mary Jane McMahon, College Rd. **MM**  
 Mary Hynes, Kilnoe House, Clare Rd. **MM**  
**Sun 8th 9am:** Frank O'Dwyer, Clonroadbeg.  
**10.30am:** Kitty Smyth, Carmody St. **MM**  
 Ann Lacey, College Green  
 Michael Connellan, Ard na Gréine  
 Marian O'Loughlin, Lifford Rd.  
 Nicholas Purcell, Aidan Park, Shannon.  
 Ita O'Shea, Clonroad.  
 Donal MacMathuna, Ballybeg  
**12noon:** Mary Pearce, Ennis & Florida. **1st Anniv**  
 Tommy Dormer, Ivy Hill **MM**

### Roster for Cathedral: Sunday 8th May, 2016

Readers: Group 4  
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2  
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 1st May 9.30am:** Teresa Nugent, Cusack Rd.  
**11am:** Eugene White, Mungret & Considine Rd.  
**Mon 9.30am:** Michael O'Rourke, Ennis.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Wed 9.30am:** Marion & John O'Brien, Moyglass.  
**Fri 7.30pm:** Bene Merenti Award, Mary Corey.  
**Sun 8th 9.30am:** Michael Nihill, Shallee Drive.  
**11am:** Jim (Seamus) McNamara, Kilkishen & London.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for  
 Sunday, 30th May: €7,294.00

## Hospital & Sick Calls

1st May, 2016

### Priest on Duty:

Please call: 065 6869098

**Wednesday: Fr. Tom Hogan**

Please call: 065 6869098



### Friary News

First Saturday is May 7th .  
 The Rosary is ongoing in  
 The Friary Church Francis St  
 after 10am mass. Please come  
 and Pray with us. "Prayer is a  
 weapon".

The next meeting of the Secular  
 Franciscan order will be held on  
 Wed 4th May. Mass will be  
 celebrated at the evening session  
 at St. Anthony's Hall 7.30pm and  
 the morning meeting at the Friary  
 will be the same as usual.

### Newly Baptised



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

**Sara Maggie** McHugh; **Tommy**  
**Lee Quinn;** **Alexa Maria** Sheen;  
**Roma Sprekte;**



**1st Saturday** devotions in  
 honour of Our Lady of  
 Fatima, in Cathedral next  
 Sat. Adoration of the Most  
 Blessed Sacrament with  
 Confessions, Rosary and  
 Benediction, after 10am Mass.

**A meeting of St Joseph's  
 Young Priests' Society** takes  
 place after 7.30pm Mass in St  
 Josephs on Friday May 6th. **All  
 are welcome.**

### Rest in Peace



**Seamus Purcell**, late of  
 Brownstown, The Curragh,  
 Co. Kildare & Ard na  
 Gréine, Ennis; **Owen Morgan**,  
 Roscommon, brother of Cathy  
 Armstrong, Mountain view & Ann  
 Morgan-Hayes, Willow Pk;  
**Paschall Moloney**, died in  
 London, formerly of Steele's Tce  
 & Mc Hugh Villas; **Tom Giblin**,  
 Carrick on Suir, father of  
 Catherine Flynn (Flynn's Chemist)

**Mass & Anointing for people  
 with disabilities and chronic  
 illnesses** in Ennis Cathedral  
**Wednesday, 25th May; 2pm.** Fr  
 Tom Hogan, PP will be Chief  
 Celebrant and Homilist.



## 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:** Bernadette Kelly, Clonroadmore.  
**Sun 8am:** Joan & Patrick Barry, St. Senan's Rd.  
**10am:** Denis McInerney, Shannon Park.  
**11.30am:** Donors' Intention.  
 Anthony Forde & Family, Birmingham & Roscommon.  
**Mon 11am:** Nora Ryan, Old Gort Rd. **1st Anniv**  
**Tues 11am:** Mary & Mickie O'Gorman, Marian Ave.  
**Wed 11am:** Eileen Leyden, London.  
**Thu 11am:** Eileen Cosgrove, Kincora Park.  
**Fri 11am:** Michael, Patrick & Eileen Griffin, Loughburke.  
**Sat 11am:** Dwain Walzer, USA.  
**Sat 7pm:** Frank Gibbons, Kincora Park.  
**Sun 8am:** Reidy & Kelly families.  
**10am:** Joseph Arthur, Gort Rd.  
**11.30am:** Martin & Kathleen Kelly, Old Gort Rd.

### May Devotions in honour of Our Lady

We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one  
 decade), particularly during May.

- Corrovorrin Crescent, Rosary, daily, 7pm.
- Gallows Hill, Rosary, daily, 7pm
- Rosary, Our Lady's Shrine, Dalcassian Pk; daily, 7pm.
- St. Michael's Villas Grotto, Rosary, daily, 7pm
- Lees Rd, 16th May 7pm, Rosary & Benediction
- May Procession from Christ the King Church to Davitt Tce, Grotto May 23rd 7pm- (weather permitting).
- Loughville 30th May, 7pm, Rosary & Benediction.

### Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flowers of the rarest  
 bring blossoms the fairest,  
 from gardens and woodlands  
 and hillside and dale;

Our full hearts are swelling,  
 our glad voices telling  
 the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!



### Chorus:

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!  
 Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.  
 O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,  
 Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

Their lady they name thee,  
 Their mistress proclaim thee,  
 Oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true  
 As long as the bowers  
 are radiant with flowers,  
 as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.

**Bank Holiday Monday  
No 7.45am Mass  
In Cathedral**

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite) takes place on **Sunday 1st May 2016 at 5.30pm in St. Joseph's Church.** All are welcome.



**Taize Prayer:** Monthly gathering for Prayer singing the songs of Taize. Short reading from scripture, a little reflective silence. Church of Our Lady, Roslevan. Thursday 5th May. 7.45pm – 8.30pm. All welcome.

**Eire Og GAA club** fundraising event at Limerick Greyhound Stadium on Sat night 7th May 2016. Tickets €10 can be obtained from the Club House or from the following: Gerry Curran 087 1239392; Mary Mc Mahon 086 8117373; Deirdre Sheehan 087 7911728; Return Bus available at €5 return but must be booked in advance. Come along, support the club and enjoy the craic."

**Ennis Mental Health Association** are hosting a public talk "*Flagging Anxiety and Panic*". Guest Speaker Dr. Harry Barry, Temple Gate Hotel Wednesday 4th May; 7:30pm; Admission €5.

**Ennis Tidy Towns** are hosting **Ennis Spring Clean 2016;** Sat May 7th; 11am - 1pm. The Committee appeal to all in Ennis to become active and engaged in presenting our town at its best, in advance of Fleadh Cheoil na h-Eireann 2016. Your contribution is valued and can make a real difference. Together we can transform our town. Bigi linn. You can join the weekly Clean ups Monday evenings 7pm Abbey St Car Park or paint and present your own property at its best and encourage others to do likewise. Ar aghaidh linn le cheile ar son Muintir na h-INSE.

**Reflection for the  
Year of Mercy**



I was asked what I thought about the word Mercy. I thought straight away of the word forgiveness but it really expands a bit more. I think of all the things we do in our every day lives, helping family, friends and neighbours, even if it's only to listen, say something nice and having a Christian way in all that you do. Life is a journey and the path you choose is the path of mercy, respect, understanding, forgiveness and love. These are all qualities we need to have to enable us to be strong and show a good example to others. Nobody is perfect and God only wants us to pray and do our best and our best is good enough. Life is precious-live it well!

*Bella Hehir.*

**Lourdes Diocesan  
Invalid Fund**

(Church Gate Collection)  
takes place on this weekend Sat. Apr 29th & Sun. May 1st. Envelopes can also be left at Parish Office.  
**Please support.**

**As part of the Bealtaine Festival Willfredd Theatre presents 'Care';** In 2013, Willfredd Theatre developed the show 'Care' with various Hospice Staff. Production is in response to interactions personally with Hospices in Ireland. It explores different aspects of day to day life of Hospice Staff, presented through the form of live music, verbatim txt and dance. 'Care' is A Show about People bringing Life to days if not Days to Life; **Glór Theatre, Ennis, Thursday May 5th; 8pm. Proceeds to Cahercalla Hospice Fund.**

**Coláiste Muire Young St. Vincent de Paul** are hosting a coffee morning on Friday 6th May after 10am Mass in the Chapter Room. All are welcome. No donation required!

**Volunteer needed:** Do you have the gift of music, would you be available once monthly? Would you be available once monthly 2-3.30pm? A group of people aged from 40 to 60 would like to experience your gift. Contact Mary 087 9948175.

**A MUSICAL EVENING of 3 in support of the Mid West Simon Community.** Performances By: LIMERICK GOSPEL CHOIR; CAPRICCIO STRING QUARTET; GLENSTAL BOYS' CHOIR with Special Guest MC; Redemptorists' Church, South Circular Road, Limerick Thursday 19th May 8pm: Tickets €10 available from Mid West Simon Office Wood Quay, Ennis; Telephone: 065 9080871

**Weekend Retreat in the Burren. 6th - 8th May.** Why not come on a guided journey to the most secret and sacred places in the Burren and let the silence and beauty of this unique landscape renew in body and soul? Further information from Mary at 087 970 1130.

**The Killaloe Diocese is pleased to invite you to attend the 'Your Kingdom Come: A Spirituality of JPIC' talk** which will be delivered by Fr. Gearóid Ó Conaire OFM. Tuesday 17th May, 8pm in the Pastoral Centre, Ennis. Themes which will be explored include: An introduction to Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC); JPIC's foundation in Scripture, Church documents and Catholic Social Teaching; The role of JPIC in the life of the Church and its members. This is an excellent opportunity to look at the values behind JPIC and to learn more about its place in our own lives and in the life of our Diocese and parishes.



***Sr. Eileen's Cúinne***

Bealtaine.

Thugamar féin an Samhradh linn. Inniu lá Bealtaine. Ba cheann de cheithre mhórfhéile na gCeilteach í. Mí na Bealtaine, mí na Maighdine Muire, mí na mbláthanna, mí na cuaiche, eochair an tSamhraidh. I mí na Bealtaine, bí linn a Thiarna. Is iad intiinní and Phápa do mhí na Bealtaine ná: Go raibh urraim is ómós do mhná á gcleachtadh i ngach tír ar domhan agus go raibh ardmheas ar an obair ríthábhachtach a dhéanann siad ar son na sochaí. Go n-úsáide teaghlaiigh comhludair agus grúpaí an Choróin Mhuire mar urnaí na soiscéalaíochta agus na síochána. Tá nós ag daoine altóir a chruthú ina dtithe in onóir na Maighdine Muire i rith mí na Bealtaine agus an Choróin Mhuire a rá gach lá. Tá an nós seo beo fós i roinnt mhaith scoileanna. Ba mhaith an rud é na gnásanna seo a chaomhnú agus sinn ag guí.

**A Mhuire, is tú banríon na bhflaitheas, díontóir na bhfíorlag, farraige na daonnachta, bean réitigh na feirge, idirmhínehoir na ngearánach, seomra séad na suáilci, tuile na ngrás agus tonn Chliodha na Trócaire. Aimeán.**



May

Today is May day. It was one of four festivals celebrated by the ancient Celts. Month of May, month of Our Lady, of flowers, of the cuckoo, the key to Summer. In the month of May, be with us O Lord. The Pope's intentions for this month are: That in every country of the world, women may be honoured and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed. That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace. It is still a custom to have a May altar in homes and recite the rosary daily during the month of May. This custom is kept in many schools. It is good to continue such customs as we pray:

**Virgin Mary, you are queen of heaven, protector of the weak, sea of kindness, pacifier of the complainer, fount of virtue, fullness of grace, the Cliodhna wave of mercy. Amen.**

**SAFEGUARDING** Children have a key place in the heart of Jesus who said: 'whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it' (Luke 18:17). This places a sacred obligation on the Church to ensure that children are welcomed, cherished and protected in a manner consistent with their central place in the life of the Church.

**University of Notre Dame Folk Choir, U.S.**

The Folk Choir of The University of Notre Dame, U.S., will give a concert in the Cathedral, Ennis, on Tuesday, May 24th at 8.30pm. The 53 voice choir, who are being hosted in Tulla, have performed in Ennis four times in the past. Their music is an uplifting and joyous experience, and is used in many of our churches in Ireland. Making a guest appearance with the choir will be the children of Knockanean School, Ennis. The choir will also perform in Tulla on Wednesday 25th May in collaboration with the choirs of East Clare. The concerts are free of charge, but any donations will support Sláinte an Chláir, Kilmamona. For information: phone 086 6088371

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, 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.

### A reading from The Acts of the Apostles Acts 15:1-2.22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barrabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

"The apostles and elders send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.

### The word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

*Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God; Let all the peoples praise you.*

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. R

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. R

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. R.

### A reading from the book of the Apocalypse Apo. 21:10-14.22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

### The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus said: 'if anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him .*

*Alleluia!*

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

### The Gospel of the Lord

### 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.**

### 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

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.