

Ennis Parish News

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

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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Second Sunday of Lent - 21st February, 2016 (Year C)

CLIMBING MOUNTAINS

I recently accomplished the arduous yet ultimately supremely rewarding task of climbing Mullagh Mór near Kilnaboy in Co. Clare. Whilst perhaps this effort may not have equalled the exploits of those who have climbed Mt. Everest or indeed even Croagh Patrick,

my mountaintop experience is still one that for a few fleeting yet pleasurable moments gave me fresh insight into the transitory yet stunningly and breathtakingly beautiful nature of life.

The Chinese poet and artist Shen Zhou wrote of his own mountaintop experience when he says:

"White clouds sash-like wrap mountain waists,

The rock terrace flies in space, distant, a narrow path.

Leaning on a bramble staff, far and free I gaze, To the warble of valley brook I will reply, whistling."

This may seem a far cry from the wild barren lands of Mullagh Mór and its 4 legged goat inhabitants, but in reality the two experiences are not so different; and both experiences echo softly of the journey of life. The excursion up the mountain is often treacherous, forcing us to endure the perils of climbing. Unsure

footing is a real facet of a life which, all too regularly, seems to stumble along that narrow path. Where do we find our support in these times? What is the bramble staff upon which we lean in times of distress?

At the top of Mullagh Mór one



can look out on the vast expanse of land, formed carefully by God's hand through the medium of the glaciers and other erosive forces over hundreds of years. Disturbed only by the sight of the inquisitive mountaintop goats it is easy to feel overawed at the wonder of creation. In these times, it may seem as though our breath, our presence and our existence is worth little more than the poet's whistle on the wind. Yet, for me, in these

moments it is a great consolation to realise that God loves me and that despite my smallness in comparison with the enormity of creation, he cares very deeply for me, loves me despite my faults and speaks to my heart.

That is true transfiguration... the realisation of my own worth before the almighty God... so with hope renewed and senses refreshed, perhaps it may be time to begin the descent down the mountain...

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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Cyril Lane, Tobertaoscan. 1st Anniv. Brid Vaughan, College Rd. MM Sun 21st: 9am: Gerry Keane, St. Anne's Tce.

James O'Halloran, Clare Rd.

10.30am: James (Jim) O'Halloran, Dalcassian Ave. Kathleen Sorce, Cappamore, Barefield. Pauline Cullinan, Tulla Rd.

> Margaret & Paddy Rynne, Lissycasey. Tony Dargan, Limerick Rd.

Mabel & Cormac McGuinness, Clonroadmore.

12 noon: Donal Ryan, Brooklyn, Cusack Rd. Mon: 7.45am: Nora Meaney, Cranny. 10am: Andrew McShea, Showgrounds View. 7.30pm: Elizabeth & Jacksie Russell, Kilrush Rd. Tues:7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: John Barry, Limerick.

7.30pm: Maisie O'Loughlin, Golf Links Rd. Wed:7.45am: Eileen Dunne, Clare Rd. 10am: Danny Greene, Cahercalla Rd. 7.30pm: Tom Flynn, Golf Links Rd.

Thurs:7.45am: Jane Gallagher, Newmarket-on-Fergus. 10am: Bridget, Patrick & Dalton family, Co. Waterford.

7.30pm: Mary Hehir, Connolly Villas. Fri:7.45am Mass for the People. 10am: Thomas Kenny, Maurice's Mills.

7.30pm: Tony Sharkey, Cahercalla Estate. MM Sat:10am: Nora & John McGrath, Considine Rd. 11am: James & Mary McMahon, Summerhill.

6.30pm: Teresa (Dudie) McDonagh, Turnpike Rd. 1st Anniv

Sun 28th: 9am: Johnny Purcell, Ard na Gréine.

10.30am: Frank Lillis, Beechpark.

Bryan & Nancy MacMahon, Woodlawn. Gerry Brady, Ballybeg. James Burke, Park Avenue. Bridie Coffey, Ballynacally.

Presentation of the Creed—RCIA 12noon: Ann Barrett, Willow Park. 1st Anniv.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 28th February, 2015

Readers: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2 **Eucharistic Ministers Sunday:** Group 1



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun9.30am: Gerard & Evelvn Moloney, Dalcassian Ave. Mon 9.30am: Garry Murphy, Considine Rd.

Gabriel Kerin, Considine Rd. 1st Anniv

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Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 28th 11am: Lucille Hayes, Pearse Ave.

Rest in Peace

IN HEHORY Donny Houlihan, Newport, sister of Sr. Cecilia Houlihan, St. Xavier's Convent; Peggy McKee, Dublin, mother of Patricia Hanna, St Columba's, Bindon Street; James (Ando) White, Dalcassian Pk; Gemma Carcaterra, Glór, Ennis;

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.

Hospital & Sick Calls

21st February, 2016 Priest on Duty:

Fr. Dariusz Plasek Please call: 065 6869098 Wednesday:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman Please call: 065 6869098

Newly Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Aaron Gavin Dinan; Lily May Rose McCarthy; Mia Kelly Cotter; Beth Louise Hehir; Jack Joseph Kelly; Thomine Hollie Ciara Nagle;

Year of Mercy



We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our

salvation depends on it. the bridge that Mercv: connects God and (us), opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness. (# 2)

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



Holy Week

As part of the Easter Ceremonies during Holy Week, a garment is sewn together from pieces of from material gathered people in the Community. If you would like to be part of the garment, you may leave a piece of material in the box on the sanctuary in the Cathedral.

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: Patrick O'Donovan, The Crescent. Sun 21st 8am: Margaret McMahon, Loughville. 10am: Barry O'Connor, Pearse Ave. MM

11.30am: John Mulkerrins, Marian Ave. 1st Anniv.

Mon 11am: Margaret McCarthy, Cree.

Tues 11am: Mary Meehan, Kilrush. 1st Anniv. Wed 11am: Decd McCormack Family, Tulla Rd. Thu 11am: Cahill & Walsh families, Mallow, Co. Cork.

Fri 11am: Mary Sweeney, Shannon Park. Sat 11am: George O'Neill, Clareabbey.

Louis Preston, St. Senan's Rd. 1st Anniv.

12 noon: Peg Roche, Kincora Park. MM 7pm: Pat O'Brien, Shannon Park. Sun 28th 8am: Anna Casey, Marian Ave. 10am: James & John Sexton, Miltown Malbay. 11.30am: Brendan Armstrong, Mountain View.

Dr Seán Healy, Director of Social Justice Ireland, will deliver a talk entitled Building a Just Society on Wednesday 24th February. Social Justice Ireland works to advance the lives of people and communities through providing independent social analysis and effective policy development to create a sustainable future for society and its members. The lecture commences at 7pm and will take place in T1 18, TARA Building, Mary Immaculate College. Free admission and everyone welcome.

Lenten Talks - Doors into the Light: Speaker Fr. Denis Crosby, Liscannor; continuing Thursday 25th February; 8pm. Venue: Kilfenora School. No charge.

Maranatha Prayer Ministry invites you to the Healing Retreat 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

Bryan Kelly, Trócaire will speak at Masses this weekend in Ennis. This year's Trócaire Box features supporters from Ireland who are doing extraordinary things in the pursuit of justice and a fairer world. They cannot ignore poverty and they want to make a difference in whatever way they can. When you support Trócaire you are not just giving, you are joining the fight for justice. Find out how to help at 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.killaloediocese.ie/diocesan-news/hearinghappening-hoping-2016.html. The first three Sundays are available now, weeks four, five and six will be available later. These reflections were compiled by Fr. Seamus O'Connell, Maynooth, Jane Mellett, Dublin Diocese, Philip Carder, Armagh Diocese, Sr. Marie McNamara and Maureen Kelly Killaloe Diocese.

The first ever Munster Rally for Life Saturday, February 27th, assembling on The Grand Parade, Cork; 2pm. Join us in a celebration of life and to call for the protection of mothers & babies from abortion. See www.munsterrallyforlife.com and www.facebook.com/MunsterRallyforLife. There will be a special mass - presided over by Bishop John Buckley - before the rally, at 1.15pm; St. Peter & Paul's Church, Cork. Bus from Clare - contact Maria: 087 6217702.

Chapel Lane Market - indoor craft & food market Community Centre, Chapel Lane; every Saturday 10am-5pm. Info chapellanemarket@gmail.com Facebook: chapellanemarket

Lenten Talks 2016: Dominican Church, Limerick: presents Prophetic Voices - past and present: Tuesday 23rd Feb; 7:30pm: John Henry Newman – his prophetic journey. Dermot Mansfield is an Irish Jesuit, ordained in 1976, who has been mainly involved in retreat work and spiritual direction. Donation €5 invited. Entrance on Dominic St. to the hall adjoining the side of the church, opposite Costello's pub. Enquiries Dominican Priory ': 061 412 333, email: oplimerick@gmail.com.

Bereavement Support Information Evening will take place in Milford Care Centre on Tuesday 23rd February 2016 from 7-8.30pm. The evening will comprise of: Short talk by members of the Bereavement Service, Different experiences of Grief, Services available and Question Time. The information evening is Free.

Lollipop Day is the Oesophageal Cancer Fund's (OCF) national annual fundraising drive. On Friday February 26th and Saturday February 27th, a collection will take place in Dunnes Stores Ennis for Lollipop Day. Thank you.

The Banner GAA and Slainte an Clar (Clare Cancer Support) are having a fundraising Coffee morning this Sunday 21st February 9:30 - 1:30 in the Parish Hall ahead of their forthcoming cycle to Portlaoise. Your support would be appreciated.

Helping children learn; De Valera Public Library, Ennis. Members of the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB) will visit the De Valera Library, Tuesday, 23rd Feb from 6.15 -7.45pm to host an information session aimed at parents of children up to 12 years of age with the aim of enabling them to help their children learn. This free session will include information on learning styles, reading tips and useful resources, including what is available at your local library. Info contact Mary Flanagan (LCETB) on 065-6897645.

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.

Table Quiz; Friday 26th Feb; Hassetts Bar; Teams of 4; €40. Food & Spot Prizes!!! In aid of Ennis Musical Society 's 2016 production; Footloose

Table Quiz; In aid of Hospice Jinja Uganda; Dr Frank & Patricia Hassett's Project. The Shibeen, Doora. Sat. 27th Feb.; 8.30pm; All Welcome!

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 14th February, €7,273.00

Clare Parkinson's Support Group: Carrigoran Health & Wellness Centre, Newmarket-on-Fergus; 10am; 26th February. The aim of the Support Group is to be a source of help and information for people with Parkinson's, their families and carers. Meetings, which are informal, provide a chance to talk and discuss worries and experiences and may include a presentation by an invited speaker, such as a healthcare professional or complementary therapist. Info contact Frank: 086370 2207

Sláinte an Chláir, Clare Cancer Support, Kilnamona Centre are having a talk with questions and answers on nutrition for people with cancer. Saturday, Feb 27th, 11am. Tel: 087 6912396

An Tobar Nua Counselling service - struggling with life's issues? Call An Tobar Nua Counselling and make an appointment with one of the fully qualified counsellors. We offer a free & confidential service, available in person or via phone counselling. Office hours: Tuesday – Saturday. 10.30 – 4.30 Telephone: 091-562175 & Ask to speak to Tommy or Megan.

Research Gatekeepers requested for a study Do you know a single gentleman aged 85 years or over who is living alone in rural Munster? Would he be interested in talking about his day to day life which will involve at least two visits? If so, please contact John Hastings at: j.hastings@ucc.ie or on 021 420 5308. This research will explore how single men from the oldest old generation who are living in rural areas tell stories about and carry out their day to day activities.

Ennis Spring Stepfitt 6 week programme comprising of Step Aerobics will commence Tuesday 1st March 7-8 and Thursday 3rd March 5.15-6.15 in the Gael Scoil Primary, Gort Rd., to book contact Clare: 0876855569.

Limerick Choral Festival Society is thrilled that the world-famous Palestrina Choir from St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin are coming to Limerick for the very first time - to perform at the opening concert of this year's choral festival (26th-28th February). The concert takes place on Friday, 26th February at St. Joseph's Church, O'Connell Ave, commencing; 7:30pm. Tickets from the Abbey Bookshop, O'Connell Street (€15/€12) or www.litmt.ie. Limited tickets will also be available at the door. More information: www.limerickchoralfestival.com.

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 at 8pm. Tickets are available from Secretary Aisling Finn 085 170 5735 or from Woodstock Hotel.

Healing Programme for People Bereaved by Suicide: Are you finding it difficult to cope with the death by suicide of a family member or friend? You could get help at a Healing Programme organised by Clare Suicide Bereavement Support at their premises in Innovation House (near Liddy's), Roslevan Centre, Tulla Rd. Ennis starting at 8pm on Monday February 29th.and continuing for eight consecutive Mondays. Please feel welcome to come and meet others in the same position as yourself. Info 087 3698315 or 086 0565373, www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

An Dara Domhnach den Charghas

Inniu an dara Domhnach den Charghas agus is féidir machnamh a dhéanamh ar gurbh é losa a chuir an bás ar ceal agus an bheatha siorraí chun solais. Cuirtear dhá mhór eachtra i scéal losa os ár gcomhair sna léachtaí inniu. Chuir Dia in iúl do Abráhám sa Sean-Tiomna go mbeadh beannacht ar a shliocht, an pobal tofa agus gur trí Abráhám a dhéanfadh ciníocha uile an domhain iad féin a bheannú.

Feicimid eachtra eile. Bhí dóchas ag teastáil ó na deisceabail ó Íosa sular thosaigh Sé Turas na Croise agus a pháis. Sheol Sé Peadar, Séamas agus Eoin suas ar chnoc Tabor. Chonaic siad Íosa faoi chló nua lonrach agus Maois agus Éilias beirt de mhórphearsain Iosrael in éineacht leis. Tar éis Claochlaithe ar an sliabh thuig na deisceabail nár ghnáthdhuine a bhí in Íosa. Labhair Peadar: "A Thiarna," ar seisean le hÍosa, "is maith mar tharla anseo sinn: más maith leat é, déanfaidh mé trí bothanna san áit seo, ceann duit féin, ceann do Mhaois agus ceann d'Éilias." Chuala siad glór as na scamaill "Is é seo mo Mhac mhuirneach dár thug mé gnaoi: éistigí leis. (Matha 17:1- 5)Bhí eagla an domhain ar na deisceabail ach labhair Íosa leo. "Éirígí," ar seisean; "ná bíodh eagla oraibh." Ar dhearcadh suas dóibh, ní raibh neach ar bith le feiceáil acu ach Íosa féin amháin. Cosúil leis na hAspail, go líontar ár gcroí le buíochas agus dóchas le bheith réidh le haghaidh pé fadhbanna agus trioblóidí a bheidh le fulaingt againn sa saol seo. Áiméan

Today is the second Sunday in Lent and we can reflect that Jesus conquered death and revealed life everlasting. Two major events in the life of Jesus are recorded in today's readings. God revealed to Abraham in the Old Testament that he and his descendants would be blessed and he would be the father of many nations.

We see another event. The apostles needed hope before Jesus began His passion. He took Peter, James and John to Mount Thabor. He was transfigured before them and Moses and Elias, two major characters in Israel appeared to them. After this the apostles understood that Jesus was no ordinary person. Peter spoke, Lord, it is good for us to remain here; if thou wish, let us make three tabernacles: one for thee and one for Moses and one for Elijah They heard a voice from the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him!" (Matthew 17:1- 5)The apostles were terrified but Jesus said to them"let us go and not be afraid. On looking up they saw nobody only Jesus. Like the Apostles, may our hearts be filled with gratitude and hope to be le bheith réidh le haghaidh pé fadhbanna agus trioblóidí a bheidh le fulaingt againn sa saol seo. Áiméan.

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.

Meditation with movement and beautiful inspirational music. Meditation with a difference on Wednesday 24th February in St Anthony's Hall, Francis St at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Further information: Mary at 087 9701130

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; Hide not your face from me.

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 Genesis Gen 15:5-12.17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him, 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land'. 'My Lord, the Lord', Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon'. He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves.

That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.'

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It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians Ph 3:17 - 4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us.

I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things.

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord.

I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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

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.

kingdom will have no end.

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

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.