



Ennis Parish News

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

Mass Times

Sundays:

Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm; Sunday: 9am, 10.30am & 12 noon
St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7pm; Sunday: 8, 10, 11.30am

Cloughleigh Church:- 9.30am, 11am

Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30pm; Sunday: 9.30, 10.30, 12.00 noon

Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45 a.m.

Weekdays:

Cathedral: Mon. – Fri: 7.45am; 10am & 7.30pm; 10am on Saturday

St. Joseph's:- Monday – Saturday: 11am

Cloughleigh Church:- Monday – Friday: 9.30am

Friary:- Daily: 10am & 1.05pm; 10am on Saturday

Poor Clare Monastery:- Daily at 7.45 am; Daily Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament from 4-6pm in the Chapel.

Phone Numbers:

Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: info@ennisparish.com

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

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th January, 2016 (Year C)

THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST

The first reading from Nehemiah presents Ezra, as priest, reading the book of the law to all the men, women and children of Israel. At the end of this reading, Ezra tells the people not to be sad but rather be happy and to celebrate this day greatly. Paul is celebrating the human body and the Body of Christ.

If we understand the workings of the human body, then we will come to see that all of us, as members of Christ's Body, the Church, need to work together to keep the Body of Christ together. We are members of this Body through our baptism. Each has a part to play in carrying out all the works of the Church. To do so, we have each received our own gifts and talents. In using these gifts to the best of our ability, we bring about a wonderful unity for all the churches. Mark relates the story of Jesus' standing before the Jews and proclaiming the scripture passage from Isaiah. This is a passage that should catch our attention and our response. Jesus proclaims that He has been anointed by the Spirit to proclaim liberty, recovery of sight, freeing the slaves, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord. Jesus completes this proclamation saying:

"Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your midst." What a statement! We are called to listen to these words and to see how we proclaim God's Word. To whom do we proclaim this message? Who is healed? What oppression has ceased because of our proclamation?



*You are the body of Christ!
Each one of you is a part of it.*

Take time to pray these words of Jesus. Allow yourself, feel Christ call. Notice how their call will help build up the Body of Christ. In what way will you put this scripture into practice today?

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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Holy Family & ENS Do this in memory.
Mary Fitzgerald, St. Flannan's Tce. MM
Sun 24th: 9am: Patsy Quinn, Clonroad.
10.30am: Agnes Fox, Cornmarket St.
Paul Shannon, Clarecastle.
Geraldine Kenny, Cragmoher, Corofin.
Paddy & Kathleen Hynes, Willbrook, Corofin.
Pat, Molly, Rodger & Andrew Carey, Roslevan.
12 noon: Marie Hogan, Shanaway Rd. **1st Anniv.**
Mon: 7.45am: Mary & Paddy Kissane, Hermitage.
10am: Deceased Sheehan Family, Drumbiggle Dr.
7.30pm: Michael & Helen Coffey, Hermitage.
Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Austin Nagle, Cahercalla Estate.
7.30pm: Ml., Mgt., & Ml. Jr. McMahon, Drumcaron.
Wed: 7.45am: Joe Coffey, Circular Road.
10am: Anna & Liam Cunningham, Ardlea Rd.
7.30pm: Peggy Flynn, Connolly Villas.
Thurs: 7.45am: Donors' Intentions.
10am: Austin O'Callaghan, Clancy Park.
7.30pm: Catherine Considine, Hermitage.
Fri: 7.45am: Mass for the People.
10am: PJ & Teresa Cassidy, Gallows Hill.
7.30pm: Nicola O'Sullivan, Ballyalla. MM
Sat: 10am: Patrick Toomey, McNamara Park.
6.30pm: Tom McGrath, Francis St. **1st Anniv.**
Sun 31st 9am: Eleanor Murphy, Inch.
10.30am: Galvin Family, Caherbanna.
Paul Dilleen, Shanaway Rd.
Con & Nuala Ryan, St. Michael's Villas.
Nuala Dinan, Newmarket-on-Fergus.
Johnny McNamara, Circular Road.
George & Margaret McMahon St. Michael's Villas
Lily Cusack, Parnell St. & Mary Cleere, Tubber.
12 noon: June Marshall, Victoria Ct, Cusack Rd. MM

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 31st January, 2016

Readers: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Do this in Memory, Scoil Christí Rí.
11am: Fergal Landy, Considine Rd.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 9.30am: Elizabeth Hanrahan & deceased family,
Circular Rd.
11am: Larry Clohessy, Hermitage.

Candlemas Day Tuesday February 2nd
Candles are blessed on this day to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. Candles (for church and home use) will be blessed at all the Masses. There has been a great tradition of people donating candles for church use. Suitable candles Boramix Beeswax size 7" x 1½ & Boramix ordinary candles size 9". Candles can be left at the Parish Office or Sacristy to be blessed on Sunday. Traditionally, this was the last day of the Christmas Season.

Hospital & Sick Calls

24th January 2016

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

Please call: 065 6869098

Wednesday:

Fr. Brendan Quinlivan

Please call: 065 6869098

Ennis Parish Faith Friends' Confirmation Programme. 24 transition year students from Rice College have attended classes in the parish- and are now prepared to be Faith Friends to the confirmation students at Ennis National School. The Faith Friends first night begins this coming Tuesday, 26th January in the parish centre at 7-8pm. Please keep them in our prayers over the next few weeks. Thank you to Mr. Cleary (Rice College) and the parents and staff at Ennis National for their encouragement of all students to be part of this parish event.

Newly Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Willow Maryann Barry, Lily Anne Hayes, Alannah Nancy Cording, Naoise Liliy Molloy Cole.



Rest in Peace

Nora Fogarty, Dublin, sister of Frances Arthur, Station Court; Mary Cleary, Lissycasey, mother of Christy Clearly, Pat McCarthy Shoes; Brid Vaughan, College Rd; Sr. Anne Hanberry, Cahercalla and Late Mercy Convent, Ennistymon; Margaret (Peg) Roche, Kincora Pk; Mary Galvin, Ballaugh Ennistymon and formerly of Ennis; Tony Sharkey, Cahercalla Est; Frankie Burke, Hermitage; Margaret Ann Holmes, Oak Pk & late Scariff; Erzsebet Wrchovszky, mother of Istvan Gyorf, Aughanteeroe;

To mark the Year of mercy we will continue to meet in the Chapter room every Tuesday evening at 8pm. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and read the subsequent week's Gospel. All welcome to join us in prayer for this very special hour.

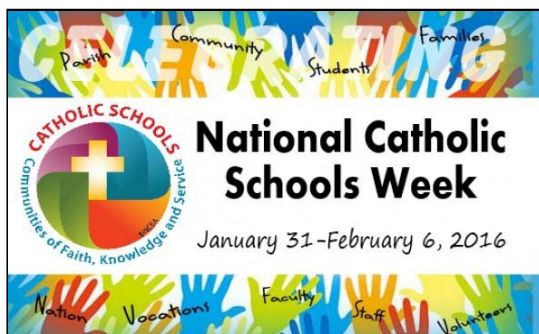


St. Joseph's

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: Paul Byrnes, Gort Rd. MM
Sun 10am: William & Mary Lynch, Corrovorrin.
11.30am: Peter Burke, Lifford Rd.
Mon 11am: Denis Willington, Dublin.
Tues 11am: Joseph McCarthy, Ballyvaughan.
Wed 11am: Kevin O'Doherty, St Michael's Villas. MM
Thu 11am: Agnes, Patrick & Sean Keane, Clare Rd.
Fri 11am: Deceased Duggan & Donnellan families, Clashduff, Kilkishen.
7pm: Frankie O'Connor, Pearse Ave.
Mary & Kevin O'Donoghue, Kinicora Park.
Sun 31st 8am: Joe Moran, Corrovorrin Grove.
10am: Mary Arthur, Gort Rd.
11.30am: Bill Hanrahan, Ashfield Park.



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

First Anniversary Mass. Eileen Power, Cahercalla Road, Mass at 12 noon in the Chapel at Cahercalla Hospital & Hospice on Saturday, 30th January.

Newsletter items to Parish Office

☎ 065-6824043 Fax 065-6842541

or email: info@ennisparish.com

Deadline is 12 noon on Tuesday.



Live the Word:

Life is very simple. Each one of us create our experiences through our thinking and feeling patterns. What we believe about ourselves and about life becomes true for us. If you wish to create change, change how you think, which will change how you feel and so create a change in your life.

Poker classic in aid of Clare Branch of MS (5 Card Straight Poker) on Fri 29th; 9pm; The Copper Jug, Lifford, Ennis. Tickets €20. Raffle on the night with great prizes. **Please support**



St. Brigid's Crosses for sale after all Masses this weekend: Cathedral; St. Joseph's and Cloughleigh. In aid of ME Association & Cuan an Chláir.

Family Carers Ireland are providing the QQI Level 5 Communications' Module as part of the Healthcare Support. Full Award training in your area based on demand in February 2016. To express your interest and for more information kindly contact the training unit on 0579370221

If you have experienced a personal setback, long-term illness, have a disability or are an early school leaver, National Learning Network's full-time QQI Level 3 Employability Skills Programme in Ennis will give you the confidence to open up new opportunities for further training or employment. To get more details on this 18 month Course based in Francis Street Ennis, contact Elaine or Geraldine on 065 6864560. If transport is a problem, talk to us about this!

Maidin na mBan, Inis: Caint agus Comhrá is inviting women who enjoy a chat in Irish to drop up to its next Maidin na mBan on Saturday, January 30th; 11am in Bia agus Caife, (near Friary). Caife le blas gaelach do dheireadh seachtaine na Féile Bhríde.
E: caintaguscomhra@eircom.net

Back to Education Initiative (BTEI), Further Education & Training Centre Clonroad Campus, Clonroad Business Park, Ennis are offering the following courses:

- Are you interested in working in an Office? We are planning a level 3 QQI programme commencing in early February. The aim of these classes is to introduce us to the practical skills of working in an office environment.
- Introduction to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) programme. This is an area of growth and subjects delivered are at the heart of a very wide variety of jobs and professions.
- Interested in exploring the creative, visual and collaborative world of drama. This QQI level 3 programme is for adults who wish to further develop their skills and knowledge in the area of drama and digital media both in the creative processes behind the scenes as well as in front.

For further details contact Martina Crowley-Hayes/Ellis Liddy 065 6843633
martina.crowleyhayes@lcebt.ie / eilish.liddy@lcebt.ie

The Priory Institute—Theology Matters! Join our great student community and study Theology from home. Application deadline is 22nd February, 2016. Phone 01 404 8124; email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com; WEB: www.prioryinstitute.ie

Pilgrimages 2016

Ennis Parish Pilgrimage to Poland: 13th May to 20th May 2016. Return flight from Shannon to Krakow, 7 nights' accommodation in three star hotel, half board, €990 pps. All baggage and check in fees included. Spiritual Director, Fr Tom Hogan, Leader, Mary O' Sullivan. Full time accompaniment by a Cultural Connections' representative. Last few seats remaining. For details and booking form, contact Mary at 0871247669.

Lourdes 2016: The 60th Pilgrimage from the Killaloe Diocese to Lourdes will take place from 26th June to 1st July. €687pps full board, no change in price. Book online at www.joewalstours.ie and get €10 discount. .

The Diocese of Killaloe pilgrimage to Rome during the Holy Year from 1st August to 6th August 2016. Accommodation will be at the Pontifical Irish College in the city centre. There will be an opportunity to attend a liturgy with Pope Francis and to walk through the holy doors in all four Papal Basilicas. The pilgrimage is being organised by Kieran Troy and a guide will be available throughout. The total cost per person sharing is €849. For further information, Telephone 057 9355050 (mornings only) or e mail info@culturalconnections.eu

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Two Pilgrimages will leave Shannon in September 2016. Sept 7th & 14th. Fully inclusive 7 Nights. €100 deposit by Feb 17th. Price is €649; after the 17th price is €699. Spiritual Directors Frs. Tom O'Gorman & Paddy Conway. Group Leader Jimmy Considine. Contact Jimmy @ 9059328 or 085 7385385.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 7 nights; 7th-14th & 14th-28th September ex Shannon; Price €689; Contact Bernadette Murphy 086163453

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: May 25th from Shannon for one week. Enquiries please to Kathleen Lee at 086 1031508.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: In response to Pope Francis call to the Year of Mercy, the Diocese of Killaloe is organising a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, direct from Shannon Airport to Tel Aviv, departing on **Sunday 23rd October 2016 and returning direct to Shannon on Monday 31st October.** €1430, half board, including all taxes, coaches and tips. 147 places available. Booking forms: Fr. Tom Ryan Shannon 061-364133 or Fr. Brendan Quinlivan Ennis Cathedral 065-6824043. The form can also be downloaded from the Killaloe Diocese website www.killaloediocese.ie.

Financial Wellbeing and Special Needs Trust Planning Workshop. Free information for Parents who have a child/adult with Special Needs. Thursday 28th Jan; 7-30 pm; Old Ground Hotel.

Lost / found:

Set of car keys lost in Ennis.

If found contact 087 1372946

Ring found recently in Ennis. If you lost a ring please contact 0876795213.

St Flannan's College Night Classes for Adults will resume on Feb. 3rd. Our Spring Schedule includes, among others, the following courses: Interior Design; Mosaic; Cake Decorating; Crochet; Make-Up; Yoga; Spanish; Make-up; Painting with Acrylics; Jewellery-Making, Herbal Medicine, Flower Arranging, etc. We also offer Saturday workshops in Photography, Millinery and Sugar-free Baking. Text/phone: 085 1670326 for full list and further details.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Lubhaile Bliain na Trócaire

I nuachtlioir na hEaglaise seo is minic a thugtar cuireadh dúinn cuairt a thabhairt ar Sheomra na Trócaire ar chúil na hArdeaglaise agus seal a chaitheamh inár suí, ag machnamh ar thíolacadh ghrásta Dé inár saol. Cuimhnimis ar Sheacht nObair na Trócaire mar atá:

Bia don ocrach
Deoch don íotach
Éadach don nocht
Aíocht don deorai
Cuairt ar easlán
Cuairt agus fuascaillt príosúnach
Adhlacadh na marbh.

A Uain Dé a thógann peacaí an domhain,
déan trócaire orainn. Áiméan.

In the parish newsletters we are often invited to visit the Year of Mercy Jubilee Room at the back of the Cathedral and experience the great gift of Mercy and the blessings it brings. We can reflect on the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy which are:

To feed the hungry
To give drink to the thirsty
To clothe the naked
To harbour the harbourless
To visit the sick
To visit the imprisoned
To bury the dead.
Lamb of God who takes away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us. Amen

The Alzheimer Society (DAYCARE CENTRE & OFFICE) has moved to Cuan an Chláir, Cahercalla, Ennis - Home Care - 065 6868621, Daycare - 087 9152151. Client vacancies at present in Daycare.

Meditation with movement and beautiful inspirational music. Meditation with a difference on Wednesday 27th January in St Anthony's Hall, Francis St at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Further information: Mary at 087 9701130

John Minogue Memorial 8km walk starts 12.30 & 40k cycle starts 11am, Sunday Feb 7th, Community Centre Milltown Malbay. In aid of Slainte an Chláir, Cystic Fibrosis and Burren Sub Aqua

Clare Parkinson's Support Group Carrigoran Health & Wellness Centre, Newmarket-on-Fergus at 10am on the last Friday of each month (29th January). The aim of this Support Group is to meet unmet needs for social support and be an additional 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. The Clare Parkinson's Support Group also arrange various activities that assist people living with Parkinson's such as Yoga, Dance and Tai Chi classes, outings and information meetings. There is a social aspect to each meeting including mid morning tea/coffee with freshly baked homemade scones! For further information contact Frank at 086 370 2207

Yoga with Rosie every Wednesday morning 10am to 11am (Drop in Class); Maria Assumpta Hall (beside Cathedral); €10 drop in €8 unwaged. Rosie: 086-4547827

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 17th January, €6,952.00

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendor,
strength and honour in his holy place.

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 book of Nehemiah

Ne 8:2-6.8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the
assembly, consisting of men, women, and children
old enough to understand. This was the first day of
the seventh month. On the square before the
Water Gate, in the presence of the men and
women, and children old enough to understand,
he read from the book from early morning till noon;
all the people listened attentively to the Book of
the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais
erected for the purpose. In full view of all the
people - since he stood higher than all the people -
Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all
the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord,
the great God, and all the people raised their
hands and answered 'Amen! Amen!'; then they
bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated
themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from
the Law of God, translating and giving the sense,
so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and
Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were
instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This
day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be
mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in
tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet
wine, and send a portion to the man who has
nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to
our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your
stronghold.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*Response: Your words are spirit, Lord and
they are life.*

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. *R.*

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. *R.*

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. *R.*

May the spoken words of my mouth,
The thoughts of my heart,
Win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! *R.*

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

1 Cor 12:12-30

Just as a human body, though it is made up of
many parts, is a single unit because all these
parts, though many, make one body, so it is with
Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised,
Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as
citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to
drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any
one of its many parts. Now you together are
Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of
it. In the Church, God has given the first place to
apostles, the second to prophets, the third to
teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the
gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with
many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all
of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do
they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the
gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages,
and all interpret them?

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to
the poor,*

To proclaim liberty to captives.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to
draw up accounts of the events that have taken
place among us, exactly as these were handed
down to us by those who from the outset were
eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my
turn, after carefully going over the whole story
from the beginning, have decided to write an
ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your
Excellency may learn how well founded the
teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him,
returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread
throughout the countryside. He taught in their
synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been
brought up, and went into the synagogue on
the Sabbath day as he usually did. He stood
up to read, and they handed him the scroll of
the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he
found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given
to me,

for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good
news to the poor, to proclaim liberty
to captives and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to
the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in
the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he
began to speak to them, 'This text is being
fulfilled today even as you listen.'

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

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
Let your faces not be abashed.