



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

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

24th July 2016

Some of God's Greatest Gifts

Garth Brooks reminds us that some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers and that truth has been expressed in music and literature

for a long time. At the turn of the 19th century J. J. Wagner wrote a spine-tingling story about a mother and father who were granted three wishes through the "tragic magic" of a monkey's paw. They wished first for two hundred pounds. That evening they were brought word that their son had been killed and partly mutilated by a machine in a

horrible accident where he worked. The company was compensating them with two hundred pounds.

How better it would have been if the answer had been "No." The story makes a profound point. Sincere prayer is not the superstitious rubbing of a

monkey's paw. Sometimes we do not know the consequences of our prayers, so a loving father has to answer "No."



The Lord's Prayer is an expression of faith. It assumes that human beings are not self-sufficient but dependent on God. It is not a sign of weakness to pray but a sign of our humanity. Prayer acknowledges our need for God. Prayer is surrender. In his book, The

Reaffirmation of Prayer, E. Glenn Hinson says that

"the key to human existence lies in surrender to God, putting one's self and one's affairs utterly and with complete child-like trust in God's hands."

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Flan Galvin, Tobartaoscaín. **1st Anniv**
Sun 24th: 9am: David Russell.
10.30am: Sue Hehir & Mary-Ellen Murphy.
 Brendan McLoughlin, Girroga Heights.
 P.J. Keane, Loughville.
 Dan Lane, Mungret, Limerick.
 Gemma Kelly, Ashfield Park.
12noon: Mary O'Rourke, Clonroad. **1st Anniv**
Mon: 7.45am: Miko Murríhy, Mullagh.
10am: John & Nancy Howard, St Michael's Villas.
7.30pm: Tom Kelly, Phoenix Court.
Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: John & Mary Dinan, Military Barracks.
7.30pm: Frank, Anne & Fred Coffey, Market St.
Wed: 7.45am: Michael & Margaret O'Doherty, Tulla.
10am: Stacey Maughan, Stonecourt.
7.30pm: Michael Moroney, Lower Limerick Rd.
Thurs: 7.45am: Michael & Margaret Keogh, Tulla.
10am: John Hayes, Hermitage.
7.30pm: John O'Neill, Dalcassian Ave.
Fri: 7.45am Nora Carroll, Gort Rd.
10am: Michael Brooks, Steele's Tce.
7.30pm: Ann Tuohy, Clancy Park. **1st Anniv**
Sat: 10am: Michael & Bridie O'Donoghue, Limerick Rd.
6.30pm: Jane (1st Anniv) & Kevin McKeon, Clonroad.
 Brid Staunton, College Green. MM
Sun 31st: 9am: Mass for the People.
10.30am: Paddy & Rose Gallagher, Donegal.
 Peggy Naughton, Dalcassian Park.
 Jim Howard, Shannon Pk. & Kilfenora.
 Kathleen Coffey, Mayo & Patrick Coffey, Tipperary.
12noon: Fr. Michael Hickey, The Market & USA. **1st Anniv**

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 31st July, 2016

Readers: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 24th 9.30am: Maureen Moroney, Clare Rd.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Thomas, May & Mary Costello, Kilmorane.
Sun 31st 9.30am: Catherine Guy, Circular Rd.



Sarah is honoured to be representing the Ennis Parish on this trip to Krakow for World Youth Day. Sarah's involvement with the Parish began aged 7 when she joined the Ennis Friary Junior Choir along with her sisters. From there, she was also a member of the Senior Choir and the Friary Folk Group. She is one of the Sunday Mass Cantors in Christ the King Church in Cloughleigh.



Hospital & Sick Calls

24th July, 2016

Priest duty phone:

065 6869098

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 at 8pm in the chapter room. All are welcome to come and pray and we hope to keep up the wonderful attendance and new friendships formed so far. There will also be a short Lectio Divina after the chaplet. All welcome.



Rest in Peace



Paddy O'Neill, Old Corrovorrin, Tulla Rd;
Patsy McDonagh, Ballyalla; **Noel Cassidy**, Galway & Ennis; **Patrick John (Paddy) Flynn**, Shallee Drive; **Michael Casey**, Turnpike Road; **Eileen Flanagan nee Gallery**, Rockmount House, Rockmount;

*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.*

Newly Baptised



We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Riley Louise Murphy**; **Caoimhe Marie Kilgallon**; **CJ Clancy**; **Ellie Jacinta Guilfoyle**;

Annual Mass at St. Joseph's Well, Our Lady's, Gort Road on 15th August at 8pm. All welcome.

Live the Word:



Today we read in the Our Father, "thy will be done". During the week let us pray for the courage and strength to avoid striving to be who others wish us to be and strive instead to be the person God wishes us to be. "Thy will be done."

Ennis Parish
 Development Fund for
 Sunday 17th July, €6,931

St. Joseph's

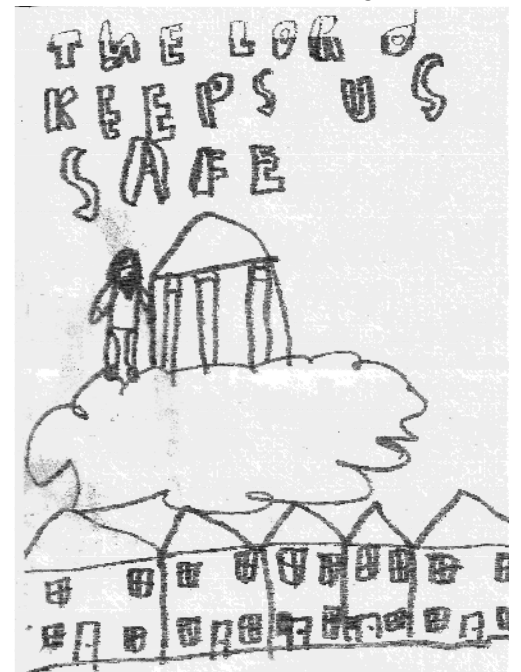


Mass intentions for scheduled Masses in St. Joseph's Church should be booked through the Parish Office. For all other events call Fr John 0656822166.

Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Mary Guilfoyle Sheridan, Marian Ave.
Sun 24th 8am: Sharon Griffin, Lifford Rd.
11.30am: May & Michael McEnery, Kilnamona.
Mon 11am: Sr. Maureen, Denis, Maureen & Kevin Dunne, late O'Connell Sq.
Tues 11am: Michael & Mary Ensko, Marian Ave.
Wed 11am: Vincent & Clare Killowry, Fergus Pk & Parnell St.
Thu 11am: Baby Joe Daly, Stamer Park.
Fri 11am: Brendan O'Donoghue, Castletawn.
Sat 11am: Maureen Kitson, Marian Ave. MM
7pm: Buddy Browne, Corrovorrin Crescent. **1st Anniv**
Sun 31st 10am: Justina Houlihan & family, Galway.
11.30am: Jeremiah Considine, Corrovorrin Crescent. MM

Reflection for the Year of Mercy



The Lord keeps us safe

Who is the Lord?

The Lord is God creator of anything in the world. He was the first man on earth. His son is Jesus.

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is something that people can have their own opinion on. I think it is the love of God, heart of Jesus.

How God keeps us safe.

God keeps us safe in many ways, if something happens to us God sends a sign to help you.

What is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is love.



Ronan Daly, aged 7 years



Sr. Ann Ryan RIP

Sr. Ann Ryan died peacefully and unexpectedly on the 12th July 2016 at St. Xavier's Convent, Ennis. A native of Annagh, Murroe, Co. Limerick, she was the second youngest of seven children, all of whom survive her. She entered St. Mary's Convent of Mercy, Nenagh, in 1963 and made final Profession of Vows in Birr Parish Church in 1971.

Having graduated from Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, she taught in Nenagh, Borrisokane, Killaloe and Ennis. She served as Principal in both Killaloe and Ennis. As a staff member in Holy Family Snr. School she was, for a few years, resource teacher shared with Scoil Chríost Rí, Cloughleigh. In retirement, Ann worked for five years in a variety of ministries.

Ann's bearing and personality endeared her to all. She was most often described as 'a real lady'. She bore years of physical suffering, including many terms of hospitalisation with great fortitude, patience, and a hope born of her trust in God.

Ann will be sadly missed by her siblings, her extended family, a wide circle of friends and her Mercy Community.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.

If you like books and would be willing to give 4 hours of your time per week we would be delighted & thankful at Bookstop, 8 Parnell St. Supporting Slainte an Chláir & Uganda. Please call to shop for application form or tel: 085 2405122

Lough Derg



Time for Body & Soul

Bookings now being taken for the Ennis Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg from: Aug 1st to 3rd; Bus & Island: €100.

Bookings & info.

Parish Office 065 6824043

Milford Hospice annual Harvest Fair celebrates its 31st Anniv and is scheduled for Sun 14th Aug at the University of Limerick. There will be a fun filled programme of entertainment. Items such as plants, bottles for the bottle stall and homemade cakes along with news items for the Wheel of Fortune will be accepted on the day only. For further details contact 061 485859

Foundation Ministries Ennis presents Afro-Irish Gospel Music Concert. Featuring Word of Life Gospel Choir, Assembly of God Gospel Choir, Polska Dancers and many more. Venue: Glor, Ennis on 30th July at 6pm. Tel. 065 686 4747.

Children's Tag Rugby Clare Summer Camp, Lees Road, Ennis July 25th to 29th, 10am to 2pm; Children aged 6-12 yrs welcome. No tag rugby experience necessary. Highly experienced tag rugby coaches/primary school teachers. Family discounts are available. Call Miriam 087 6155384 or Michelle 087 9859186.

Shannon Archaeological & Historical Society. A chance to learn about the fascinating complex of buildings at this monastic site with the opportunity to discuss design and technique of drawing and photography with experts. Bring drawing implements and camera. Meet at Kilmacduagh car park at 2pm.

Clare Youth Musical Society presents 'Hairspray Jr' Thursday 4th August and Friday 5th August in Glór! Tickets €10/€12 available from 6843103 or www.glor.ie

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Lá Domhanda na hÓige 2016

Comórfar Lá Domhanda na hÓige ar 25 - 31 Iúil i mBlia. Beidh na mílte oilithrigh ag teacht le chéile as gach aird an domhain i Krakow sa Pholainn. Ina measc beidh roinnt mhaith ó Éirinn ag guí chun Dé agus ag impi Air iad a threorú chun glacadh le Soiscéal Chríost. Beidh an Pápa i láthair ag guí leo agus ag léiriú a thacaíochta dóibh. Is ócáid suaitheanach é i mBlia mar ómós don Naomh Eoin Pól II a rugadh i Krakow agus a bhunaigh Lá Domhanda na hÓige sa bhliain 1985. Is é téama na bliana seo ná "Is méanar do lucht na trócaire, óir déanfar trócaire orthu" (Matha 5:7) Is mór an dúshlán atá roimh aosánaigh an lae inniu chun briathar Dé a chraobhscaoileadh. Go mbeimis i láthair leo go meanmnach i rith an ama ag guí chun Dé ar son Óige an Domhain go háirithe aos óg ár dtír féin. Ar scáth a chéile a mhairimid go léir. **A Dhia uilechumhachtaigh go bhfása ár n-aos óg i gcosúlacht Chríost in eagna agus i ngrásta. Áiméan.**

World Youth Day will be celebrated July 25th-31st July 2016. Thousands of pilgrims from all over the world, many from Ireland, will assemble in Krakow, Poland to pray to God and implore Him to direct their lives in accepting the Gospel. The Pope will be present to pray in solidarity with the youth. World Youth Day 2016 will be particularly significant as a tribute to Pope Saint John Paul II, founder of the World Youth Day in 1985 as he was Archbishop in Krakow before becoming Pope. The theme for this year is "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy" (Mt 5:7). Youth of today face the great challenge of proclaiming the word of God. Let us be with them in spirit through our prayers for all young people especially those in our own country. We all need each other's support. **Almighty God may our youth grow in the image and wisdom of Christ. Amen.**

Ennis Tidy Towns

There is ever increasing pressure on our environment in terms of the water and energy we use and the waste we create. However often times it can be hard to come up with ways to help at a household level. With this in mind Ennis Tidy Towns has a new *Sustainable Living* section on their website giving people a series of small, but effective, steps to help cut down on water and energy usage and tips to help prevent excessive creation of waste. Please check it out, and if you have any ideas you'd like us to share with the community make sure to let us know at info@ennistidytowns.com or through Facebook! **Ennis Tidy Towns - working together to build a better future.**

Pray for the victims of Nice

Following on from the shocking events in Nice last week where 84 people lost their lives there will be a short prayer & remembrance service held at the O'Connell Monument in Ennis on Monday, July 25th, beginning at 8pm. A peace candle will be lit and brought to the Cathedral where it will remain lighting. All are welcome to come and remember the victims of these brutal attacks and to pray for peace in our world.



God of all, why is there crying? Let us hear the cries of those whose lives have been changed irreparably through the evil of terrorism and respond with love.

God of all, who is praying? Let us pray for the young lives being lost, for the hopes and dreams cut short, for the families who are broken apart, asking for comfort and for justice. Father in Heaven, listen to us, hear us and grant us your peace.

Moving on & going to college? Why not come along to Clare Youth Service "Preparation workshop" at The Junction, Cloughleigh Rd., Ennis 26th August, 1pm - 4.30pm, €5 (lunch included). Places are limited. Book by 28th July. Contact reception on 0656845350

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his
house;
he himself gives might and strength to his
people.

PENITENTIAL RITE

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord
C. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
C. And grant us your salvation.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

C. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace
to people of good will. We praise you, we bless
you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you
thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly
King, God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the
world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are
the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father.

Amen.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Gen 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is
against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is
their sin! I propose to go down and see whether
or not they have done all that is alleged in the
outcry against them that has come up to me. I
am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom
while Abraham remained standing before the
Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really
going to destroy the just man with the sinner?
Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will
you really overwhelm them, will you not spare
the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think
of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the
sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not
think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not
administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at
Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will
spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to
speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and
ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five:
will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he
replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just
men there'. Again Abraham said to him,
'Perhaps there will only be forty there'. 'I will not
do it', he replied, 'for the sake of the forty'.

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be

angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps
there will only be thirty there'. 'I will not do it', he
replied, 'if I find thirty there'. He said, 'I am
bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there
will only be twenty there'. 'I will not destroy it',
he replied, 'for the sake of the twenty'. He said,
'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once
more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not
destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *On the day I called,
you answered me, O Lord.*

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. *R*

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. *R*

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. *R*

You stretch out your hand and save me,
Your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
Discard not the work of your hands. *R*

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

Col 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you
were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have
been raised up with him through your belief in
the power of God who raised him from the
dead. You were dead, because you were
sinners and had not been circumcised: he has
brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us
all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and
cancelled every record of the debt that we had
to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to
the cross.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The word was made flesh and lived among us;
To all who did accept him He gave power to
become children of God. Alleluia!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lk 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and
when he had finished, one of his disciples said,
'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his
disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you
pray:

"Father, may your name be held

holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive
each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of
you has a friend and goes to him in the middle
of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three
loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels
has just arrived at my house and I have
nothing to offer him"; and the man answers
from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The
door is bolted now, and my children and I are
in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you," I tell
you, if the man does not get up and give it to
him for friendship's sake, persistence will be
enough to make him get up and give his friend
all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be
given to you; search, and you will find; knock,
and the door will be opened to you. For the
one who asks always receives; the one who
searches always finds; the one who knocks
will always have the door opened to him. What
father among you would hand his son a stone
when he asked for bread? Or hand him a
snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a
scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then,
who are evil, know how to give your children
what is good, how much more will the
heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those
who ask 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

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.