



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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1st Sunday of Advent (Year A) 27th November, 2016

Christ May Be Closer Than You Know

Martin, the Cobbler, is Leo Tolstoy's story about a lonely shoemaker who is promised in a dream that Christ will come to visit his shop. The next day Martin rises early, gets his shop ready, prepares a meal and waits. The only one who showed up in the morning was an old beggar who came by and asked for rest. Martin gave him a room he had prepared for his divine guest. The only one to

show up in the afternoon was an old lady with a heavy load of wood. She was hungry and asks for food. He gave her the food he had prepared for his divine guest. As evening came, a lost boy wandered by. Martin took him home, afraid all the while he would miss the Christ. That night in his prayers he asks the Lord,

"Where were You? I waited all day for You."

The Lord said to Martin:

*"Three times I came to your friendly door,
Three times my shadow was on your floor.*

I was a beggar with bruised feet.

I was the woman you gave to eat.

I was the homeless child on the street."

Watch out! Christ may be closer than you can imagine.



I once saw a poster which read, *"Happiness is an inside job."* Advent is, too. What happens on the exterior is cosmetic and delightful but has limitations. What happens on the interior will occur when we choose to allow God to do something within us. That something has eternal value.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 6.30pm: Terry Barry, Clonroad. 1st Anniv
Sun 27th: 9am: Nora McNamara, Ard na Greine.

Nora Quinn.

Gemma Curtin & Tess Connolly.

10.30am: Mary Traynor, Cappahard, Tulla Rd.

Salvador Coote, The Causeway.

Stephen Kenny, Cornmarket.

Mary & Cronan Griffin, Kildysart Cross.

Paddy Fitzgerald, Kilrush Rd.

Frank Dinan, Cahercalla Heights.

Elvyra Binkeviciene, Lithuania.

Noel McCullagh, Doora.

Michael Griffin, Primrose Gardens & Ennis.

12noon: De Valera Annual Commemoration Mass.

Mon: 7.45am: Holy Souls.

10am: Brian Snr. & Jnr. & Tess Kelly, Limerick Rd.

7.30pm: Eileen & Mick Keane, McNamara Pk.

Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: Holy Souls.

7.30pm: Christopher, Nancy & John McAllister,
Hermitage & Drumcliffe Rd.

Wed: 7.45am: Holy Souls.

10am: John & Bridget Guerin, St Flannan's Tce.

7.30pm: Noel Ryan, Summerhill.

Thurs: 7.45am: Barney Garvey, Limerick.

10am: Edward Monahan, Bramble Lane.

6.30pm: Launch of Turnpike history book.

7.30pm: Joan Griffin, Wayside, Kilmorane.

Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.

10am: Delia & Jerry McMahan, Mullagh.

7.30pm: Christopher Kearse, Connolly Villas.

Sat: 10am: Daryl Dobson, Ashfield Pk.

6.30pm: John Daly, Clare Rd. 1st Anniv

Sun 4th Dec: 9am: Jacinta Flynn, Dublin.

Catherine Griffin, Ardlea Rd.

Darragh O'Halloran, Ard na Greine.

Judy Griffin, Lifford.

10.30am: Vincent McHugh, Clonroad.

Kitty Hanrahan & Dan Herbert, Dalcassian Drive.

Stephen Moloney, Killoo, Clarecastle.

Frank & Maureen Burke, South Wales.

Glynn family, Clonroad.

Patrick Shannon, Cornmarket.

Deceased White family, Hermitage.

Michael & deceased Quinn family, Cahercalla.

Paddy Casey, College Park.

Deceased Clancy & Desmond families.

Lorraine Dunleavy, Hermitage.

12noon: Mass for the People.

4pm: Lights of Love ceremony

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 4th December, 2016

Readers: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2

New Readers' Rota available in Sacristy, new rota starts December 11th.



Hospital & Sick Calls

27th November, 2016

Priest on Duty Phone:

065 6869098

Wednesday: Fr. Tom Hogan

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Newly Baptised



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

Grace Barry,

Eilidh Rae Green,

Jack Paddy O'Loughlin,

Ella Katherine Treacy

Parish Baptism team gathering

Wed December 7th; 8pm; the
Parish Centre.

Rest in Peace

Geraldine Dooley, Clonroad &
Connolly; Mary (Ciss)
McInerney, Shannon Pk; Christo
Cullinan, Drumcliffe & Scotland,
brother of Tony, Peter & Sally
MacNamara, Barefield; Kitty
McGough, Inagh, mother of Anne
Cullinane, Brokville, Lahinch Rd;



*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.*

Matt Talbot Novena -

Shannon: Next Tuesday
November 29th will be the
concluding, 9th Tuesday of
the Novena and the Preacher will be
Most Rev. Alphonsus Cullinan,
Bishop of Waterford & Lismore.
Praying for all suffering or sharing in
the life of addictions. Petitions /
Prayers of Thanksgiving can be left
at the shrine or sent securely to the
special online email available on
www.shannonparish.ie. The novena
can also be viewed live each week
on Shannon Parish webcam.



To Honour Mary Our Mother.
The Rosary will be recited on
the Feast of Her Immaculate
Conception on Thursday 8th
December at O'Connell
Square at 3pm. Please join us.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
Sunday 20th November,
€7,345.00



St. Joseph's

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

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Hugh, Frances & Mary Gilmore, Drumcliffe Rd.

Sun 27th 8am: Patricia Molloy, Clancy Pk.

10am: Maureen Conway, Pine Grove. MM

11.30am: Kitty, Michael, Matthew McEnery, Gort Rd.

Mon 11am: Margaret Twomey, Mellor, Blackburn.

Tues 11am: Deceased Butler family, Clonroad.

Wed 11am: Peter Mc Namara, Carron.

Thu 11am: John & Catherine Behan, Kilkee.

Fri 11am: Thomas Keating, Inagh.

7.30pm: Maureen O'Gorman, late Marian Ave.

Sat 11am: Ann Mc Namara, Turnpike Rd.

7pm: Mary Ellen Quinn, Kincora Pk.

Sun 8am: Maureen & Frank Burke, Marian Ave & Wales.

10am: Paul Byrnes, Gort Rd. 1st Anniv

11.30am: Vera Moloney, Tulla Rd.

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the
Tridentine or 'Latin' rite) takes place on
Sunday 4th December; 5.30pm; St.
Joseph's Church. All are welcome.



Meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society on
Friday 2nd Dec after 7.30pm Mass in St. Joseph's
Church.

Prayer for Right of Christian Initiation Candidates (RCIA)

We give thanks to God for the love you have shown
to the candidates preparing to be received into the
church on Holy Saturday night. You have called them
and they have answered in your presence. Therefore,
we give praise and thanks to You for their gift of faith.
We, the community, welcome them with love and
stand ready to help them and pray for them. We
rejoice with them in the gentle guidance of God who
has brought them to this day. May they hear the voice
of God and respond to God's Word and may Christ
dwell in their heart by faith. We pray that they find in
our community compelling signs of unity and
generous love and feel our sincere and unflinching
support. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.

Visitation team meeting
Wed 30th November parish centre 10.45am

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Mamie & Humphrey Murphy,
Cloughleigh Rd.

11am: John O'Gorman, Clarecastle & U.S.A.
Patrick O'Connor, Cloughleigh Rd.

Mon 9.30am: Special Intention

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Thu 9.30am: Kathleen Fallon, Roscommon.

Fri 9.30am: Pakie Murrhly, Mullagh.

Sun 9.30am: Mary & Tom White & family,
Cloughleigh Rd.

11am: Mary & Thomas Darcy, Castlerock, Tulla Rd.

Live the Word:

Be here, be now, be present. Yesterday is
gone. Tomorrow is yet to come. There is
only Today.



An Advent Giving Tree is situated in the Cathedral at the side of the Altar. Any of the following can be donated: Tea, coffee, sugar, Tayto, selection boxes, minerals, biscuits, soup, jam, baked beans, cornflakes, custard, peas, crackers, shampoo, toilet rolls, tinned food. By donating any of these food items, you will be helping organisations who work with our town's needy this Christmas. Items can be left under the tree or delivered to the Parish Office.



County Clare Show Society Mass will be held for the deceased members of the Show Society on **Wednesday 30th November @7pm** in the Poor Clare's Church, Ennis.

Defence Forces Mass The annual Mass for deceased members of the Defence Forces from Co Clare will take place in the Franciscan Friary Ennis on Friday next December 2nd at 7.30pm. All serving and retired members and their families are welcome.

Mass for deceased employees of SPS & their families in Mary Immaculate Church Shannon; Saturday 3rd December; 12noon.

The Mayor of Ennis Cllr. Ann Norton will launch Clare Roots Society's 25th publication "The Turnpike" By Flan Hehir. It is a comprehensive and detailed account of the Turnpike, outlining its history and its people. The Book launch will take place in The Old Ground Thur. 1st Dec. Following 6.30pm Mass in Ennis Cathedral.

Trip to Medjugorje; Date 14th June 2017 with Spiritual Director; Flight from Shannon to Mostar; Cost €719. If paid by the 9th December €619. Contact Bernadette 0861634553

Recycle your unwanted clothing with Cash for Clobber for Gaelscoil Mhíchil Cíosóg, Gort Road, Ennis, Co Clare. The school will be open on Saturday the 3rd December 2016 from 10am to 1pm for drop offs. All donations welcome.

Ennis Christmas Market takes place Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th Dec. at the new covered market. Visit Santa Claus and his elves at the Christmas Grotto (No charge – donations to Clare Crusaders), FREE Face Painting & Candy Floss, Artisan Christmas market stalls, BBQ, Mulled Wine, Spin SW 'Spinnies', Live Choral Music & Entertainment throughout the weekend.

Adults' Set Dancing classes in Fahy Hall, Roslevan every Tuesday night at 8.30pm. All Levels catered for and no partner required. For more details contact Mary 086 3613230.

Friday December 2nd at 12pm in Treacy's West County Hotel, Clare Leader Forum are celebrating the International day for people with a disability. All are welcome. We have speakers, music, chat and food. Contact Dermot 0863157591

This Sunday 27th November at 2pm a new memorial erected in remembrance of nearly 700 Clare people who died in World War I will be dedicated during an ecumenical memorial service at Monastery Park (near to Glór), Ennis. More than 4,000 Clare men fought in various armies during the years of conflict, 1914-1918. All are invited. The memorial contains the names of all those who died arranged by the parish they came from. Also remembered are the civilians who were tragically killed during the war and all those who were bereaved by the deaths - the widows and children, as well as the parents and siblings - who suffered because of the untimely deaths of their loved ones. The memorial also commemorates the thousands of brave combatants who survived the war, but were wounded physically or psychologically during that terrible conflict.



Bumbleance The Children's National Ambulance Service are currently running a charity recycling campaign. Recycle your reusable and unwanted smart phones, dvd's and videos, consoles and controllers, digital cameras, ipads, ipods etc by dropping them to Scoil Chríost Rí. There will also be a collection point after 9.30am and 11am mass every Sunday in Cloughleigh Church.

Christmas shop and drop service at Holy Family Kids club, Saturdays and Sundays 12-4pm (commencing 26th Nov) jam packed with Christmas arts & crafts, bakes and treats and Santa's grotto, open to all children 3-12 years, reserve your space with Lara : 0868438888

Save the Date – Living Crib will take place at Carrigoran House on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December next from 2 – 6pm. Visit Santa , Christmas Fair with Music, Mulled Wine, Refreshments. Admission Free.

Local parishioner and RTÉ presenter Colm Flynn has a special programme on next Wednesday evening at 9:30pm on RTÉ2. 'Finding Banni' is the story of a little boy from Belarus, his family tried to adopt in 2000. The programme documents Colm's journey to the tiny rural village where Banni still lives in Belarus and his quest to try and find some answers as to why the adoption was blocked. Colm is used to travelling and producing programmes but this one was a challenge; "It was a very tough programme to make on some many levels, and I hope the people of Ennis parish, the parish where Banni was baptised, will join me on the journey."



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Aidbhint

Ag tús na hAidbhinte d'fhéadfaimis machnamh a dhéanamh ar na Sé Bhiáide a mhol an Pápa Proinsias agus é ag ceiliúradh Aifrinne i Malmo na Sualainne ar lá na Naomh Uile i mbliana. Is é seo a bhí le rá aige ag an tseanmóir "Is gá fuinneamh úr agus tiomantas úr do chúinsi úra." Mhol sé liosta nua de Sé Bhiáide do Chríostaithe na linne seo, mar a leanas:

1. Is méanar dóibh siúd a fhanann dílis agus iad ag fulaingt an díobháil ó dhaoine eile agus a thugann maithiúnas ó chroí dóibh.
2. Is méanar dóibh siúd a fhéachann ar dhaoine tréigthe agus imeallaithe ag léiriú dóibh a ndúlthcheangail.
3. Is méanar dóibh siúd a thugann Dia faoi deara beo i ngach duine agus a dhéanann gach iarracht É a chur in aithne do chách.
4. Is méanar do lucht cosanta an domhain mhóir a nascann le chéile sinn.
5. Is méanar dóibh siúd a thréigean a gcompond féin chun cabhrú le daoine eile.
6. Is méanar dóibh siúd a ghuíonn ar son agus a bhíonn ag obair ar son aontú iomlán imeasc Chríostaithe.

At the beginning of Advent we ought to reflect on the Six Beatitudes which Pope Francis offered in his sermon in Malmo, Sweden on the Feast of All Saints this year. "New situations require new energy and a new commitment", he said, and then he offered a new list of Beatitudes for modern Christians. They are:

1. Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart.
2. Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show them their closeness.
3. Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover Him.
4. Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.
5. Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.
6. Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians.

County Clare Show Society Charity Christmas Extravaganza in aid of Suicide Bereavement Support; Showgrounds Ennis; Sat 3rd Dec; 11.30am; Showjumping Derby; Dog Agility; Dog Show; Fancy Dress, Dogs; Ponies & Horses; Santa arriving by Carriage; Christmas Fair.

Ennis Community College Enrolment for 2017/2018 Academic year; Open Evening; Thursday, 8th December; 5pm.

Gaelcholáiste an Chláir ENROLMENT FOR 2017/18 ACADEMIC YEAR; OPEN EVENING; Thursday, 8th December; 5.30pm.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

The Christmas Meeting of Co-ordinators/Contact Persons of our Eucharistic Adoration will take place in the Chapter Room (usual place) on **Wednesday November 30th. @ 8.05pm**, on time. This is a Meeting of special importance this time, with one matter of great significance to be decided. Thus we request each Contact Person to make a note in your Calendar or Diary to ensure your valued presence as we come together to bolster the continuance of our treasured Eucharistic Adoration.



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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 prophet Isaiah

Is 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem."

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'*

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of Judgement of the house of David. **R**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' **R**

For love of my brethren and friends I say: "Peace upon you!" For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for you good. **R**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans Rm 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted.

The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light.

Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy.

Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
And give us your saving help.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men

in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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

**The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.**