

Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, May 29th, 2016 (Year C)

What a Gift!

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. All the readings fit together in reminding us of the priesthood of Christ and the gifting of Himself to us through feeding us not only physically, but more importantly, spiritually. The gift of life is given to each of us through Jesus' great sacrifice of Himself on Calvary. Melchizedek's sacrifice was earthly and thus temporary. Sacrifices thus had to be offered over and over again. The Sacrifice of Christ was heavenly; and, since He was God, it was a total gift of self which was made once on the Cross of Calvary. Jesus does not need to die again as His sacrifice was perfect. However, He memorialized this offering through the gift of Eucharist about Paul which reminds the Corinthians. Christ changed the bread and wine into His Body and Blood at the Last Supper, and He invites us to celebrate this gift each Sunday. The miracle of the loaves and fishes was the miracle of sharing in the bread and fish. Jesus gives us a greater miracle in changing the bread

and wine into His Body and Blood. This gift is the source of our spiritual life. Christ comes to heal us, change us, and sustain us each time we receive Eucharist.



Take time to reflect on these powerful readings. Ask God for the gift to be receptive of all that He wishes to grant you and for an open heart to respond to all these gifts. There is no cost except that of acceptance and desire to grow. Fáilte-Bienvenue-Willkomen-Benvenuto-Bienvenido-Witajcie-Bemvindo-Welkom-Velkomin-Vitejte-Karibu-Croeso-Valkommen-Tervetuloa-Welcome

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:10am: 6.30pm: Lily Cleary, Woodhaven. MM Louis Clune, Lissycasey. MM
Sun 29th: 9am: Charles & Madeline Bretecher.
10.30am: Johnny Hehir, Connolly Villas. Brian & Nancy McMahon, Woodlawn. Eamonn Moloney, McNamara Park. Bridget & Michael Keane, Kilrush Rd. John & Elizabeth Fleming, Marian Ave. Kevin Scanlan, Cathedral Court. Bernie Meere Ryan, Upper Turpike Road.

12noon: Mass Remembrance & Thanksgiving Irish Kidney Association.

Mon: 7.45am: Deceased Barry family, Inagh

10am: Bridie Kelly, Carmody St.
7.30pm: Gerard Marrinan, Hermitage.
Tues:7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Brian Sheehan, Bristol, UK.
7.30pm: Frank & Sally O'Dea, Park Ave.
Wed:7.45am: Special Intention.
10am: Michael Torpey, New Rd.
7.30pm: Eileen Murphy, St. Anne's Tce.
Thurs:7.45am: Donors' Intentions.
10am: Bridget Jordan, Swinford, Co. Mayo.
7.30pm: Patrick & Alice Dinan & granddaughter Tamara, Hermitage.

Fri:7.45am Mass for the People. 10am: Alice & Tommy Cunningham, St. Michael's VIs.

7.30pm: Paul Hickey, Inch. 1st Anniv Ann McMahon, Morrissey Ave. MM
Sat:10am: Kevin & Ann Naughton, Summerhill.
6.30pm: Catherine Murphy, Carrig Dubh. 1st Anniv
Sun 5th: 9am: Clare Clune, Meadow Court. John & Michael Shannon, Loughville. Tom Linnane, Listowel

10.30am: John Mahoney, Waterpark. Michael McGrath, Corrovorrin Grove. Paddy Smyth, Carmody St. John Murphy, Gort Road. Dympna & Eddie Cotter, Clare Rd. Donors' Intentions.

12noon: Sylvester Carrigg, Cahercalla Heights. 1st Anniv Bridget Cleary, Dun na Rí, Tobertaoscáin. 1st Anniv

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 5th June, 2016

Readers: Group 3 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3

Cloughleigh

1st Saturday Devotions

Remembered in Masses this Week:
Sun 29th 9.30am: Jack, Mollie & deceased Burke family, Dunsallagh, Miltown Malbay.
11am: Joe Moloney, Loughville. 1st Anniv Mon 9.30am: Patrick O'Rourke, Ennis.
Tue 9.30am: . Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Special Intention.
Sun 5th June 11am: John Garrihy, Dun na hInse.

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

Hospital & Sick Calls

29th May, 2016 Priest on Duty: Please call: 065 6869098 Wednesday: Fr. Brendan Quinlivan 065 6869098

Friary News The Friary Church is being refurbished at present with work on the floor and new seating. The cost is one hundred thousand euros. The Friary Renovation Fund Appeal is seeking the support of the public in helping to reduce the debt.

- Ways That You Can Help
- Make a contribution to the appeal. All contributions of €250 or more from tax payers enables the Friars to claim a rebate through the Charities Act at no extra cost to the donor.
- Sponsor a seat as a family or individual in memory of someone living or dead. Each seat costs €1,000.
- Become an Ambassador of the Friary by asking a family member, friend, work colleague or neighbour to contribute to the appeal.
- Pray for the success of the appeal, that the target will be achieved.
- If you would like to support the appeal, contributions can be given in to the Friary .Cheques can be made payable to the "Friary Renovation Appeal".

The Franciscan Friars came to Ennis over 800 years ago; the present Church is in use for the past 124 years.

June 4th is the First Saturday. The rosary is ongoing in the Friary Church after 10am Mass. Please come and Pray with us. Everyone welcome. "Prayer is a weapon".

Meeting of Secular Franciscan Order Friary; 10am & St. Anthony's Hall; 7.30pm; Wednesday 1st June.

Monthly Hour of Prayer for Peace; Poor Clare Convent; Saturday 4th June; 4.30pm— 5.30pm.

Annual bus to Knock; Saturday 26th June.

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite) takes place on Sunday 5th June 5.30pm in St. Joseph's Church. All welcome.

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: Maureen Skelly, New Rd.

Sun 29th 8am: Special Intention.

10am: Seamus O'Sullivan, Rosanore. 11.30am: Sean & Chrissie O'Connell, The Crescent. Tues 11am: Margaret Crowe, Lahinch. 1st Anniv. Thurs 11am: Danny & Tom Lynch, Kilmaley. Fri 11am: Margaret McDermott, Doonbeg.

Fri 7.30pm: Patrick McCullagh, Tulla Rd. MM Joseph Coughlan, Kincora Park.

Sat 11am: Tom & Brigid McMahon, Lifford Rd. Sat 7pm: Jimmy & Teresa Madigan, Marian Ave.

Michael Sweeney, Shannon Park. Sun 5th 8am: Karen Cuddihy, Ivy Hill, Gort Rd. 10am: John Mulcaire, St. Senan's Rd. 11.30am: James Griffin, Lees Rd.

Reflection for the Year of Mercy

I was asked what is mercy? Mercy means something different to everyone. Every experience of mercy is unique and different. God never tires of coming up with new ways to show his mercy. I would say God is



mercy. At a literal level, mercy means showing compassion or forgiveness towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm. God shows mercy all the time but there is a danger we may only see it as coincidence or luck! God showed us his mercy by sending us St. Faustina who showed us God's true mercy. We witness mercy in many pieces of literature one example of which is the Merchant of Venice. Portia speaks about the mercy of God in the most awesome way. She says "The quality of Mercy is not strained, it droppeth as the gentle rain from Heaven upon the place beneath it is twice blest; it blesseth him that gives and him that takes." This teaches us that by showing mercy to others, not only is the other person rewarded but we too are also rewarded. God's mercy is likened to rain which nourishes life. Without rain we can't survive and just like rain we need mercy to survive. Mercy, like the rain both nourishes us and cleanses us. God's mercy, as Charles Spurgeon tells us is ".. so great that you may sooner drain the sea of its water or deprive the sun of its light or make space too narrow than diminish the great mercy of God." I finish with a quote from St. Faustina. "He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God and as often as I look upon the cross so often will I forgive with all my heart." God will never forget about us, even though we may forget about him. This is true mercy.

David Dyksey, Ennis Community College.

SAFEGUARDING: The Diocese has a team of people who are dedicated to ensuring the Church is a safe place for Children. These include, the Director of Safeguarding, Designated Liaison Persons, Safeguarding Committee, Parish Safeguarding Reps, Support Person for complaints, Advisors for Respondents, and Safeguarding Trainers. Please visit our safeguarding page on the Diocesan website www.killaloediocese.ie for more detailed information in relation to our policies, procedures and practices. We also have a Q&A section if you have any queries. Please remember: 'Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility'.

Parish Walk—Year of Mercy Walk—Turas na Trócaire, 19th June; 2.30pm This historical walk will take us from the Old Gaol Rd via Station Rd to O'Connell St & Abbey St. We will stop to remember prayerfully people and tragedies in these areas dating from 1878 to the Carmody's hotel tragedy in 1959. We will finish with Prayers in the Poor Clare's Chapel.

Date for Diary:

Young Pioneer enrolment Mass for Confirmation students Sat 11th June 6.30pm. Visitation team meeting Wednesday 1st June, Pastoral centre 10.45am.

Meeting of St Joseph's young Priests' Society Friday June 3rd after 7.30pm mass in St Joseph's Church. All are welcome.

Open invite to Taizé Prayer; Thursday June 2nd; 7.45pm - 8.30pm; Church of 🌆 Our Lady, Roslevan. Bring a friend.

Trinity Prayer group meet every Tuesday 8pm for a time pf Thanksgiving, Praise & Worship at St. Joseph's meeting room 52 Kincora Pk. Everyone Welcome.

Padre Pio Pilgrimage to Holy Cross on Sunday 29th May. Pick up at the West County at 11am. Fare €20. Contact Seamus on 087 2377285.

Darts Exhibition in aid of Irish Wheelchair Association at Auburn Lodge; Sunday 29th May;8pm; Tickets; €15 from Auburn Lodge, Clare Darts Club. Irish Wheelchair Association, Ennis. Light refreshments provided.

St. Anthony's Novena Sunday 5th - Monday 13th June



Led by: Fr. Liam McCarthy ofm Mornings Sessions 10am. Sunday Morning 12noon. Evening Sessions 7.30pm. Feast of St. Anthony - 13th June: Blessing of Children 3pm; Blessing of Lilies all Masses.

Rest in Peace

Joe Doherty, Bray, brother of Tommy, McNamara Park & Nuala Kearney, Roslevan; Tom Pyne, Cloughleigh Rd.; Nell Hanley, New Rd.; Martha O'Brien, late Burton St., Kilrush & Ennis; Paddy O'Connell, Cloonbeg, Shanballa, 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.

Newly Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Paddy Anthony Vaughan; McCarthy; Aniela Maria Orlaith Sophia Kacprzak; Sophie Anne Carmody; James Dylan Kelleher; Peter Gerard Keenan;

May Devotions in honour of Our Lady

We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly during May. Rosary being recited at the following locations during the month of May:

- Buttermarket Grotto, Rosary, daily Sun to Fri 7pm. Sat. 7.30pm.
- •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 & Benediction Tuesday 31st May 7pm
- Mass and Benediction for the month of May to be held in Our Lady's Grotto in Dalcassian Park, Monday evening, May 23rd; 7pm.
- Loughville daily 8pm.
- •Hermitage Grotto daily 6.30pm; Rosary & Benediction 26th May; 7.30pm.
- Loughville 30th May, 7pm, Rosary & Benediction.
- Benediction at Buttermarket Grotto on Tues 31st May 7.30pm.
- Marian Avenue Grotto, Rosary & Benediction, Tuesday May 31st; 7pm.



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.

Ennis Tidy Towns wish to thank all who have participated in this year's campaign to become Ireland's tidiest town. Buildings and street scapes are generally looking more vibrant and beautiful. The Tidy Towns Submission has been sent to the Department and adjudication will take place in mid June so there are 20 days left to present Ennis at its best, so lets all get involved and encourage others to do their part and clean. plant, paint and present the town at its best.

In conjunction with World Environment Day Ennis Parish Kinnect Group are organising a fun & Educational gettogether & stroll through Ballybeg wood, Friday June 3rd;

7pm (meet at Ballybeg Rd Entrance) A great evening guaranteed with talks, fun & planting for the green fingered enthusiasts A goodie bag for the kids.

All are Welcome to Attend.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne Sollúntas Chorp Chríost

Is í an Eocairist foinse agus ceartlár na Críostaíochta trí na haoiseanna go dtí an lá atá inniu ann. Tuigimid rúndiamhair na hEocairiste níos fearr má dhéanaimid machnamh uirthi i gcomhthéacs Íosa fíor-Dhia agus fíor-dhuine, a dheascabháil chun na bhflaitheas agus é ar dheasláimh Dé. Trí na haoiseanna ghlac an Eaglais le briathra Íosa an arán agus an fíon a bheith go fíor, go réalta mar a Chorp agus a Fhuil sa tSácráil agus as sin lean an deabhóid don tSacraimint Ro-Naofa. Tá Críost beo san Eocairist mar fhoinse do chaidreamh phearsanta le Dia agus lena chéile, mar chlann mhac agus chlann iníonacha Dé, bráithre agus siúracha Íosa.

Tugann an Fhéile seo deis dúinn bheith rannpháirteach le hÍosa de shíor. Ní foláir dúinn ár dTiarna a fheiceáil i ngach duine agus gníomhú mar a mhol Sé dúinn i ngach gné dár saol agus de bharr sin nach brea an toradh go mbeimid ina fhochair nuair a shroichimid caladh ciúin na síoraíochta.

A Shacraimint rónaofa, a Shacraimint ródhiaga, gach moladh agus buíochas go raibh agat choíche. Áiméan.

The Eucharist is the source and centre of Christianity down through the ages to the present day. We understand the mystery of the Eucharist when we reflect on it in the context of Jesus true God and true man, His ascension into heaven and His place at the right hand of God. Down through the ages the Church has accepted that Jesus is present in the bread and wine in the Consecration and from this evolved devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus Christ is present in the Blessed Eucharist as a sign that we his brothers and sisters share His life. May we come to possess it completely in Heaven.

This feast provides us with an opportunity to be united with Jesus always. We ought to see Him in everybody and act according to His laws and as a result it is a comforting thought that we will be united with Him when we reach eternity. O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine. Amen.

District Daycare Centre Clarecastle; 10k Road Race; 5k Walk, Run or Jog; Saturday 4th June; 11am; Registration (in the Daycare Centre); 3th June from 6.30pm to 9pm; 4th June from 9am to 10.30am in the Abbey Hall.

ABC Nursery, 29 Rosanore, Lifford, Ennis. Now enrolling for free ECCE places for September 2016, children aged 3-5years. We also cater for babies & children 4 months upwards.

Ennis CBS Boys of 60s Reunion: Gathering for Ennis CBS classes of 1961 - 1966; Sat. 11th June;n Temple Gate Hotel for all who grew up and attended school in Ennis during those years. One of their own, Fr. Michael Neylon from The Market, now based in Birmingham, will celebrate Mass at the Hotel at 7pm following by gathering of old friends reliving memories of bygone days. Please inform relevant family/friends. For more info or to confirm attendance phone 087 6306 533.

The Rally to protect the 8th Amendment takes place Sat 4th June 3-4pm. Bus available from Kilkee; Kilrush; Ennis; Shannon and Bunratty. Contact Josephine @ 085-2792077. The 8th Amendment acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother... etc. See Article 40.3.3. of our Constitution. Please support this Rally and don't leave it to someone else!

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

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 14:18-20 Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you." And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything. The word of the Lord Responsorial Psalm Response: You are a priest forever, a priest like Melchizedek of old. The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet'. R. The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: Rule in the midst of all your foes. R. A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. R.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest forever,

a priest like Melchizedek of old' R.

A Reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. Cor 11:23-26

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.'

In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The word of the Lord

SEQUENCE

Behold the bread of angels, sent For pilgrims in their banishment, The bread for God's true children meant, That may not unto dogs be given:

Oft in the olden types foreshowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed, And in the ancient paschal food, And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine, Still show to us thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine; So may we see thy glories shine In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, Our present food, our future rest, Come, make us each Thy chosen guest, Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest

With saints whose dwelling is with thee. Amen Alleluia

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever!.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 9:11-17 Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.'

He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.'

But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.'

For there were about five thousand men.

But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down.

Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd.

They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

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 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord