



Ennis Parish News

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

Ennis Parish Web Site: <http://www.ennisparish.com>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ennis.parish>

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

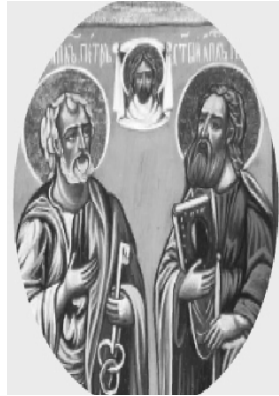
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

31st January 2016 (Year C)

3. Greater Love

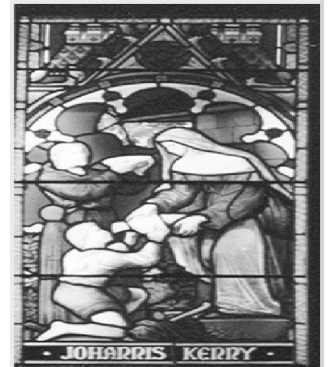


2. Annunciation



4. Peter / Paul Icon

5. Mercy Window



6. Pieta / Mary



7. Mercy Room



1. Baptism



Year of Mercy

Remember

God is all merciful and forgiving to all of us

Be merciful and forgiving towards others

Be merciful and forgiving towards yourself

(Bishop Willie Dec 2015)

Take the pilgrim walk of Mercy
in the Cathedral
to reflect and pray
at each of these stations

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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

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.
 Bridget & Michael Singleton, Hermitage.
 George & Margaret McMahon St. Michael's Villas.
 Lily Cusack, Parnell St. & Mary Cleere, Tubber.
12 noon: June Marshall, Victoria Ct, Cusack Rd. **MM**
Mon:7.45am: Eileen Power, Cahercalla Rd. **1st Anniv**
10am: Francie O'Halloran, Collins Park.
7.30pm: Josie & Philomena Nightingale, Hermitage.
Tues:7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Vera Dunleavy, Hermitage.
7.30pm: James, Agnes & Seamus Blake & Fitzpatrick Family, Limerick Road.
Wed:7.45am: Donors' Intention.
10am: Denis Moloney, McNamara Park.
7.30pm: Eva, Tom & Noel Ryan, Summerhill.
Thurs:7.45am: Sheila & Tom Coote, St. Michael's Vls.
10am: John O'Sullivan, London.
7.30pm: Willie Burke, Mill Road.
Fri:7.45am: Mass for the People.
10am: Paddy & Mary Hogan, Tobertaoscaín.
7.30pm: John Nixon, McNamara Park. **1st Anniv.**
 Anne Tierney, Kilrush Rd. **MM**
Sat:10am: Fintan Ryan, Fergus Manor.
11am: Alexia Cecotka, Cnoc an Oir. **1st Anniv**
6.30pm: Brian Pope, Doon, Co. Limerick.
Sun 7th: 9am: Helen Griffin, Woodlawn, Loughville.
10.30am: James Kelly, Clonroadmore.
 Earlie Family, Limerick Rd.
 Paul Brassil, St Michael's Villas.
 Michael Hassett, Drumbiggle Rd.
 Teresa Ryan, Gallows Hill.
 Virginia Donnellan, St. Joseph's, Hermitage.
 Mary, Kitty & Mick Connellan, Ard na Greine.
12 noon: Bill Lacey, College Grove. **1st Anniv**

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 7th February, 2016

Readers: Group 1
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 4



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Elizabeth Hanrahan & family, Circular Rd.
11am: Larry Clohessy, Hermitage.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 7th 11am: Kitty McDermott, Cloughleigh.

Live the Word:

How you think influences how you feel.
 Therefore as happiness is a state of
 mind, to be happy, think happy.



Hospital & Sick Calls

31st January 2016

Priest on Duty:
Fr. Brendan Quinlivan
 Please call: 065 6869098
Wednesday:065 6869098



Friary News

Feb 6th, first Saturday.

The rosary is ongoing after the 10am Mass in the Friary Church, Francis St. Please come and pray with us. Everyone Welcome. "Prayer is a weapon".

Meeting of the Secular Franciscan Order; Friary; 10am & St. Anthony's Hall; 7.30pm; Wed 3rd Feb.

Monthly hour of Prayer for peace continues at the Poor Clare chapel on Saturday 6th Feb from 4.30pm-5.30pm

Newly Baptised



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

Tyrone Delaney, Ella Brid Garrahy, Ailise Lilly Grenham, Winifred Louise Sweeney.

1st Saturday devotions

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



To mark the Year of mercy, we will continue to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet as a prayer group on this Tuesday Evening at 8p.m. 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.

Taizé Prayer

Our monthly gathering for Taizé Prayer; Thursday February 4th. Church of Our Lady, Roslevan; 7.45pm - 8.30pm. All welcome. Bring a friend.



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: Frankie O'Connor, Pearse Ave.
 Mary & Kevin O'Donoghue, Kincora Pk.
Sun 31st 8am: Joe Moran, Corrovorrin Grove.
10am: Mary Arthur, Gort Rd.
11.30am: Bill Hanrahan, Ashfield Park.
 Nell Ferry, Blackrock, Co Dublin. **1st Anniv**
Mon 11am: Kitty Begley, St. Senan's Rd.
Tue 11am: Mary Gallagher, Kilkelly, Co Mayo.
Wed 11am: Ita & Paddy Real, Francis St.
Thu 11am: Eileen Griffin, Loughbourke, Kilmaley.
Fri 11am: Mary & Paddy Joe Kelly, Listowel.
7.30pm: Bernadette & Alo Wrafter, Roslevan.
Sat 11am: Brendan Sexton, Quin & Cavan.
7pm: Tony Strand, Shannon Pk.
Sun 7th 8am: Christina Kelly, Elm Park.
11.30am: James & Eileen McGann, Parnell St.

Presentation of the Lord

Candlemas Day

Tuesday February 2nd. Our Lady offered her Son to God in the Temple. As was the Jewish custom, she also offered pigeons, a sign of her purification. Simeon was happy as he took the child in his arms and thanked God. Anna was also in the Temple and she believed and praised God. **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 Tuesday. Traditionally, this was the last day of the Christmas Season.

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite) **Sunday 7th February; 5.30pm; St. Joseph's Church.**



All are welcome.

Visitation Team meeting Wednesday 3rd Feb; 10.45am; Pastoral centre.

Jubilee of Mercy - a series of catechesis for adult and young, will be given every Sunday and Wednesday at 7.30pm in Maria Assumpta Hall, beside Cathedral, starting; 31st January, for 7 weeks. These talks, given by a team of the Neo-catechumenal Way, have the purpose to let us listen again to the Good News of the Mercy of God for us, called the "Kerygma" by St. Paul and the early Church. "God wanted to save the word through the kerygma". Come and Listen.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society meeting after 7.30pm Mass in St. Joseph's on Friday 5th February. All are welcome.



Rest in Peace

Barry O'Connor, Pearse Ave,
 Cloughleigh; **Ann Marie Conway**,
 Westbourne Court;

St. Blaise
Feast day 3rd February.



Patron for sore throats & sick cattle. He was a physician before becoming a Bishop. The blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection & love for us & for the sick. Using 2 crossed & unlighted candles, blessed on the memorial of St. Blaise or on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the minister touches the throat of each person, saying: **Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop & martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat & from every other evil, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

"Be still and know that I am God". Meditation practice every Tuesday night at Roslevan Church and every Thurs night at Ennis Parish Office; 8pm. All welcome.

St Flannan's College Parents' Association meeting; Monday 1st February at 8.15pm; Music Room beside reception. All welcome.

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.



Kay & Lavender's 18th Annual coffee day, Fri 12th Feb 2016, 10am—10pm, 23 Main St., Tulla. All proceeds from the day will go to the Clare 250 Cancer centre in Ruan & towards the cost of sending local cancer patients to Lourdes.

Daffodil Day is Friday March 11th. All volunteers are invited to Michael Guerin's Daffodil Day's launch night in Tracey's West County Hotel; 8pm; Monday February 15th. Hope to see you all there.

Four Night/5day Coach Tour to Donegal and the Antrim Coast commencing on May 30th 2016. Contact Sr Annette at 087 9247025 for further information

Shannon & Clare Archaeological & Historical Socs: -Amy Harris will lecture on the work of travel writer Thomas Dineley, concentrating on his Journal of 1680-81 and its contribution to the study of Early Modern Irish Funerary monuments. Wed 10th February at 8pm in The Oakwood Arms Hotel, Shannon. €5 charge for non-members. Contact Olive at 0857107581 for more info.

Alzheimer Society - "Burren Walk"
Sunday 14th February, with Registration from 11am to 1pm. Proceeds of the Walk will go to improve and extend Daycare/Homecare and Respite Services for the Clare Branch of the Alzheimer Society. 10K Walk start/finish; O'Donoghue's Pub, Fanore. Refreshments and Entertainment provided at O'Donoghue's after Walk. Looking forward to meeting all our walkers to our annual trek up the mountain.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 24th January, €7,664.00

Mercy at the Movies

Ennis Parish is hosting a Film Club for the Year of Mercy. Once a month we will screen a film with a special theme of Mercy in the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome to enjoy the film and social gathering with a little popcorn and pizza. Our first night at the pictures will be on Friday 12th February at 8pm when we will be screening the 1998 version of Les Miserables starring Liam Neeson and Uma Thurman. All are welcome. Full details of the programme are available in the Church this weekend.

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

"Filling Your Well": Free Taster Session, Based on the 12 week programme; "The Artist's Way". Thurs. 4th Feb. 7-8.15pm prompt. Orchard Wellness, Ennis. Booking essential. 12 week Course starts 11th Feb. Deirdre: 087-4621245. www.claremeditation.com. fb: clare meditation."

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 or full list and further details.

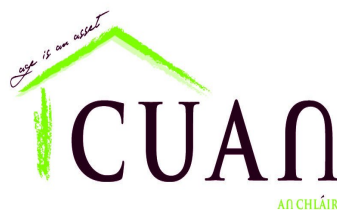
Thank you to all who supported the recent walk held in Toonagh for Seeking Vision. Total amount raised €2,672. Breda McCullough.

Social dance classes continue at the Holy Family Hall, Ennis (beside Old Ground Hotel) every Friday 8pm – 11pm. Learn to Jive, waltz, quickstep and foxtrot. Partners not required. Beginners and improvers – all welcome! Info Padraig: 087 181 2248 or www.jvireland.com

Anam Cara is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 3rd of February from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Ballybane Enterprise Centre, Ballybane, Co. Galway (weather permitting). All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

Bingo

Great prizes; In Community Centre
Sundays from 8pm.



Sale of Work 2nd Hand Goods
Cathedral Grounds

Cuan shop opens each week on Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat. from 10am-3pm.
Any unwanted Gifts can be dropped into the Parish Office for sale in the Cuan Shop. We are always looking for good quality second hand items for the Cuan Shop

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha
(31 Eanáir – 6 Feabhra 2016)

Tá Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha á cheiliúradh in Éirinn le sé bliana anuas. Tugtar deis do scoileanna a bhféiniúlacht mar scoileanna Caitliceacha a cheiliúradh. Tugann an ócáid bhliantúil seo seans do na scoileanna Caitliceacha léiriú ar leith a thabhairt ar ghné áirithe den oideachas Caitliceach. Cuirtear clár theagasc creidimh ar fáil sna scoileanna a dhearbhaíonn agus a dhoimníonn an tuiscint a bhíonn ag na daltaí maidir leis an gcreideamh Caitliceach.

Tugtar teagascóir ar losa sé huairte agus dhá scór sna soiscéil. Is é sin an teideal is minice a thugtaí air i measc na ndeisceabal. Mar théama do Sheachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha 2016 iarrtar ar gach duine atá páirteach san oideachas Caitliceach scrúdú a dhéanamh ar cad is brí le trócaire agus ar conas is féidir leo bheith trócaireach ina saol go laethúil. Bíonn múinteoirí de shíor ag freastal ar dhaltai scoile ach bíonn siad ag freastal ar a chéile freisin trí bheith cairdiúil, lách, cineálta agus ómósach. Slí eile chun Trócaire Dé a léiriú ná freastal orthu siúd atá faoi bhrú ag cúraimí an tsaoil agus a bhfuil deacracht le sárú acu ina ngnáthshaoil.

Is paidir í seo gur féidir le daltaí scoile a rá i rith na seachtaine: **A Thiarna Íosa, Mac Dé, gabhaimid buíochas leat as ucht scolaíocht Chaitliceach a bhronnadh orainn, lá i ndiaidh lae, seachtain i ndiaidh seachtaine. Cuireann tú deiseanna fáis agus foghlama ar fáil dúinn. Cabhraigh linn freagra cuí a thabhairt don chreideamh a tugadh dúinn, ionas go n-aithneofar sinn mar do dheisceabail. Áiméan.**

Catholic Schools Week
(31st January—6th February)

Catholic Schools Week has been celebrated in Ireland for the past six years. Schools are given the opportunity to celebrate their identity as Catholic Schools. The Catholic school emphasises the mission of Christ and the religious programme taught affirms and deepens the understanding the students have of the Catholic religion. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2016 is that all involved in Catholic Education reflect on Mercy and on how it is relevant in their daily lives. Teachers serve students daily but they also serve their colleagues and co-workers by showing friendship, kindness and respect. Mercy can also be shown to those in society who are stressed and dealing with difficulties. Religious activities will be taking place during the week in many schools. Students can recite the following prayer daily. **Lord Jesus, Son of God, we thank you for our Catholic schooling day after day, week after week. You provide growing and learning opportunities for us. Help us respond appropriately to the faith given to us, so that we will be known as your disciples. Amen.**

A seven week programme of Life in the Spirit Seminars will take place in the Social Services Centre, Church Walk, Gort. The Seminars will begin on Tues. Feb. 2nd at 8pm and run until Tues. March 15th. We look forward to seeing you there. All are welcome.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 7 nights: 15th June ex Shannon with Spiritual Director Fr. Martin Blake; €679, Contact Bernadette Murphy 0861634553 or 0656821627

Ranganna Gaeilge, starting 1st Feb; 7pm—8pm Cois na hAbhna, Gort Rd. 8 weeks Tel: 065 6864474

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**Save us, o Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.**

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 prophet Jeremiah

Jer 1:4-5.17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;

before you came to birth I consecrated you;

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

So now brace yourself for action.

Stand up and tell them

all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence,

or in their presence I will make you

dismayed.

I, for my part, today will make you

into a fortified city,

a pillar of iron,

and a wall of bronze

to confront all this land:

the kings of Judah, its princes,

its priests and the country people.

They will fight against you

but shall not overcome you,

for I am with you to deliver you -

it is the Lord who speaks.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

My lips will tell of your help.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;

Let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, free me:

Pay heed to me and save me. **R.**

Be a rock where I can take refuge,

A mighty stronghold to save me:

For you are my rock, my stronghold.

Free me from the hand of the wicked. **R.**

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,

My trust, O Lord, since my youth.

On you I have leaned from my birth,

From my mother's womb you have been my

help. **R.**

My lips will tell of your justice

and day by day of your help.

O God, you have taught me from my youth

and I proclaim your wonder still. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians Cor 12:31 - 13:13

Love is always patient and kind: it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;

No one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." ' And he

went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country'.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

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

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.