



Ennis Parish News

Mass Times

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

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

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

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2nd Sunday after the Nativity

3rd January 2016 (Year C)

Crossing the Tiber

Crossing the Tiber" is a term used to describe converts to Catholicism, But there is always a reaction, often very negative, when a non-Catholic Christian converts to Catholicism. Thus to 'cross the Tiber' invariably attracts some level of hostility from family or friends, because the convert is deemed to have betrayed his or her heritage.

There is an irony that while many Catholics 'lapse' there are significant numbers of adult converts to Catholicism: in excess of one hundred thousand each year in the United States, while England has seen the greatest influx of converts since Catholic



Emancipation, including government ministers, royalty, bishops and numerous clergy. Malcolm & Catherine Muggerridge; Sue Ryder; Tony Blair; CS Lewis; Simone Weil; Dorothy Day; Ann Widdecombe. There is even a significant trickle of converts to Catholicism in the highly secularised Nordic countries.

Faith is always a gift of God's grace, a gift, given to cradle Catholics, which they are free to accept or reject. It would be wrong to see faith as an inheritance and the many Catholic parents who lament the apparent abandonment of the faith by adult children frequently see it as such.

Saint Augustine wrote some sixteen hundred years ago, *'our hearts were made for you O Lord and cannot rest until they rest in you'*.

Faith is a gift, and not an inheritance, each

person, whether convert or baptised Catholic, must, at some stage in their lives, give free assent to it. This may mean travelling many roads that may not be understood by parents but, if that search is honest, the homing instinct found by Augustine will prevail.

Lord I believe help my unbelief

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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: David Barrett, Willow Park. **1st Anniv.**
Sun: 9am: Martin, Mary, Sean, Patk Healy, Summerhill.
10.30am: Deceased Kerin family.
 Kitty Casey, Monument House, O'Connor Sq.
 Jim & Peggie Casey, White Hse, Shanaway.
 Nora Malone, Parnell St.
 Jack Gissane, Killaloe.
12 noon: Gemma Galvin, Tobartaoscain. **1st Aniniv.**
Mon: 7.45am: Thomas McMahon, Carmody St.
10am: Patrick & Margaret Keane, Hermitage.
7.30pm: Sean & Sis O'Loughlin, Ennis & Alaska.
Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Mary Talty, Mullagh.
7.30pm: Joe Connery, Dalcassian Park.
Wed: 7.45am: Flan & Mary Hyes, St Michael's Villas.
10am: Nora Daly, College View, Clonroadmore.
7.30pm: Andrew Woods, McNamara Park.
Thurs: 7.45am: Hannah Ahern, Limerick. **1st Anniv.**
10am: Sean Connolly, Limerick Rd.
7.30pm: Albert Mounsey, Marian Ave.
Fri: 7.45am: Patrick & Con McInerney, Doora.
10am: Imelda & Brendan Ryan, Hermitage.
7.30pm: Eoin **1st Anniv** & Liam Madigan,
 St. Michael's Villas.
Sat: 10am: Tom & Peggy Fox, Barrack St.
 Joseph & Margaret McCormack, Barrack St.
 Kevin Keane, Connolly Villas.
6.30pm: Maura **1st Anniv** & Vincent Roughan,
 Highfield Pk.
Sun : 9am: O'Dwyer families, Lahinch.
 Haulie & Martin Reidy, Golf Links Rd.
10.30am: Michael Lynch, Clare Rd.
 Patrick Feeney, St Michael's Villas.
 Vincent Neylon, Parnell St.
 Tom Kelly, College Rd.
 Michelle Malone, Waterpark View.
 Tony Shannon, Clancy Park.
12noon: Bridie Rynne, Castlewood Park. **1st Anniv.**

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 10th January, 2015

Readers: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Readers please collect Mass Books and Rotas
from Sacristy

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Peter & Kathleen Fallon, Roscommon.
11am: Maisie Hayes, Hermitage.
Sun 10th 9.30am: Mary Foley, Cusack Lawn.
11am: Myra Moriarty, Cusack Road. **1st Anniv.**

Rest in Peace

Mary Fitzgerald, St. Flannan's Tce.;
John Neylon, Darragh, brother of Una,
 Castlewood Pk.; **Mary Browne**, Circular Rd;
Mark Skiba, Kilrush Rd; **Patrick O'Neill**, London & Co.
 Laois, brother of Annette Dunne, Woodstock Dr.;

Hospital & Sick Calls

3rd January, 2016

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom Hogan: 065 6869098

Wednesday:

Fr. Dariusz Plasek: 065 6869098

Newly Baptised



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

Dylan Martin Flanagan;

Jake Stevie Kenny;

Emma Mollie O'Reilly;

Kyle Thomas Liam Chambers;

Ennis Parish Development

Fund for Sunday 27th

December, €5,671.00

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: Vicky Keane, Corrovorrin Drive.
Sun 10am: Eamon Duffy, Kincora Park.
11.30am: Anne; Peter; Anne & deceased Barry family,
 Shanaway Rd.
 Vera Moloney, Tulla Road. **MM.**
Mon 11am: Gerard O'Meara, Tulla Rd.
Tues 11am: Alfie, Maureen & Betty Hayes, Fountain.
Wed 11am: Bridget & Dan Greene, Corrovorrin & Mayo.
7pm: Eamon Sheehy, Pine Grove.
Thu 11am: Tubridy family, Cree.
Fri 11am: Dec'd Greene & O'Toole families Mayo.
Sat 11am: Tom & Bridget McMahon & family,
 Lifford Rd.
7pm: Noreen Moroney, Morissey Ave., Cloughleigh
Sun 8am: Thomas Scanlon, Newcastlewest.
10am: PJ Foudy, Ivy Hill.
11.30am: Pat Kilker, St. Senan's Road. **MM.**

Jubilee Year of Mercy

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.

Walk of Mercy — Turas na Trócaire

Stop and Pray at the following stations:

(cards available at the Mercy room door)

- 1) Baptism;
- 2) Annunciation;
- 3) Greater love than this;
- 4) Peter & Paul Icon;
- 5) Mercy Window;
- 6) Pieta/Mary;
- 7) Mercy Room;



at the Mercy Room an invitation to:

sit

listen

watch

reflect

Feast of the Epiphany

Church Holyday, Wednesday, 6th January

Vigil Mass Tuesday 5th: *

Cathedral: 7.30pm

Friary: 7.30pm



Wednesday 6th:

The Cathedral: 7.45am, 10am & 7.30pm

Friary: 10am, 12noon & 1.05pm

St. Josephs: 8am, 11am & 7pm

Cloughleigh: 9.30am

Poor Clares: 7.45am

Taizé Prayer: We extend a welcome to all to join us for Taizé Prayer in the Church of Our Lady, Roslevan on Thursday Jan 7th at 7.45pm. All are welcome. Quiet, peaceful and reflective.



We thank Emer and Holly O'Loughlin, Shauna Moloney and Aimee McDonagh of Larchill, who went out on the Wren and collected €209.20 for Bumbleance.

Old mobile phones wanted for Bee for Batters, Irish based campaign supporting babies and young children affected by Batters' disease. Please drop into Parish Office.

Scoil Chríost Rí Cloughleigh is holding a clothes collection fundraiser. If you are throwing out any old clothes after Christmas, unwanted clothes will be recycled to raise much needed funds for our new school development. These clothes are then sent to countries in the developing world. Bags can be left in the Hall adjoining Cloughleigh Church after Sunday Mass, after weekly masses or any school day until *Sunday Jan 31st*. Phone 0656820105.

Mary Collins, organiser of the GOAL Mile, Ennis wishes to thank everyone who did the Mile at the Fairgreen on Christmas day and all those who donated and assisted in any way. The sum of €2,800 was raised. Mile Buiochas to all.

SAMARITANS

People can contact the Samaritans by phoning 116 123, email jo@samaritans.org, write to Pat or Mary, Samaritans, Sunville, Kilrush Road.

New Year New Beginning: Why not start this New Year with a gift of presence to yourself. Spring Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction Programme; Jan.20th; 10.30am; Red Gates Corofin and running for 8weeks. Information/book call Anne: 0858108633.

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann Ennis branch are running a sean-nós dance workshop; Jan 8th; Gael Scoil Mhíicil Ciosóg Gort Rd; 6pm-8pm; €5; followed by a sean nós dance night in Cois na h-Abhna; 8.30; €5. Come along for a great night of music, dance, stories & song. Raffle on the night. Proceeds to Fleadh Cheoil na h-Eireann. Enquiries to Cois na h-Abhna 0656824276.

Sewing & Dressmaking lessons; beginners & advanced; Wednesday 13th January, 6.30-8.30pm; Gaelscoil Mhíicil Ciosóg, Gort Rd. Information contact Susanna 0851243416.

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite) This Sunday, 3rd January; 5.30pm, St. Joseph's Church. All are welcome.



A Prayer for the New Year

May we have enough happiness to keep us agreeable

Enough trials to keep us strong,

Enough sorrow to keep us human,

Enough freedom to keep us happy,

Enough failure to keep us humble

Enough success to keep us eager

Enough wealth to meet our needs,

Enough faith to banish depression,

Enough hope to look forward,

Enough love to give us comfort,

And enough determination to keep going.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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. All baggage and check in fees included. Spiritual Director, Fr Tom Hogan, Leader, Mary O' Sullivan. Full time accompaniment by a Cultural Connections' representative. 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.joewalshtours.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

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.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí Eanáir

Tá tréimhse na Nollag fós á chomórath againn agus tá bliain úr nua thar tairseach isteach chugainn. Ag tús na bliana thagaimid os comhair Dé go humhail, ag gabháil buiochas leis as na grásta go léir a bhronn Sé orainn go fial sa bhliain atá imithe tharainn. Ní fios cad atá i ndán dúinn sa bhliain bhisigh seo ach ní gá dúinn bheith buartha mar beidh Dia linn. Is iad intinní an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Go raibh síocháin, cearta agus cóir i réim de thoradh ar chaidreamh lán dáiríre idir fhir agus mhná de chreidimh éagsúla. Trí bhithin dialóg agus carthanacht bhráithriúil agus le grásta an Spioraid Naoimh, go bhfaighe Críostaithe leigheas ar gach easaontas. Ina theachtairacht *Urbi et Orbi* lá Nollag d'iarr an Pápa orainn guí ar son na síochána ar fud an domhain go háirithe i Siria. I mBliain seo na Trócaire tá cuireadh tugtha dúinn bogadh chun cinn ag tionlacan a chéile ar Chonair na Trócaire.

Ar an gCéadaoin ceiliúrfar Sollúntacht **Eipeafáinne an Tiarna**. Tugtar Lá Nollag Beag nó Nollaig na mBan ar an bhféile seo chomh maith. Tháinig na saoithe ón Oirthear chun ómós a thabhairt do Mhac Dé. Fuair siad treoir go Beithil ó réalta. Bhí a fhios acu gur rugadh Rí nua. Shléacht siad go talamh roimhe agus bhronn siad tabhartais ór, túis agus miorr air. Cuireann an fhéile seo clabhsúr ar shéasúr na Nollag. Go raibh athbhliain shona ag cách gan bhrón, gan bhuairt, gan duairceas crua.

We are still celebrating Christmas and a new year is about to begin. We humbly thank God for all the graces received during the past year. We do not know what is in store for us during this leap year. We need not worry as God will be with us. The Pope's Intentions for January are: That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice. That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions. In his Christmas message *Urbi et Orbi* the Pope also asks for prayers for world peace especially in Syria. In this Year of Mercy we are invited to accompany each other on the path of mercy.

Wednesday next is the **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**. In Irish tradition it is also called Little Christmas or Women's Christmas. The Wise Men were led to Bethlehem by a star. They knew that a King was born. They bowed to the ground in adoration and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. This feast concludes the season of Christmas. May all have a happy New Year free from sorrow, trouble and woe.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, wish to thank all those people who donated so generously to our Christmas Church collection which is much appreciated as without that support we simply could not do our work. We also wish to thank companies and business people who donated and schools who collected toys and non-perishable festive food items. This allowed us to support the many families who needed our help during the festive season and into the New Year. If any person still wishes to donate or if you have received an unwanted gift (s), they can be dropped into the SVP shop at 84 Parnell St. Ennis. At any time we would welcome your support with new and good quality clothing, shoes, bags, household goods and small furniture items which can be dropped into our shop. We are available to assist any person or family who are in need and require assistance, to contact us call 065 68 24188. Kind Regards, **John Cullinane, Clare Area President, SVP.**

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all –powerful Word, O Lord, Bounded from heaven's royal throne.

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 Ecclesiasticus

24:1-2.8-12

Wisdom speaks her own praises, in the midst of her people she glories in herself. She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High, she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One.

Then the creator of all things instructed me, and he who created me fixed a place for my tent.

He said, Pitch your tent in Jacob, make Israel your inheritance.

From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall remain.

I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle, and thus was I established on Zion.

In the beloved city he has given me rest, and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.

I have taken root in a privileged people, in the Lords property, in his inheritance.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Word was made flesh & lived among us.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
He has blessed the children within you. R

He established peace on your borders,
He feeds you with finest wheat,
He sends out his word to the earth,
And swiftly runs his command. R

He makes his word known to Jacob,
To Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;

He has not taught them his decrees. R

A reading from Ephesians 1:3-6.15-18

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted children, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved.

That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia

Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans;

Glory be to you, O Christ believed in by the world.

Alleluia!

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John. John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him.

All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of all people, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John.

He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all people; and he was coming into the world.

He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him.

He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock

or urge of the flesh but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness.

He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received—yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God;

it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become children of God.