



# 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.

### Phone Numbers:

Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: [info@ennisparish.com](mailto:info@ennisparish.com)

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

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

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

Second Sunday of Advent

(Year A)

4th December 2016

## “Its up to You”

One song can spark a moment,

One flower can wake the dream.

One tree can start a forest,

One bird can herald spring.

One smile begins a friendship,

One handclasp lifts a soul.

One star can guide a ship at sea,

One word can frame the goal.

One vote can change a nation,

One sunbeam lights a room.

One candle wipes out darkness,

One laugh will conquer gloom.

One step must start each journey,

One word must start each prayer.

One hope will raise our spirits,

One touch can show you care.

One voice can speak with wisdom,

One heart can know what's true.

One life can make the difference.



**You see, It's Up to You!**

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 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: Derek Wells, John Paul Ave. MM

4pm: Lights of Love ceremony

Mon: 7.45am: Patrick Mc Inerney, Doora.

10am: Tommy Clancy, Shanaway Rd.

7.30pm: Marion Carmody, Kilkishen.

Denis & Josephine Rice & Malone Family, Francis St.

Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: Mary & John O'Looney, Kilfenora.

7.30pm: Mary O'Loughlin, St. Michael's Villas.

Wed: 7.45am: Thomas & Ellen Cleary, Mayo.

10am: Patrick & Mary Howley, Mayo.

7.30pm: Frank, Josephine & Mary McEnery, Hermitage.

Thurs: 7.45am: Sonnie & Michael Culligan, Kilrush.

10am: Michael Moloney, McNamara Pk.

7.30pm: Noreen & Alan Seery, Davitt Tce.

Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.

10am: Paschal & Dermot Molloy, Cloughleigh & Cahercalla.

7.30pm: Christo Cullinan, Drumcliffe & Scotland. MM

Sat: 10am: Caroline & Joseph Ensko & decd. family.

6.30pm: Eugene McNamara, Clover Hill & Laureen. MM

Sun 11th: 9am: Tim Flanagan, Rockmount Hse.

Mary Gormley, Childer's Rd.

10.30am: Ignatius McCarthy, Tulla Rd.

Bridget & John Daly, Parnell St & Gallows Hill.

Jim Whymys, Cusack Rd.

Frank Fox & Cecilia Freeman, Cornmarket St.

Eileen & Jack O'Donovan, Turnpike Rd

Nelly Ryan nee O'Donovan.

Joe & Mary Nevin & Mary O'Neill, Loughville.

Kathleen O'Halloran, St Michael's Villas.

Patrick & Maura Keane, Market St. & Kilrush Rd.

Liam Slattery & Torpey family, St Michael's Villas.

12noon: Patrick Molloy, Dalcassian Park. 1st Anniv

## Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 11th December, 2016

Readers: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3

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



**Live the Word:** In the midst of overwhelm and emotional turmoil, it is important to take a step back from the situation. Allow yourself time to understand, process and to connect with yourself. Our emotions can cloud our judgement so by allowing time to process it enables you to make a clearer decision.

## Hospital & Sick Calls

4th December, 2016

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom Hogan

Please call: 065 6869098

Wednesday:

Fr. Dariusz Plasek

Please call: 065 6869098



The next meeting of the secular Franciscan Order will be held at the Friary; 10am and at St. Anthony's hall on Wednesday 7th December; 7.30pm. The usual monthly hour of prayer for peace will take place at Poor Clare Chapel on Sat 3rd Dec from 4.30-5.30pm.

A collection for the Friary funds will be held at Tesco Shopping Centre Fri 9th Dec.

## Ennis Parish

### Christmas Project

Triduum Mass Cards (*Triduum of Masses offered on Christmas Day*) and Parish Christmas Cards are now available from Parish Office. *Proceeds from cards towards: Cathedral Organ restoration fund.*

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL** will hold its Christmas collection at Vigil Masses on Wed 7th and Thurs 8th Dec at each church in Ennis and look forward to the generosity of the general public which is much appreciated. Our immediate concern is to help families avoid an empty Christmas. We help with the cost of food, energy and education as well as toys. We need your help now and without your support, we simply could not do our work; your 'yes' can last a lifetime. If you wish to donate to the Society, you are welcome to drop into or post to SVP office at 84 Parnell St. or at the Parish Office. Any person or family in need and requires assistance, call us at 065 6824188.

**Baby Jesus Sunday:** Every year on one of the Sundays of Advent families bring the figure of the Baby Jesus to St. Peter's Square in Rome for the Pope to bless. It is called "*Bambinelli Sunday*." Many homes in our parish still give a central place to the crib among their Christmas decorations. On Sun 18th Dec we invite you to bring the Baby Jesus from your home to any mass in Ennis Parish and they will be blessed by the celebrant.



## St. Joseph's

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 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.

Mon 11am: Miceál O'Loughlin, Corrovorrin Grove.

Tues 11am: Patrick Kearney, Kincora Pk.

Wed 11am: John Mc Carthy, Cree.

Thu 8am: Tom, Ellen & Kitty O'Grady, Kilnamona.

11am: Noel & Bernadine Moloney, Marian Ave.

7pm: Tom, Dilly & Maisie Mc Mahon, Lifford.

Fri 11am: Peter Cosgrove, Kincora Pk.

Sat 11am: Stephen Madden, Bridget & Martin O'Regan, Kincora Pk.

7pm: Rita Considine, Beechpark. MM

Sun 11th 8am: Bill & Agnes Reidy, Coolmeen.

10am: Peter & Paulette Cosgrove, Castlewood Park.

11.30am: Pat Kilker, St. Senan's 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.



## Rest in Peace

Christopher (Buddy) Dinan, Waterpark Heights; James (Jim) Hennessy, Corrovorrin Drive; Jimmy Cronin, Clonroad; Mary Keaveney, Boyle, mother of Mary O'Brien, Willsgrove;



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

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

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

Mon 9.30am: Maisie Murrhy, Mullagh.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Tommy Fitzpatrick, Larchill.

Thu 9.30am: Samantha Larkin, Leeds, England. MM

Fri 9.30am: Paddy Tubridy, Clahanmore, Cree.

Sun 11th 9.30am: Patrick Gregan, Knock, Inch.

11am: Adelede & Cyril Cosgrove, Clancy Pk.

**Taizé Prayer:** Open invite to join us for prayer using the songs and prayer of Taizé. Church of Our Lady, Roslevan; Tuesday December 6th 7.45pm to 8.30pm. All welcome... bring a friend.



### Lights of Love Remembrance Service: Sunday 4th December, 4pm, Cathedral.

The service is dedicated to families that have experienced the loss of a child. Along with the service, a toy box appeal in aid of Barnardos will be held. During the service all new and unwrapped gifts will be brought to the altar and placed under the Christmas tree. If you would like more information contact Laura on 086 7252872 or Facebook page Nilmdts Ireland



**Mercy at the Movies:** The final offering for our film club is the great Christmas classic *It's a Wonderful Life*, starring James Stewart and Donna Reed. It will be shown in the Pastoral Centre on Friday 9th December at 8pm. Join us for Pictures, Popcorn and Pizza for one last time.

**Bereavement visitation team meeting Thu 8th Dec in Cathedral House; 8pm.**

## Feast of Immaculate Conception

Thursday 8th December  
Holy Day Mass Times

### No Vigil Masses

Cathedral: 7.45am; 10am; 7.30pm

St. Joseph's: 8am; 11am; 7pm.

Friary: 10am, 12noon, 1.05pm.

Vigil Mass in Poor Clare's Wed @ 7.30pm

No evening Mass in Friary.

Cloughleigh: 9.30am

### 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.



**Remembrance Ceremony: Clare Haven Services** invite you to attend a Remembrance Ceremony in the Franciscan Friary Ennis on **Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 7pm**; this ceremony is to remember the women in Ireland who have died tragically through violence. All Welcome.

**Found: sum of money; contact parish office**

**St. Joseph's Hospital Christmas Fair** – which will be held on the long corridor on Sunday the 11th December 2016 – 10am to 1pm. Massive bake sale, home made Christmas stall, luxury hampers, book sale, raffle etc.

**Céilí in Cois na hAbhna** Sun Afternoon 4th Dec with Striolán Céilí Band. Dancing 3-6pm

**Ennis Mental Health Association** will be offering adults free "Mind your Mental Health programme" in the new year. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to come along. More details on the programme. 5th December; 7pm, Sonas centre, c/o Community Centre, Chapel Lane. Meet John McNerney, course facilitator.

**Christmas Craft & Bake Sale at Clare Youth Service**, Carmody St., Friday 9 Dec 9.30 am to 12pm. Range of home-baked goods: Mince Pies, Plum Pudding, Chocolate Biscuit Cake etc; handcrafted items: pine lockers, bird boxes, blanket boxes and CYS Christmas card packs. Any queries to CTC office: ctcadmin@clareyouthservice.org/065-6845350.

**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', Ballyea Munster Club Hurling Champions, Live Choral Music & Entertainment throughout the weekend.

## The Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Grounds of the Cathedral.



Dear Reader, two weeks ago we invited you to taste the Treasure that is the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. We are now in Advent, that time when our thoughts turn to the Birth of Jesus, when we as a family and individually prepare for His coming amongst us and for us. Is there a warmer way to welcome Him Who is the very heart of Christmas, than by visiting Him and giving Him one hour, or whatever time you can give, day or night, in His Chapel?

For more information, please contact the Parish Office tel. 6824043. Thank you.

**WEDDING RING** lost in vicinity of Roslevan Shopping Centre. If found please contact Doora Barefield Parish Office on 682225.

**Three Tenors' Concert: SS. John & Paul Church Shannon** will be the venue for a pre-Christmas Concert with the Three Tenors, Ireland's Greatest Voices on Sunday 11th December at 8pm. Tickets available from the Parish Office Shannon, (061-364133) and Easons Skycourt Shopping Centre Shannon.

**Festival of cribs Liscannor Church, Sat 10th, Sun 11th, Mon 12th;**

**Land of Saints & Scholars**—Beautiful book on the story of the Catholic Church in Ireland. Ideal Christmas gift. On sale, Parish office: €15

**As the weather gets colder and the days get darker the Killaloe Diocese Justice, Peace & Care of Creation Committee urges all of us to keep an eye on elderly neighbours.** As Church we all have a responsibility to look after each other so if you have any elderly neighbours living alone near you, take 5 minutes to check if they need any errands run and to ensure they are warm enough and have enough food. A little gesture can make a big difference.

**Advent Reflections:** A one page reflection on each Sunday Gospel for Advent called **Hearing, Happening, Hoping** can be downloaded from the Killaloe Diocesan website [www.killaloe-diocese.ie/diocesan-news/hearing-happening-hoping-advent-2016.html](http://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/diocesan-news/hearing-happening-hoping-advent-2016.html). Weeks one, two and three are available now. These reflections were compiled by Fr. Seamus O'Connell, Maynooth, Jane Mellett, Dublin Diocese, Philip Carder, Armagh Diocese, Sr. Marie McNamara and Maureen Kelly Killaloe Diocese.

### People of the Year Awards



Many people are working in a voluntary capacity (often unnoticed), giving of their time and energy in the service of others and enriching our community. Some years ago the Pastoral Council decided to acknowledge their contributions and awards have been presented to worthy participants for the past number of years. If you know of someone whom, you feel, would be worthy of such recognition, we would appreciate your nominating them. Nominations to be sent to the Parish Office and should include information about the person being nominated and a detailed outline of the reasons for the nomination.

**Closing date: 31st December 2016.**

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An tSeánmóir ar an Sliabh. Na Biáide.

An Domhnach seo caite sa Chúinne rinneamar machnamh ar na Sé Bhiáide a mhol an Pápa Proinsias ar lá na Naomh Uile i Malmo i mBlíana. An teachtain seo is féidir linn machnamh ar na Biáide a thug Íosa dúinn ag an tSeánmóir ar an Sliabh chun cabhrú linn bheith dílis dár gCreideamh. "Nuair a chonaic Íosa na sluaite chuaigh sé suas an sliabh. Shuigh sé síos agus tháinig a dheisceabail chuige. Thosaigh sé ag caint leo á dteagasc agus dúirt:

Is méanar dóibh seo atá bocht ó spiorad,

óir is leo ríocht na bhflaitheas.

Is méanar do lucht an dobróin, óir sólasófar iad.

Is méanar dóibh seo atá ceansa, óir gheobhaidh siad an talamh mar oidhreacht.

Is méanar dóibh seo a bhfuil ocrais agus tart chun na firéantachta orthu, óir sásófar iad.

Is méanar do lucht na trócaire, óir déanfar trócaire orthu.

Is méanar dóibh seo atá glan ó chroí, óir feicfidh siad Dia.

Is méanar do lucht síochána a dhéanamh,

óir gaofar clann Dé orthu

Is méanar dóibh seo a d'fhulaing géarleanúint mar gheall ar an bhfiréantacht,

óir is leo ríocht na bhflaitheas.

Is méanar daoibh féin nuair a thabharfar aithis daoibh agus a ghéarleanfar sibh, agus nuair a chuirfear gach sórt drochrud in bhur leith go bréagach mar gheall ormsa.

Bíodh áthas oraibh agus geardeas, mar is mór é bhur dtuarastal ar neamh; óir is mar sin a rinneadh géarleanúint ar na fáithe a chuaigh romhaibh". (Matha 5: 1-12)

Last Sunday we reflected on the six Beatitudes which Pope Francis offered at his sermon in Malmo, Sweden on the Feast of All Saints this year. This week we can reflect on the Beatitudes which Jesus gave us to help us to be faithful to our Faith.

**"Now** when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you". (Matthew 5:1-12)

Ennis Cathedral Choir CD  
In aid of Cathedral Organ  
Restoration Fund

For sale in Parish Office: €10



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

O People of Sion, behold,  
The Lord will come to save the nations,  
And the Lord will make the glory of his voice  
heard in the joy of your heart.

## 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 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,  
a scion thrusts from his roots:  
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,  
a spirit of wisdom and insight,  
a spirit of counsel and power,  
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.  
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)  
He does not judge by appearances,  
he gives no verdict of hearsay,  
but judges the wretched with integrity,  
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the  
land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,  
his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,  
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,  
the panther lies down with the kid,  
calf and lion cub feed together  
with a little boy to lead them.  
The cow and the bear make friends,  
their young lie down together.  
The lion eats straw like the ox.  
The infant plays over the cobras hole;  
into the vipers lair  
the young child puts his hand.  
They do no hurt, no harm,  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the  
Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse  
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.  
It will be sought out by the nations  
and its home will be glorious.

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

**Response: In his days justice shall flourish  
And peace till the moon fails.**

O God, give your judgement to the King,  
to a king's people your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice

and your poor in right judgement. R.

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds. R.

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. R.

May his name be blessed forever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name. R.

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans Rm 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the  
scriptures was meant to teach us something  
about hope from the examples scripture gives  
of how people who did not give up were helped  
by God. And may he who helps us when we  
refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with  
each other, following the example of Christ  
Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you  
may give glory to the God and Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for  
you to treat each other in the same friendly way  
as Christ treated you. The reason Christ  
became the servant of circumcised Jews was  
not only so that God could faithfully carry out  
the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also  
to get the pagans to give glory to God for his  
mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I  
shall praise you among the pagans and sing  
your name.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Prepare a way for the Lord,*  
*Make his paths straight*  
*And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.*  
*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he  
preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this  
was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of  
heaven is close at hand'. This was the man the  
prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-  
hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his  
food was locusts and wild honey. Then

Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole  
Jordan district made their way to him, and as  
they were baptised by him in the river Jordan  
they confessed their sins. But when he saw a  
number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming  
for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers,  
who warned you to fly from the retribution that  
is coming? But if you are repentant, produce  
the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to  
tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our  
father," because, I tell you, God can raise  
children for Abraham from these stones. Even  
now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so  
that any tree which fails to produce good fruit  
will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I  
baptise you in water for repentance, but the  
one who follows me is more powerful than I  
am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he  
will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.  
His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear  
his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into  
the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that  
will never go out.'

## 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

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the  
heights, and behold the joy which comes  
to you from God.**