



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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4th Sunday of Lent

Was Mother's Day dreamt up by the greeting card companies? No, it has been celebrated for hundreds of years – firstly to honour Mary the Mother of Jesus, then for people to revisit their Mother church, where they were baptised, and also to acknowledge the influence of mothers on society.

*'Lord, thou art hard on mothers,
we suffer in their coming and their going'*

(The Mother by Patrick Pearse)

Mother's Day is a time to reflect on all mothers - Christ's mother Mary who was heartbroken as she watched her precious son die; in this Centenary year we remember Margaret Pearse whose sons Patrick and Willie were executed after the Easter Rising 1916, mothers of soldiers in war zones, those who have lost their children tragically, mothers of stillborn children, those who miscarry, adoptive mothers and those mothers who gave their children up for adoption. It's also a time to remember women who yearn to become mothers.

God has given women an amazing privilege that comes with being a mother - it's a role that is sometimes taken for granted but is one to be cherished. A mother never stops being a mother, however old her children are. **She is there to give unconditional love, advice, encouragement and support even when her children disappoint her or go astray. A mother loves her children in a way they will not understand until they have their own children.**

Our relationship with our mother has a lifelong influence on our personality and self-esteem. Not everyone is blessed with a perfect mother/child relationship but thankfully for most it is a very positive one.

6th March, 2016 (Year C)

On this Mother's Day may mothers, grandmothers and all those in caring roles be blessed with good health, peace of mind and simple pleasures.



A Prayer for Mothers

We pray for young mothers,

who give life and count toes and tend to every need;

May they be blessed

*with patience and tenderness to care for their families
and themselves with great joy.*

We pray for our own mothers

who have nurtured and cared for us;

May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers

*who are separated from their children because of war,
poverty, or conflict;*

*May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes
every tear away.*

We pray for women who are not mothers

*but still love and shape us with motherly care and
compassion.*

*We remember mothers, grandmothers,
and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us
but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with
their love. Amen.*

(Author unknown)

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Ann Marie Conway, Westbourne Court. MM
Sun: 9am: James & Mary Teresa Quinlivan, Lissycasey.
10.30am: Leovigilda Navarrete, Philippines.
 Carmel Ryan, Gallows Hill.
 Thomas Carr, & Ellen Sherlock, McHugh Vls.
 Willie Carr, Clancy Park.
12 noon: Mary Honan, Kilrush Rd. **1st Anniv**
 Margaret Hayes, Villa Rosa, Clonroad. **1st Anniv**
Féile na hInse Mass
Mon: 7.45am: James & Maura Doohan, Lissycasey.
10am: Galvin & Slattery families, Cahercalla.
7.30pm: Sean Dinan, St. Michael's Villas.
Tues: 7.45am: Book of Intentions.
10am: Gerry O'Driscoll, Summerhill.
7.30pm: PJ Cleary, Gallows Hill.
Wed: 7.45am: Tadgh, Eileen, Noreen &
 Sr. Patricia O'Shea, Ard na Gréine.
10am: Ptk, Eileen, Kevin & Marion McNamara, Ard na Gréine.
7.30pm: Moloney family, Steele's Tce.
Thurs: 7.45am: Ann Fitzgerald, Drumcliffe & Shannon.
10am: O'Brien Family, Golf Links Rd.
7.30pm: Tony Kenny, Hermitage.
Fri: 7.45am: Mass for the People.
10am: Deceased McInerney & Hoey Families.
 Maisie O'Neill, Orchard Lane.
7.30pm: Florence O'Brien, Circular Rd. MM
Sat: 10am: Mary Linnane, Clancy Park. **1st Anniv**
6.30pm: Barbara O'Connell, Abbeyville. **1st Anniv**
Sun 13th: 9am: Richard Crotty, Willow Park.
10.30am: John Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.
 Frank McMahan, Drumcaranmore, Loughville.
 Hugh Ferrigan, Gallows Hill.
 Elizabeth, MI, Seamus & Paul Brassil, Ennis & Kilrush.
Presentation of the Lord's Prayer—RCIA Candidates
12 noon: Lylie O'Connell, St. Michael's Vls & Quin. MM

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 13th March, 2016

Readers: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 6th 11am: Anna Moroney, Cornmarket & USA.
Mon 9.30am: Special Intention.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Fri 9.30am: James, John & Bridget Ward, Loughrea.
Sun 9.30am: Paddy, Kitty & Martin Kennedy, Fountain.
11am: Mary Eziofuru & Akunnakwe Mba-Ileozor, Nigeria.

Bereavement Visitation team meeting Thursday
 10th March 8pm Parish House.

Live the Word:



Do you ever notice yourself judging yourself, others, experiences, making negative comments about situations? What would it be like to suspend judgement? Try it for a day and see what taking a non judgemental approach teaches you.

Hospital & Sick Calls

6th March, 2016

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

Please call: 065 6869098

Wednesday:

Fr. Brendan Quinlivan

Please call: 065 6869098

Newly Baptised



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

Madison Molly O'Driscoll;
Evan James O'Connell Ryan;
Cian Joe Oliver Reidy;
Sarah Ann Nolan;
Elonah Faye Walsh-Mangan;
Caitlin Elizabeth Lynch;
Dara Cunningham;

Rest in Peace

Hilary Hennessy, Lisheen, Ballynacally; **Kathleen Heneghan**, Phoenix, USA sister of *Vincent, Shanaway Rd*; **Patricia Alavian**, USA, sister of Jean Molony, Cahercalla; **Kathleen Reilly**, Corrovarrin Crescent; **Pake Clune**, New Jersey, USA & formerly Inagh, brother of Martin, Cahercalla, Kathleen Shannon, Shannon Pk & Mary Sullivan, Gallows Hill; **Laura Kelly**, Ballynacally; **Olivia Pyne**, Kildysart & St Clare's school; **Mary Meaney**, Greenpark; **Mary Ryan**, Ballinasloe & Ennis, daughter of Gerry & Nell Ryan, Barefield; sister of Antoinette Kelly Moloney, Clonroadmore, Martina McEnery, Gort Rd & Gerard, Kilmurray McMahan;



Parish Visitation Team

will visit the following areas starting 14th March: St. Michael's Villas.

"Where 2 or 3 are gathered in My Name, there I am in the midst of them".



Year of Mercy

With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze, we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity. The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness. (#8)



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: Paul Flaherty, Willow Park. **1st Anniv.**
 Patrick Barrett, Lifford. MM
Sun 6th 10am: Peadar O'Keeffe, Drumcliffe Rd.
11.30am: Jim O'Driscoll, Elm Park.
Mon 11am: Peter, Cecilia & Peter Jr. Linnane, Galway.
Wed 11am: Con McInerney, Doora.
Thu 11am: Nuala Daly & Mai & Martin Daly, Limerick.
Fri 11am: John Burke, Carlow.
Sat 11am: Confirmation CBS
1pm: Mary McGovern, Corrovarrin Grove. **1st Anniv**
7pm: Paddy Darcy, Arbutus House, Glenoir.
Sun 13th 10am: Joe Moroney, Corofin & Ennis.

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite) takes place on Sunday 6th March at 5.30pm in St. Joseph's Church. All are welcome.



Year of Mercy

Pope Francis since his election has practised and preached mercy. He has declared this year to be a Year of Mercy, a time for us to reflect on God's mercy towards us and our need to be merciful to others. As Jesus was hanging on the cross, he cried out "Father, Forgive them...", a heroic plea to his Father to forgive his executioners. As his followers we too have to forgive those who hurt us, but a more challenging and daunting task is letting go of the hurt. There are many ways we can practise mercy. If we meet someone who is hungry or in need we have practical ways of helping. A smile or a friendly word, a listening ear or a warm shake hands may brighten that person's day. Each of us was created by God and we are so precious to Him. God wants us to be merciful to others, but also merciful to ourselves. This helps us to spread mercy and compassion. Let us never forget that "The Lord is kind and full of compassion, Slow to anger abounding in Mercy." *Sr. Madeline Walsh, Convent of Mercy, Ennis.*



Garment of Suffering

As part of the Easter Ceremonies during Holy Week, a garment is sewn together from pieces of material gathered from people in the Community. The piece of material represents peoples pain or cross. If you would like to be part of the garment, you may leave a piece of material in the box on the sanctuary in the Cathedral.

Mercy at the Movies

Our film club for the Year of Mercy continues in the Pastoral Centre on Friday 11th March at 8pm. This month's film is Amazing Grace which recounts the story of William Wilberforce and his heroic work to end slavery. Stars include Benedict Cumberbatch and Albert Finney. Join us for popcorn, pictures and pizza. All are welcome.



Follow the Icon

Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Pilgrimage to Cathedrals of Ireland,
Celebrating 150 Years with the
Redemptorists 1866-2016.

Blessed Pope Pius IX presented the Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help to the Redemptorists for veneration in their newly-built Church of Sant' Alfonso, Rome in December 1865. It was much in need of restoration so it was April 26th, 1866 before it was solemnly installed there. The Holy Father gave the Redemptorists a mandate: they were to promote devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help throughout the world. Just over a year later, the first copy arrived in Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick.

The Icon is arriving to Ennis Cathedral
Thursday 14th April. Further details later.

The Cathedral choir were delighted with their success in the recent Limerick Choral Festival. The choir were runners-up in a very competitive field, consisting of a range of choirs from Cork, Limerick, Wicklow, Galway and Tipperary. The choir practise every Monday evening in the cathedral practice room at 7pm and are always looking for new members, especially men. Anyone interested should enquire at the parish office.

Voice of Peace Ministry residential retreat
April 8-10th 2016. St Flannan's College. Spirit filled talks by International preachers. Contact Michael Moloney 086-8327844; Kay Downey 087-9912047; Email: voiceofpeaceministry@gmail.com

People of the Year

Presentation of Awards 31st March
Cathedral at 8pm

Congratulations to this year's recipients:

Brid Staunton, College Green;
Teresa Hogan, Tobartaoscain;
Mary O'Looney, Elm Park;
Eithne Gleeson, Elm Park;
P.J. O'Driscoll, Roslevan;

Special Merit Award

Fr. Michael O'Loughlin, Moyard, Shanballa.

The night will consist of an illustrated talk on the History of Ennis Cathedral.

Welcome to all!

Ennis Singers' Club will be on Friday 11th March 2016 @ 9.00 p.m. in the Grove Restaurant, Roslevan with Special Guest: Jane Marlborough of Barefield. Jane is a beautiful young singer who features regularly at Spencilhill Singers' Club. All welcome.

A Tidy Towns' Information evening will take place on Tuesday, 8th March from 5.30pm to 7.30pm in the offices of Clare County Council. Please confirm your attendance to Ailish McMahon on (065) 6846476 or email aimcmahon@clarecoco.ie

Eire Óg Academy, registration evening Friday March 4th from 6.30 to 8pm in Eire Óg Clubhouse. Club gear on sale also. U-6 and U-8 training re-starts March 11th. New member welcome.

Chapel Lane Market - indoor craft & food market - continues in the Community Centre on Chapel Lane, Ennis every Saturday 10-5. Info at chapellanemarket@gmail.com; Facebook: /chapellanemarket

ICA Fergus Guild March meeting - Thursday March 10th - venue St Joseph's Meeting room, Kincora Park at 7:30pm all are welcome

Fun Bingo; Saturday March 12th; The Grove Bar, Roslevan, 9pm; In Aid of Hope Foundation helping street children of Calcutta; Eleanor Custy, Doora will travel to Calcutta in May to volunteer with "Hope", €10 per book, Prizes Galore, ticket available Mary Kelly's, O'Connell St. All Welcome.

Church Gate Collection for Cuan an Chlair next weekend on 12th and 13th March with sincere thanks to people for all their support.

John Burns will provide supervised study for students from all secondary schools every day during the upcoming Easter Holidays. Opening Saturday 19th March and running up to and including Sunday 3rd April. Daily 9am to 5pm and Sundays 12pm to 5.30pm. This gives students 16 days of well supervised study during the long Easter Break. Booking is not necessary. Enquiries to John on 0872766338 only and not from Rice College office.

Archaeological & Historical Society: Wed 9th March at 8pm, Oakwood Arms Hotel, Shannon. A lecture by Ros O Maolduin, Dept of Archaeology, NUIG. The densest concentration of wedge tombs in Ireland is in the Barren in Co. Clare and the densest cluster in that concentration is on Roughan Hill. This talk will describe the results from the first excavation of a wedge tomb in this significant cluster and discuss its relevance to our understanding of Early Bronze Age society in Ireland. €5 charge for non-members.

Come join Ennis Musical Society for one rocking trip back to the 80's when they present Footloose the Musical 15th to 19th of March at Glór Ennis. Filled with show stopping dance and songs from start to finish, you will relive the 80's classics such as- Let's hear it for the Boy, Holding out for a Hero, Almost Paradise and of course Footloose!!! This not-to-be-missed show is one for all the family! Don't miss out on seeing the classic movie brought to life on stage. Nightly performances and also a Saturday matinee. Tickets €18/€14 adults/children Tickets available at Glór 065 6843103 or online at www.glor.ie

Sr. Eileen's Céinne

An Ceathrú Domhnach den Charghas.

Inniu an Ceathrú Domhnach den Charghas. Tugtar *Laetare* ar an Domhnach seo mar de réir an traidisiúin ba lá ceiliúradh é san Eaglais i lár an Charghais. Is éard is brí le *Laetare* ná Lúcháir. Meabhairsonn an Scriptúir dúinn go bhfuil cúis gairdeas na Tiarna againn. Caitheann an sagart éide rósach agus an tAifreann á léamh aige inniu. De ghnáth ní bhíonn aon bhláthanna ar an altóir le linn an Charghais ach is féidir iad a bheith ann inniu. Fadó ní bhíodh an t- orgán le clos sa tréimhse seo den bhliain ach amháin ar Dhomhnach Laetara.

Ceiliúrfar Aifreann Fhéile na hInse inniu ag tabhairt molta agus glóire do Dhia as na tallanna go léir a bhronnann Sé ar aos óg ár linne. Tá an Fhéile á réachtáil le blianta fada anuas agus éileamh seasta uirthi. Tá an Coiste fíorbhuíoch do na daltaí go léir a ghlacann páirt sna comórtais ilchultúrtha. Molaimid go mór a dtuismitheoirí, a múinteoirí, ár moltóirí agus gach duine a thugann tacaíocht dúinn. Go maire an Ghaeilge slán.

Paidir do Ghaeilgeoirí: *A Thiarna, labhair tú leis na ciníocha ina dteangacha dílse féin Domhnach Cincise. Labhair tú fós le muintir na hÉireann ina dteanga féin trí Phádraig, Bhríd, Cholm Cille agus naoimh uile ár dtíre. Soilsigh ár n-aighe chun urraim a thabhairt don oidhreacht uasal a tháinig chugainn tríd an teanga sin, agus neartaigh ár dtóil chun í a shlánú agus a láidriú chun do ghlóire féin agus onóir na hÉireann trí Chríost ár dTiarna. Áiméan*

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today, sometimes called Laetare Sunday, has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration. *Laetare* means Rejoice. The Scriptures tell us that we have good reason to rejoice in the Lord. The priest wears rose coloured vestments today. There are usually no flowers on the altar during Lent but today is an exception. Long ago the organ was silent during Lent but played on Laetare Sunday.

Féile na hInse began last Friday and we celebrate *Aifreann na Féile* (Festival Mass) today, to praise and thank God for the gifts and talents with which our young people are endowed. *Féile na hInse* has been an annual event for many years and is well supported. The Committee is very grateful to the students who compete in the various cultural competitions. We appreciate the support of parents, teachers, adjudicators and all who assist. Prayer for Irish Speakers: *Lord, you spoke on Pentecost Sunday to all nations in their own language. You spoke to the Irish people in their own language through Patrick, Brigid and Colmcille. Illuminate our minds to respect our language, and strengthen our wills to revive it for your own glory and honour and for the glory of Ireland, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Yoga with Rosie every Wednesday morning 10am to 11am (Drop in Class); Maria Assumpta Hall (beside Cathedral); €10 drop in €8 unwaged. Rosie: 086-4547827.

TROCAIRE Trocaire Lenten Campaign
Working for a Just World 2016: "whoever honours a mother is like someone amassing a fortune."

Ecclesiasticus/Sirach 3:4. On this Mothering Sunday we remember mothers in the developing world who struggle, through no fault of their own, to care for their children. We pray that with Trocaire's support, these mothers will be able to look forward to a brighter future. www.trocaire.org.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 28th February, €7,696.00

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who are in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

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 book of Joshua

Jos 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. *R*

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. *R*

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. *R*

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

2 Cor 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appearing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name

is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!
I will leave this place and go to my father and say:
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 15:1-3.11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about.

"Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found." '

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

**You must rejoice, my son
for your brother was dead and has come
to life; he was lost and is found.**