



Ennis Parish News

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

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

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

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7th February, 2016 (Year C)

LET US KNEEL BEFORE THE GOD WHO MADE US

At particular points of the mass today, you will find yourself either sitting, standing or kneeling. These are not just arbitrary postures, but highly significant bodily gestures which express our attitude before God.

Kneeling - the most reverent gesture we take during mass. It shows our obedience to God and our acknowledgement that we are not God's equal. From the beginning of Christianity it has been the ultimate act of worship that recognises that we are truly in the presence of Christ. In today's Gospel, Peter recognises the power of God in the miracle performed by Jesus Christ and his spontaneous reaction, like so many others, is to fall to his knees and worship.

There are two points in the mass when people of faith realise the awesome reality that they are in the presence of Jesus and fall to their knees to worship. During the Eucharistic Prayer as the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ and before Communion when the priest presents our saviour to us and invites us to receive him "Behold the lamb of God...."

Standing - this is used to show an importance without giving it the same reverence as kneeling. We only kneel for Christ, everything else is lesser.



Sitting - in order for standing and kneeling to have significance, we sit at other times during mass. You can't stand up for the Gospel if you weren't sitting to begin with.

Because of its association with submission or subordination, many consider the act of kneeling as a medieval affront to the dignity of the human person. Paradoxically for Catholics, it is in that act of submission that we discover our true dignity as sons and daughters loved by God.

Why? The one before whom we kneel isn't just 'anyone', it is God himself. Even when its not physically possible for a person to kneel, that inward attitude of submission and worship sets us free.

Cardinal Ratzinger in *The Spirit of the Liturgy* reflects; "It may well be that kneeling is alien to modern culture -- insofar as it is a culture, for this culture has turned away from the faith and no longer knows the one before whom kneeling is the right, indeed the intrinsically necessary gesture. The man who learns to believe learns also to kneel, and a faith or a liturgy no longer familiar with kneeling would be sick at the core. Where it has been lost, kneeling must be rediscovered, so that, in our prayer, we remain in fellowship with the apostles and martyrs, in fellowship with the whole cosmos, indeed in union with Jesus Christ Himself."

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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

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.
12noon: Bill Lacey, College Grove. **1st Anniv**
Mon:7.45am: Maura Garvey, Dublin.
10am: Áine Fennell & Sr. Benet O.P., Gort Rd.
7.30pm: Kathleen Doran, Tulla & Ennis.
 Charlie O'Grady, McNamara Pk.
Tues:7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Maureen Murphy & Joe, Hermitage.
7.30pm: Bernie Dilger, Connolly Villas.
Wed:7.45am: Thomas & Elizabeth Nugent, Scariff.
10am: Mary Pigott, Connolly Villas.
7.30pm: Martin & Anne O'Grady, College Park &
 Gertie & Bernard Bleasdale, Corrovorrin.
Thurs:7.45am: Joe Foley, College Park.
10am: Chrissie, George & Haulie Molloy,
 Mollie Butler, Old Mill St.
7.30pm: Michael & Mary Ryan, St Michael's Villas.
Fri:7.45am Mass for the People.
10am: Christina & Paddy Malone, Dalcassian Drive.
7.30pm: Michael Bugler, Newmarket-on-Fergus. **MM**
Sat:10am: Monica Sheridan, Hermitage.
6.30pm: Mary Moroney, Hermitage & London. **MM**
Sun 14th: 9am: Edward & Annie Mallon, Tyrone.
 Gerry & Mary Moroney, Lower Market St.
10.30am: Paddy & Mary Keane, Limerick Rd.
 Olive Slattery (nee Ritchie), College Park.
 Michael Griffin, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.
 Lorraine Cooley, Dalcassian Ave.
 Patrick & Ciss Garahy, St. Michael's Villas.
 Liam Molony, Shanaway.
 Fr. John Meehan, Summerhill.
12 noon: Rite of Election—RCIA Candidates.
 Mary Browne, St. Anthony's, Circular Rd. **MM**

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 14th February, 2016

Readers: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 7th 11am: Kitty McDermott, Cloughleigh.
Mon 9.30am: James McInerney, O'Callaghan's Mills.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Sean McEnery, McHugh Villas.
Sun 14th 9.30am: Bridie & PJ Dilger, Hermitage.
11am: Edward & Mary Hayes, Hermitage.



Live the Word: There is no passion to be found in settling for a life that is less than you are capable of living.

Newsletter items to Parish Office ☎ 065-6824043
 Fax 065-6842541 or email: info@ennisparish.com
 Deadline is 12 noon on Tuesday.

Hospital & Sick Calls

7th February, 2016

Priest on Duty:

Please call: 065 6869098

Wednesday: Fr. Tom Hogan
 065 6869098

Newly Baptised



*We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Dylan Eric McNevin; Eve Robyn Dobbin; Daniel Michael Millar Monahan***

Faith Friends, Tuesday Feb 9th is the last Parish Faith Friends evening for Ennis National confirmation students. Special thanks to the parents who supervised the small groups each evening. All the children participated, a huge "thank you" to their parents for encouraging and enabling them. The 24 Rice College transitional year students working with the groups have been dedicated. Hopefully they have grown in faith during it too.

Confirmation Ceremony of Light: Tuesday March 1st; 8pm Cathedral

From the organising group of this parish programme, THANKS

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, would help us to 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.

Parish Visitation

Team will visit the following areas starting 15th February: Park Avenue. "Where 2 or 3 are gathered in My Name, there I am in the midst of them".



MEDJUGORJE PRAYER

MEETING. Monday 8th Feb; 8pm: District Daycare Centre, Clarecastle: All welcome.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday, 31st January, €7,064

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: Tony Strand, Shannon Pk.
Sun 7th 8am: Christina Kelly, Elm Park.
11.30am: James & Eileen McGann, Parnell St.
Tues 11am: John & Catherine Behan, Kilkee.
Wed 11am: Donor's Intention.
7pm: Sean & Mary Glynn, Kincora Park.
Thu 11am: Mary, John & dec'd Fitzgerald family, Kerry.
Fri 11am: Jimmy Morgan, Shanaway Rd.
Sat 11am: Bridie Flynn, Lifford Rd.
7pm: Maurice O'Brien, Inch.
Sun 14th 8am: Burns & Lipton families, L.A; USA.
10am: Maura Cavanagh, Pine Grove.
11.30am: Aileen Nugent, Castlerock.

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite) takes place on **Sunday 7th February 2016 at 5.30 p.m. in St. Joseph's Church.** All are welcome.



Lent 2016

Ash Wednesday

Remember that you are dust,
 and to dust you shall return.

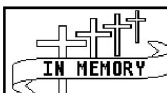


10th February marks the beginning of our Lenten Journey. The distribution of ashes at all the masses reminds us of our mortality and is also an opportunity to reflect on our relationship with God and our neighbour. During the Lenten Season, the Church invites the faithful to enter into the reflective period, especially in these turbulent times.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Mass of Healing and Anointing Thursday February 11th St. Joseph's Church at 11am.

World Day of the Sick, a celebration started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of *Our Lady of Lourdes*. People around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick on this day. Faith organizations mark this day especially to provide the sick with medicines, food, and spiritual guidance.



Rest in Peace

May McMahan, Cahercalla;
 Sr. Pius O'Brien, St Xavier's & Quilty;
*Those we love don't go away,
 they walk beside us every day.
 Unseen, unheard, but always near;
 still loved, still missed and very dear.*

IRISH CATHOLIC CATECHISM FOR ADULTS



Would you like to do something for the Holy Year of Mercy?

Why not learn more about your faith?

The Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults was published in 2014, in the pontificate of Pope Francis, with his emphasis on evangelisation and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with others. Our faith is a gift that we have received, but it is also a gift that we should be able to give to others. If we are being fed by our relationship with the Lord we must not keep it to ourselves but bring it to others. **A study group is being proposed to begin on the first week of Lent**, to study the Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults. Set in the context of prayer, it will, with God's grace, be a learning that reaches our spirit, our individuality and engaging with our everyday life and personal existence. So come as you are, all will be welcome. **For further information contact Eithne @ 087 6679516**

International Police Association Clare Region; Poker Classic At Ciaran's Bar, Sunday February 7th Commencing 6pm; Tickets €20 from Ennis Garda Station. Proceeds to Cahercalla Hospice, Ennis.

Family Carers Ireland formally Caring for Carers Clare. Following a merger with the Carers' Association we now have a new organisation working on behalf of family carers. Family Carers, Ireland Clare Branch, will be providing the same services and supports to family carers in the county from our office at 2 Carmody Street. Qualified Home Care Workers with at least two FETAC modules level 5 Care Skills/Care of the Older Person/Safe Lifting and Handling are required urgently around the county to work on the home care package scheme. Interested persons should contact Susan/Marian at 065 6866515.

John Burns will provide supervised study in Rice College every day during the upcoming February Midterm Break. Students from all schools welcome. Booking not necessary. Opening Saturday 12th Feb and running daily up to and including Sunday 20th Feb. Daily 9am to 5pm. Sundays 12pm to 5.30pm. **Enquiries to John on 0872766338. Please do not contact the school office.**

Clare County Council is holding a **free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day** at Ennis Mart; 13th Feb: 9.30am to 3.30pm. Information email: envawareness@clarecoco.ie or Tel 065 6846386.

Day Couch Tour to Waterford on Thursday February 25th, visiting Dolman Hotel Carlow for tea & Scones, Tour includes Waterford Crystal, Waterford City, Evening meal at the Dolman Hotel followed by entertainment. Leaving from St Joseph's Hospital 8am(Sharp) Cost of Day €40. Booking with payment Sr Annette 087 9247025

Sláinte an Chláir, Clare cancer support is opening in Knockatullish, Raheen Hospital, Tuamgraney on Friday, Feb 12th; 12 midday. All welcome.

Sr. Pius O'Brien



1928-2016

Sr. Pius O'Brien, who died in the Galway Clinic on 2nd February, aged 87, was a native of Shandrum, Quilty. Her brother Tom and sister Mary Teresa predeceased her. Educated in her local primary school, St. Joseph's Secondary School, Spanish Point and Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, she taught for four years in Dunmanway, Co. Cork before joining the Sisters of Mercy in Ennis, in 1951. She taught in Killaloe & Spanish Point before returning to Holy Family. Poor health forced her to retire from school in 1984.

However, retirement from teaching brought the opportunity to pursue her life-long passion for history. She dedicated herself to chronicling the history of the Sisters of Mercy in the Diocese of Killaloe, which was published in three volumes. She established a Mercy Archive in Ennis which was transferred in 2012 to the Congregational Archive in Dublin.

Those who had the privilege of spending time with Pius in her final illness were moved by her strong faith and her repeated prayer to God: *'please take me home, I'm ready'*. We extend our sincere sympathy to her sister-in-law, nieces, nephews and extended family, her religious community and her many friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.

Come bag a bargain at Carrigoran House Rail Sale Sunday 21st February from 1pm. Interested in taking a rail contact 061 368100 for further details. All proceed to Alzheimer's and Elderly Care.

Avenue United Soccer Academy, boys & girls aged 5-10yrs now accepting new enrolments for, Jan-June, Saturday mornings in Lees Road, €60. contact 087 8134592

Shrove Tuesday Céilí in Cois na hAbhna on 9th February with The Five Counties' Céilí Band. Dancing 9.00 - 12.00. Benefit night for Ennis branch CCÉ. Pancakes Galore on the Night.

Weekly 12-step meeting for Adult Children of Alcoholics resumes in the Rowan Tree Hostel on Friday 5th February 8-9pm.

KILMALEY PARENT & TODDLER GROUP is on every Thursday from 11-1pm at a new venue Woodstock Hotel (Leisure Centre). Parents, Toddlers & Babies are welcome for fun activities such as play, arts/crafts, singing & storytelling. Why not join us! If you require further information please contact: Niamh on 0877424030 or Tricia on 0868349455

ICA Fergus Guild, monthly meeting February 11th, St Joseph's Meeting Room 7:30pm, all welcome.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí Feabhra

Cuirimis fáilte roimh Mí Feabhra, tús an Earraigh. As seo amach beidh fad ag teacht sna laethanta agus an aimsir ag dul i bhfeabhas mar a deir an seanfhocal, "Gach ré lá go maith ó mo lá-sa amach" a deir Brid. "Gach lá go maith ó mo lá-sa amach, a deir Pádraig, "agus leath mo lae-sa freisin". Is iad intinní an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Cúram na cruthaíochta, go dtugaimis aire mhaith don chruthaíocht, tabhartas saor in aisce ó Dhia. Go ndéanaimis í a chaomhnú agus a shaothrú do na glúine atá le teacht. Go méadófar ar na deiseanna atá ann le haghaidh caidreamh idir an Creideamh Críostaí agus ciníocha na hÁise.

Is é seo Domhnach na Measarthachta. Cuirtear i gcuimhne dúinn inniu bheith measartha i ngach gné dár saol agus guí ar son na n-andúileach. Is minic a bhíonn an Spiorad toilteanach ach bíonn a corp lag. Tá cúnamh Dé ar fáil de shíor ag an gcine daonna ach é a iarraidh. Seo paidir dheas ónár mbéaloideas:

Toil Dé go ndéanaimid

Ar n-antóil féin go smachtaimid

Srian lenár dteanga go gcuirimid

An aithri go tráthuill go ndéanaimid

Bás beannaithe go bhfaighimid

Ceol na n-aingeal go gcloisimid

Ag moladh Dé go rabhaimid

Le saol na saol. Aiméan

Let us welcome the Month of February, the beginning of Spring. The days will be lengthening and the weather improving. As the Irish proverb says "Every second day fine from my day on", says Brigid. "Every day fine from my day on" says Patrick, "and half of my own day too". The Pope's intentions for this month are: Care for Creation, that we may take good care of creation – a gift freely given – cultivating and protecting it for future generations. That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

Today is Temperance Sunday. We are advised to be temperate in all areas of our lives and to pray for addicts. The Spirit is always willing but the flesh is weak. God's grace is always available to mankind on request. This a lovely prayer from oral tradition:

May we do God's will

May we control wrong inclinations

May we be moderate in speech

May we repent of our sins

May we have a happy death

May we hear the music of angels

May we praise God forever. Amen



Final appeal for Memories of the TURNPIKE. This month sees the final appeal by Flan Hehir of McNamara Pk., who is working on a new book on the history of the Old & New Turnpike area of Ennis. The book is being produced in conjunction with Clare Roots Society. The current appeal is for contributions of photographs, documents, invoices and memorabilia of all kinds associated with the area. The new book, while covering the old Turnpike back to 1752 will also include items associated with McNamara Park, Dalcassion Ave., Drive & Park, Turnpike Rd. Flan can be contacted by phone at (087) 6534966 or email: flan.hehir@gmail.com or contact can also be made through Clare Roots Society Secretary at secretary@clareroots.org

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O come let us worship God
And bow low before the God who made us, for he
is the Lord our God.

PENITENTIAL RITE

- P. Have mercy on us, O Lord
C. **For we have sinned against you.**
P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
C. **And grant us your salvation.**
P. May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.
C. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace
to people of good will. We praise you, we bless
you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you
thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly
King, God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with
the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the
Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the
sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one
with six wings. And they cried out one to
another in this way,
'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts,
His glory fills the whole earth.'
The foundations of the threshold shook with the
voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple
was filled with smoke. I said:
'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean
lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King,
the Lord of hosts.'
Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in
his hand a live coal which he had taken from the
altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched
my mouth and said:
'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'
Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:
'Whom shall I send? Who will be our
messenger?'
I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'
The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*Response: Before the angels I will bless
you, O Lord.*

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
"How great is the glory of the Lord!" **R.**

You stretch out your hand and save me
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hand. **R.**

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

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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In the first place, I taught you what I had been
taught myself, namely that Christ died for our
sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he
was buried; and that he was raised to life on
the third day, in accordance with the scriptures;
that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly
to the Twelve.
Next he appeared to more than five hundred of
the brothers at the same time, most of whom
are still alive, though some have died; then he
appeared to James, and then to all the
apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too;
it was as though I was born when no one
expected it.
But what matters is that I preach what they
preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of men.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lk 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of
Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him
listening to the word of God, when he caught
sight of two boats close to the bank.
The fishermen had gone out of them and were
washing their nets. He got into one of the boats
- it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a
little from the shore. Then he sat down and

taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to
Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay
out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon
replied, 'we worked hard all night long and
caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay
out the nets.' And when they had done this
they netted such a huge number of fish that
their nets began to tear, so they signalled
to their companions in the other boats to
come and help them; when these came,
they filled the two boats to sinking point.
When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the
knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I
am a sinful man.' For he and all his
companions were completely overcome by
the catch they had made; so also were
James and John, sons of Zebedee, who
were Simon's partners.
But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid;
from now on it is men you will catch.' Then,
bringing their boats back to land, they left
everything and followed him.

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

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they
shall be consoled. Blessed are those
who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they shall have their
fill.**