



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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The Ascension of the Lord

(Year C)

8th May 2016

TUESDAY MAY BE A DAY TOO LATE

Greet the dawn of each day as if a long lost friend's come home;

Make one and only one promise to yourself that you will enjoy the day and all it brings;

Find in yourself the one extra ounce of reserve when you need it, and you will, for each day demands energy as well as love;

Smile and say hello every day to at least one stranger;

Acknowledge the joy of children and the peace that elders deserve;

Be as free with compliments as you are with criticism;

Bite your tongue on the first harsh word you want to say;

Shake hands as if you were a link in a lifeline;

Once in a while give something away that's important to you, but not a dream

Recall the faces of your parents and a childhood incident, and remember their touch, their kiss, their hand on you;

Retire with a smile to the joy of your rest, knowing tomorrow is at hand; and above all,

Grasp your dream as if it had handles, for you are the only one who can turn it around.



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Mary Jane McMahon, College Rd. MM
Mary Hynes, Kilnoe House, Clare Rd. MM
Sun 8th 9am: Frank O'Dwyer, Clonroadbeg.
10.30am: Kitty Smyth, Carmody St. MM
Ann Lacey, College Green.
Michael Connellan, Ard na Gréine.
Marian O'Loughlin, Lifford Rd.
Nicholas Purcell, Aidan Park, Shannon.
Ita O'Shea, Clonroad.
Donal MacMathuna, Ballybeg.
12noon: Mary Pearce, Ennis & Florida. **1st Anniv.**
Tommy Dormer, Ivy Hill. MM
Mon: 7.45am: Jack & Bridget Healy, Hermitage.
10am: Mary Ellen, Joe & Tommy Hickey, Inch.
7.30pm: Flannan Flynn, Connolly Villas.
Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Donor Intention.
7.30pm: Jason Ellis, Querrin, Kilkee.
Marcelita Udan Solis, Philippines. MM
Wed: 7.45am: Deceased Reidy family, Tiermaclane.
10am: John & Eileen Howard, Circular Rd.
7.30pm: PJ & Mary Burke & family, Inch, Kilmaley.
Thurs: 7.45am: Michael & Delia Broderick, Parnell St.
10am: John & Bridget Healy, Hermitage.
7.30pm: Bridget, Mai & Eugene Singleton, Hermitage.
Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.
10am: Christy Daly, College View, Clonroadmore.
7.30pm: Special Intention.
Sat: 10am: Jim & Mae Quinlivan, Lr. Market St.
11am: Ennis National School First Holy Communion.
6.30pm: Martin Frawley, Westfields. **1st Anniv.**
Sun 15th: 9am: Brendan McMahon, Limerick Road.
Special Intention.
10.30am: Mary & Michael Walsh, Rosville, Clonroad.
Liam Daly, Hermitage.
James Kelly, Collins Park.
Michael O'Brien, Summerhill.
Dan O'Connor, Clonroad.
Paddy Honan, Kilrush Rd.
12noon: PJ Coote, Cahercalla. MM

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 15th May, 2016

Readers: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 8th 9.30am: Michael Nihill, Shallee Drive.
11am: Jim (Seamus) McNamara, Kilkishen & London.
Mon 9.30am: Special Intention.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Teresa & Matt Hickey, Ennis;
Kilmaley & Canada.
Fri 7.30pm: Jane Frawley, Kildarsart.
Sun 15th 9.30am: Michael Leyden, Cloughleigh Rd.
11am: Phil **1st Anniv** John & Mary Flanagan, Ballygriffey.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 1st May, €7,384.00

Hospital & Sick Calls

8th May, 2016

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom Hogan

Wednesday duty:

Fr. Dariusz Plasek

Duty phone: 065 6869098

The Charismatic Prayer group.

Please join with us in thanksgiving and praise on Sat 14th May in preparation for Pentecost in Poor Clare's Chapel. Holy hour with exposition of the blessed Sacrament led by Fr. Paddy Conway. All very welcome.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

To mark the Year of mercy, we will continue to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet as a prayer group on this Tuesday Evening at 8pm in the chapter room. All are welcome to come and pray and we hope to keep up the wonderful attendance and new friendships formed so far. There will also be a short Lectio Divina after the chaplet. All welcome.



Newly Baptised



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

Breaux Stiles Garam; Martin Pius Mongans; Warren James O'Brien; Emily Margaret Haugh Casey; Maximilian Chiedozie Jkeoji; Connie O'Donoghue;

Dates for Your Diary
Bereavement visitation group-
Thurs 12th May 8pm, Cathedral House.

Gospel Rising Music Festival
Mass 11am May 15th featuring choirs from all over Ireland. Holy family School Hall. All welcome.

Mass & Anointing for people with disabilities and chronic illnesses in Ennis Cathedral, **Wednesday, 25th May; 2pm.** Fr Tom Hogan, Celebrant.

Parish Office

Closed

Wednesday Next

11th May.



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: Frank Gibbons, Kincora Park.
Sun 8th 8am: Reidy & Kelly families.
10am: Joseph Arthur, Gort Rd.
11.30am: Martin & Kathleen Kelly, Old Gort Rd.
Mon 11am: Mary Kerin, Ennis.
Tues 11am: Michael Harold, Liscannor.
Wed 11am: Gerald & Sheila Murray,
Newmarket-on-Fergus.
Thu 11am: Matt & Mary Coughlan, Cork.
Fri 11am: Kevin McEnnis, Lifford Rd.
Sat 11am: First Communion CBS.
Sun 15th 8am: Kathleen O'Loughlin, Old Gort Road.
10am: Jimmy & Cecilia Casey, Old Gort Rd.
11.30am: Rita Delee, The Crescent. **1st Anniv.**

RCIA

Do you or someone you know wish to become a Catholic?

Are you a baptized Catholic but never have been Confirmed or received First Holy Communion?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) may be the place for you!

Every year adults are welcomed into the Catholic Community through this RCIA parish programme.

INTERESTED!!!!

Don't hesitate to drop in to the parish office or call 065 6824043.



Reflection for the Year of Mercy



Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; (Luke 6: 36-37) This year of Mercy is a special time for me and for us all. Forgiveness is not easy, but we forgive primarily for ourselves, to be able to live normally, so that God can heal my wounds. Mercy is an act of grace and free will. We should forgive evil things committed against us, and it is always difficult. Lord Jesus you are patient kind and humble. I pray you will teach us patience, humility and kindness. Bless us and forgive our sins, lead us to everlasting life with You. Jesus, I trust in You.

Agata Murzyn.

Rest in Peace

Dorrie O'Connor, Considine Rd, late Dublin & Sligo, sister of the late Maura Malaghan, Considine Rd;
Hannah Dillane, Ardagh, Co. Limerick, mother of Norah Hayes, Victoria Court;
Pat McCullough, Tulla Rd;
Michael Sweeney, Shannon Park;



May Devotions in honour of Our Lady

We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly during May.

- Buttermarket Grotto, Rosary, daily Sunday to Friday 7pm; Saturday 7.30pm.
- Corrovorrin Crescent, Rosary, daily, 7pm.
- Gallows Hill, Rosary, daily, 7pm
- Rosary, Our Lady's Shrine, Dalcassian Pk; daily, 7pm.
- St. Michael's Villas Grotto, Rosary, daily, 7pm
- Lees Rd, 16th May 7pm, Rosary & Benediction.
- May Procession from Christ the King Church to Davitt Tce, Grotto May 23rd 7pm – (weather permitting).
- Hermitage Grotto daily @ 6.30pm. Rosary & Benediction 26th may @ 7.30pm
- Loughville 30th May, 7pm, Rosary & Benediction.



Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flowers of the rarest
bring blossoms the fairest,
from gardens and woodlands
and hillside and dale;

Our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Chorus:

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

Their lady they name thee,
Their mistress proclaim thee,
Oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true
As long as the bowers
are radiant with flowers,
as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.

The Month of May has been dedicated to emphasising the importance of Safeguarding Children.

SAFEGUARDING, Learning from the past. In his Ad Limina address to the Irish Bishops on 28th October 2006, Pope Benedict XVI stressed the need to:

- establish the truth of what happened in the past;
- to take whatever steps are necessary to prevent it from occurring again;
- to ensure that the principles of justice are fully respected; and
- above all, to bring healing to the victims and to all those affected by these egregious crimes.

As a church we commit to this journey of justice, truth, healing and abuse prevention.

The Killaloe Diocese is pleased to invite you to attend the 'Your Kingdom Come: A Spirituality of JPIC' talk which will be delivered by Fr. Gearóid Ó Conaire OFM. **Tuesday 17th May, 8pm in the Pastoral Centre, Ennis.** Themes which will be explored include: An introduction to Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC); JPIC's foundation in Scripture, Church documents and Catholic Social Teaching; The role of JPIC in the life of the Church and its members. This is an excellent opportunity to look at the values behind JPIC and to learn more about its place in our own lives and in the life of our Diocese and parishes.



St. Joseph's Church/Ennis Community Policing Coffee Morning in St. Joseph's Meeting room on Wednesday 11th May; 11.30am. All welcome to come along and meet your local community Gardaí. For further information, contact Garda Deirdre O'Doherty, Ennis Garda Station.

Maranatha Prayer Ministry invites you to the Healing Retreat on Sunday, 15th May; 2.30pm Fr. Thady Doyle, Wicklow (Author of Curate's Diary and Retreat Preacher); St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick. Tea after in hall. All welcome.

Trinity Prayer Group; St. Joseph's Meeting room, 52 Kincora Pk. All welcome to a time of thanksgiving praise and worship. Tuesday 8pm.

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER MEETING; Monday 9th May at District Daycare Centre, Clarecastle 8pm. All welcome.

ICA Fergus Guild May meeting - Thursday May 12th; venue Clarecare Meeting Rooms @ 7:30pm, all are welcome

Barefield Tidy Village Table Quiz Friday 13th May @ 8.30pm Hassett's Bar, Barefield. Quiz MC Fr. Jerry Carey. Teams of 4. Spot Prizes. Come & Support!

The Parkinson's Association of Ireland are holding an Information Day in the Radisson Hotel, Ennis Rd, Limerick on sun 29th May 10.30am –4pm

Fiddle, and accordion/melodeon workshops with Québécois Olivier Demers & Réjean Brunet of Le Vent du Nord in glór, Ennis, May 13th; 5:30pm. For details contact 065-6828107 or info@musicgenerationclare.ie

The Cycle Against Suicide is currently underway and two locals Irene Hehir and Edel Murphy are participating. A coffee morning in aid of their efforts will take place on Sunday morning in the Cathedral Chapter Room after all masses. Please support.



University of Notre Dame Folk Choir, U.S. The Folk Choir of The University of Notre Dame, U.S., will give a concert in the Cathedral, Ennis, on **Tuesday, May 24th at 8.30pm.** The 53 voice choir, who are being hosted in Tulla, have performed in Ennis four times in the past. Their music is an uplifting and joyous experience, and is used in many of our churches in Ireland. Making a guest appearance with the choir will be the children of Knockanean School, Ennis. The choir will also perform in Tulla on Wednesday 25th May in collaboration with the choirs of East Clare. The concerts are free of charge, but any donations will support Sláinte an Chláir, Kilnamona. For information: phone 086 6088371

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Deascabháil ár dTiarna Íosa Críost

Inniu ceiliúrtar Deascabháil ár dTiarna Íosa Críost. I rith tréimhse dhaichead lá tar éis Aiséirí Chríost thaispeáin Íosa É féin do na deisceabail ó am go ham. Feicimid cumhacht Dé ag feidhmiú in aiséirí Chríost agus ina dheascabháil go deaslámh an Athar. Tógadh Íosa idir chorp agus anam isteach sna Flaithis. Bhí eagla agus éadóchas ar na deisceabail. D'iarr Íosa orthu a misean féin a choimeád ar siúl. Chuir sé in iúl dóibh go raibh a chúram ar talamh críochnaithe. Dúirt Íosa leo fanacht timpeall Iarúsailéim go dtiocfadh an Spiorad Naomh chucu. Tá Íosa ar neamh ag idirghuí ar ár son, agus ar son na heaglaise go léir. Inniu Lá Cumarsáide Domhanda. Cónaímid i ré na teicneolaíochta. Gach bliain ar an Domhnach roimh an Chincis ceiliúran an Eaglais a bhfuil bainte amach ag na meáin chumarsáide i rith na bliana reatha. Diríonn sí ar conas is féidir luachana an tsoiscéil a chur chun cinn sna meáin. Bhunaigh an Pápa Pól V1 é mar chomóradh bliantúil sa bhliain 1967. Iarrtar orainn machnamh a dhéanamh ar dheiseanna agus dúshláin na modhanna cumarsáide. Tá sé de dhualgas ar na meáin chumarsáide an fhírinne a chur de shíor os comhair an phobail. Seo paidir le rá ar Lá Cumarsáide Domhanda:

A Dhia na fírinne, a thugann solas agus inspreagadh dúinn, treoraigh lucht na meán cumarsáide. Go ndéana siad gach iarracht tacú le dínit an duine trí fhocail agus iomhánna. Tabhair gearchúis dóibh. Go dtaga an Spiorad Naomh chugainn go léir agus go ndéana sé finnéithe dinn os comhair an tsaoil ar Shóiséal ár dTiarna Íosa Críost. Aiméan.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. For forty days after His Resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles at different times. We see the power of God at work in the Resurrection and Ascension. Jesus was taken body and soul into Heaven. The apostles were frightened and downcast. Jesus asked them to continue His mission on earth. He told them to stay in Jerusalem and promised to send them the Holy Ghost as His work on earth was completed. Jesus is now in Heaven interceding for us and for the whole church.

Today is World Communications Day. We live in the technological age. Every year it is celebrated by the Church on the Sunday before Pentecost Sunday. It emphasises how the media can promote Gospel values. The day was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967. We are invited to reflect on the opportunities and challenges of the media. The media has an obligation to promote the truth at all times. This is a prayer for today:

God of truth who enlightens us, guide the media. May they endeavour to support the dignity of the person through words and images. Give them discernment. May the Holy Spirit come to us and give us the courage to be witnesses to the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mercy at the Movies

Our film for this month is Tim Burton's 2003 fantasy drama "Big Fish" starring Albert Finney and Ewan McGregor. The film evokes the power of story to heal hurt and reveal truth. It will be shown in the Parish Pastoral Centre on Friday 13th May at 8pm. All are welcome for Pictures, Popcorn and Pizza.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

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 Acts of the Apostles

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is', he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout

Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: God goes up with shouts of joy; The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill, God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Ephesians 1:17-23

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 and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations;

I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.