



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: 9.30am & 11.30am
St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7pm; Sunday: 10am, 11.45am
Cloughleigh Church:- 8.00am, 11am
Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30pm; Sunday: 10.30am, 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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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Year B) 31st December 2017

Praise God and Pray for the World ~ A Challenge for the New Year



Does the mass feature anywhere among your New Year resolutions? What's the purpose of the mass? It's really important that we understand first and foremost that the mass is **the praise of God** and secondly that it is **our opportunity to pray for the world**. I love the way the church constantly tells us what the mass is about. So for example at the end of the preparation of the gifts, the priest says, *"Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father"* and in their response to the priest the people proclaim what the mass is about. They say, *"May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name....."*. Wait a minute, *"the praise and glory of his name"*, that is the first purpose for the mass. We are here to praise God for the wonderful things he has done for us and secondly we are here to pray for the sanctification of the world. The prayer continues *"for our good and the good of all his holy Church"*. If we had those two ideas, the praise

of God and praying for the world first and foremost in our minds when we celebrate mass, it would completely change the way we experience the mass.

A lot of people think the mass is about forming community. Certainly, there is an aspect of the celebration of the mass that does form community. We must be clear, however, that while the tradition teaches that the greatest manifestation of the church is at Mass celebrated by the bishop with his priests, deacons and all the faithful, this community, in fact, is a by-product of the authentic worship of God and care for neighbour.

If we come to mass first and foremost to praise God, to worship God, then our care for others is something that follows automatically. The church has always tried to keep these two things in balance, praise of God and care for others. It is only when these two things are in balance, our praise of God and our care for others that our prayer and our care of neighbour can be authentic. If we don't have care of neighbour in the mass, then the words of praise are empty. If we don't have praise of God in our care of others, then our work is simply social work. So the purpose of the mass is praise of God and prayer for the sanctification of the world. In our evaluation of the mass, if we were to ask ourselves; *"was God praised?"..... "is my praise of God leading me to care for others?"*, then we know we have authentic worship of God.

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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Eileen Blake, Cahercalla. MM
Sun 31st: 9.30am: Marie O'Loughlin, Castlewood Pk.
 Birdie Connellan, Cahercalla Wood.
 Mary Browne, St. Anthony's, Circular Rd.
 Frank Roughan, Ballyneilan, Fountain.
11.30am: Mass for the People
Mon: 12 noon: Mary & Dan O'Keeffe, Ardlea Rd.
 Ann Ryan, Childers Rd.
7.30pm: Joe & Tess Kerin, Clonroadmore.
Tues: 7.45am: Book of Intentions
10am: Thos Mc Mahon, Carmody St.
7.30pm: Fionnuala Fitzpatrick, Springfield.
 Deceased Blake & Fitzpatrick families.
Wed: 7.45am: Michael & Teresa McMahon,
 Kilmurray Ibricane
10am: Tom & Peggy Fox.
 Joe & Mgt McCormack, Barrack St.
7.30pm: Joseph Connery, Dalcassian Pk.
Thurs 7.45am: Sadie O'Hanlon, Kilmurray McMahon.
10am: Nora Daly, Clonroadmore.
7.30pm: Andrew Woods, McNamara PK.
Fri 7.45am: Mass for the People.
10am: Holy Souls.
7.30pm: Anne Tierney, Kilrush Rd.
Sat 10am: Flan & Mary Hynes, St. Michael's Villas.
 David Barrett, Willow Park.
 Pat McInerney, Cork.
1pm: Jerry O'Callaghan, Willow Park. **1st Anniv**
6.30pm: Vincent O'Connor, "Inisfree", Circular Rd. MM
Sun 9.30am: Bridie Ryan, Castlewood Pk.
 Liam & Eoin Madigan, St. Michael's Villas.
 Kitty Casey, Monument House, O'Connell Sq.
 Patrick Feeney, St. Michael's Villas.
 Vincent Neylon, Parnell St.
 Nora Malone, Parnell St.
 Peggy & J.B. Casey, Shanaway.
11.30am: Peggy Malone, Dalcassian Drive. MM

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 7th January, 2018

Readers: Group 7

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

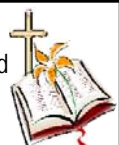
Sun 11am: Dermot O'Halloran, Limerick Rd.
Mon 9.30am: Maisie Hayes, Hermitage
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 11am: Mai Molloy, Dublin & Ennis.

1st Saturday Devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima, in Ennis Cathedral on next Sat. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with Confessions, Rosary & Benediction, after 10am Mass.



Live the Word:

Wishing you a very peaceful, happy and relaxed New Year. A time to reflect, be still, recharge and look forward to the new.



Hospital & Sick Calls

31st December, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Please call: 065 6869098

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 2017**



Celebrate People In Our Community

Newly Baptised



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

Conor Swinyard;

Christopher Joseph Kelleher

Newsletter items

to Parish Office ☎ 065-6824043

Fax 065-6842541

or email: info@ennisparish.com

Deadline is 12 noon on Tuesday.



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:

Sun10am: Ml, Imelda & Johnny Hayes, Rockmount.
11.45am: Maura Plunkett Ryan, Kincora Pk. MM
 Maura Hegarty, Elm Park. **1st Anniv**
Mon 11am: Noel Ballinger, Gort Rd.
Tues 11am: Johnny O'Loughlin, Old Gort Rd.
Wed 11am: Kate & John McNamara, Ennis.
Thu 11am: Martin Slattery, Kevin Barry Ave.
Fri 11am: Gerard O'Meara, Tulla Rd.
7.30pm: Paddy & Mary Darcy, Arbutus House, Lifford.
Sat 11am: Eamon Sheedy, Pine Grove.
12noon: Martin Fawl, Pairc na Coille & Lisheen, Ballynacally. MM
7pm: P.J. & Kathleen Foudy, Ivy Hill.
Sun 10am: William & Mary Lynch, Corrovorrin.
11.45am: Toss O'Sullivan, New Rd.

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite); **Sunday 7th January; 5.30pm; St. Joseph's Church.** All are welcome.



New Year's Eve

Pray out the Old Year

Pray in The New Year

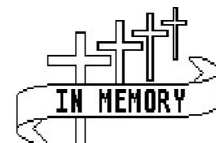
Cathedral

31st December @ 11.40pm.



Rest in Peace

Gerard Clune, Cathedral Court & Clooney; Teddy Killeen, Dromadrehid, husband of Pauline McNamara; John Curtin, Ballynacally, son of Sean, Willow Park; Eamonn Kavanagh, Cratloe, brother of Máire Uí Mhaoileoin, College Green; Bernie McNeill, Limerick Rd; Bridie Hickey, Cahercalla Community Hospital & Drumline; Timara Kavanagh, Clooney;



*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.*

SAMARITANS

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

Journey of the Magi

'A cold coming we had of it,
just the worst time of the year
for a journey, and such a long journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.'
And the camels galled, sore-footed,
refractory,
Lying down in the melting snow.
There were times we regretted
The Summer palaces on slopes, the
terraces,
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling
And running away, and wanting their liquor
and women,
And the night-fires going out, and the lack
of shelters,
And the cities hostile and the towns
unfriendly
And the villages dirty and charging high
prices:
A hard time we had of it.
At the end we preferred to travel all night,
Sleeping in snatches,
With the voices singing in our ears, saying
That this was all folly.
Then at dawn we came down to a
temperate valley,
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of
vegetation;
With a running stream and a watermill
beating the darkness,
And three trees on the low sky,
And an old white horse galloped away in
the meadow.
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves
over the lintel,
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces
of silver,
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.
But there was no information, and so we
continued
And arrived at evening, not a moment too
soon
Finding the place; it was (you may say)
satisfactory.
All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down
This set down
This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth,
certainly,
We had evidence and no doubt. I had
seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this
Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death,
our death.
We returned to our places these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old
dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.

T.S.Eliot

Feast of the Epiphany

Church Holyday, Saturday, 6th January

Vigil Mass Friday 5th:

Cathedral: 7.30pm

Friary: 7.30pm

St. Joseph's: 7.30pm



Saturday 6th:

The Cathedral: 10am & 6.30pm

Friary: 10am, 12noon

St. Joseph's: 11am & 7pm

Cloughleigh: 9.30am

Poor Clares: 7.45am

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, 5th—12th Sept
accompanied by Fr. Tom O'Gorman. 12th –
19th Sept accompanied by Fr. Martin Blake &
Rev Martin Shanahan. Information James
Considine: 065 9059328 or 085 7385385

Kilkee Sub-Aqua Search & Recovery Unit
fundraising 5km/km Walk, 5km/10km run—
New Year's Eve 12noon. Entry €10 per person.
Please support this very worthwhile
organisation.

Traditional Irish music classes for flute and
tin whistle available in Corofin and Ennis. All
ages and levels catered for. Group and private
classes available. Contact Brian: 086 3987808

Banner GAA Club night of celebrations
January 27th Woodstock Hotel: Medal for
Junior Hurling Winners; Meals; Music and 40th
Anniversary Celebrations. Tickets available:
Pat: 086-3861576; Brid:0286-8383829

The Prodigal Son

The father was extremely disappointed,
In fact, heart-broken I would say,
One of his beloved sons,
Had just began to stray.
The family were a unit since his childhood,
Never exchanging a cross word,
But now there was a disruption,
With the loss of one they loved.

At first it caused no alarm,
He wouldn't stay long away,
Father believed in his return,
No matter how long he'd stay.
He even fattened a calf,
He always had this feeling,
About his wayward child.

Then a day that will always be remembered,
In the distance a lone figure was seen,
Trudging along regretfully,
To the home where he had been.
Everyone was rejoicing,
At the return of the prodigal son,
But the fatted calf just hung his head,
The only sorrowful one.

Maureen Cronin

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Féile an Teaghlaigh Naofa

Tá féile an Teaghlaigh Naofa á cheiliúradh
againn inniu. An Teaghlach Naofa an t-
ainm a thugtar ar aonad teaghlaigh Íosa,
mar aon lena mháthair an Mhaighdean
Mhuire agus Naomh Íosaef. Is é
príomhchuspóir an Fhéile ná, an Teaghlach
Naofa a chur i láthair mar mhúnla do gach
teaghlach. Ba chóir Críost a bheith i lár
gach teaghlach. Molann an Eaglais dúinn
an scríoptúr a léamh go rialta, guí go
laethúil agus freastal ar an Aifreann ar an
Domhnach ar a laghad.

Ní foláir dúinn bheith ag ullmhú do
Chruinniú Domhanda na dTeaghlach a
bheidh ar siúl i mBaile Átha Cliath ó 22 go
26 Lúnasa 2018. Roghnaigh an Pápa Éire
mar ionad don chomhthionól seo dhá bhliain
ó shin agus téama an chomhthionól ná
'Soiscéal an Teaghlaigh: Lúcháir don
Domhan'. Is mór an onóir agus an
bheannacht é seo don Eaglais in Éirinn
agus don tír uile. Is mór an chúis áthais
dúinn go mbeidh an Pápa Proinsias ag
tabhairt cuairt ar Éirinn i rith an ama sin.

Guímid ar son teaghlaigh.

**A Íosa cuir do bheannacht ar theaghlaigh
uile an domhain. Tabhair faoiseamh agus
sólás do theaghlaigh atá faoi ualach
galair, imní nó brón. Go raibh siad dílis
dá creideamh de shíor. Aiméan**

We are celebrating the feast of the Holy
Family today. The Holy Family is the name
given to the unit of Jesus, his mother, the
Virgin Mary, and Saint Joseph. The main
purpose of the feast is to present the Holy
Family as a model for every Christian family
and home. Christ ought to be the centre of
the family. The Church advises families to
read the scripture regularly, pray daily and
attend Mass on Sundays.

For the past year, the Church in Ireland has
been preparing for the World Meeting of
Families which will be held in Dublin from 22
to 26 August 2018. Two years ago, the Pope
Francis selected Ireland to host this event
with the theme 'The Gospel of the Family,
Joy for the World'. It is a great blessing for
the Church and for Ireland. It is wonderful
honour that Pope Francis will attend the
World Meeting of Families in Dublin.

Let us pray for families:

**Lord Jesus, bless all families throughout
the world. Give comfort and solace to
those who are burdened with ill health,
anxiety or sorrow. May they always be
steadfast in faith. Amen**

Friary new email:
ennisofm@gmail.com

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste,
And found Mary & Joseph and the
Infant lying in a manger.

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 Genesis. Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'.

'My Lord,' Abram replied, 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be one of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*He, the Lord, is our God.
He remembers his covenant for ever*

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,
make known his deeds among the
peoples.

O sing to him, sing his praise;
tell all his wonderful works! R

Be proud of his holy name,
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face. R

Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.
O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of the Jacob he chose. R

He remembers his covenant forever,
his promise for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac. R

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. Heb 11:8.11-12.17-19

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past
And in various different ways,
God spoke to our ancestors through the
prophets'

But in our own time, the last days,
He has spoken to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke.

Lk 2:22.39-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with 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

Our God has appeared on the earth,
and lived among us.