



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: 10.00am & 11.45am

Cloughleigh Church:- 8.00am, 11am

Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30pm; Sunday: 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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First Sunday of Advent (Year B) 3rd December, 2017

“Because You were, We are”

It's the first Sunday of Advent and the year is 2017. The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new Church year.

What's another year? It's a new call from heaven above to continue our search for peace and happiness in living our Christian-Catholic faith. We are not destined to find the fullness of peace and happiness in this world

but the Advent message is all about welcoming the Saviour, Jesus Christ, into our lives and following his way through the years that lie ahead and eventually arriving at our heavenly home.

Life in this world is short by comparison with life hereafter which is everlasting.

There have been many first Sundays of Advent down many years and because many of our ancestors have listened and accepted the message they are now waiting for us in heaven. Our country is notable for the ruins of

ancient churches and monasteries revealing the living faith of those who have gone before us. In our own County Clare much attention has been focused recently on Holy Island with its many old ruins. It is a place with a reputation for sanctity which can be traced back to early christian centuries. In West Clare we have Scatterry Island and St. Senan.



Quin has well preserved ruins too. At the entrance to the cemetery there are words written in stone: 'Because you were, we are'.

On this Advent Sunday we are following in the footsteps of the people of faith who have gone before us. Our call is to keep the flag flying and help all our people to find the way home to everlasting peace and happiness.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Mary Corbett, Limerick Rd.
Margaret Counihan, Fergus Lawn. **1st Anniv**
Sun: 9.30am: Tim Flanagan, Rockmount House.
Anne Kelly, Kilcock, Co. Kildare.
Donor's Intention.
Kitty Hanrahan & Dan Herbert, Dalcassian Drive.
John Daly, Clare Rd.
Paddy Casey, College Pk.
Lorraine Dunleavy, Hermitage.
Stephen Kenny, Cornmarket.
Christopher, Patricia & Robert Gormley, Dalcassian Pk.
11.30am: Kay & Nora Hanberry, Roslevan & Warrington. **MM**
Mon: 7.45am: Decd memb Barry family, Inagh.
10am: Tommy Clancy, Shanaway Rd.
7.30pm: Marion Rice Carmody, Kilkishen, Josephine &
Denis Rice, Maureen Rice Mc Allister & Malone family.
Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Mary Gormley, Childer's Rd.
7.30pm: Mary O'Loughlin, St. Michael's Villas.
Wed: 7.45am: Maisie Murphy, Mullagh.
10am: Mary & John O'Looney, Kilfenora.
7.30pm: Br Christor McNamara, Connolly Villas & Dublin.
Thurs: 7.45am: Tom & Elizabeth Nugent, Scariff.
10am: Vincent Mc Hugh, Clonroad.
7.30pm: John & Bridget Guerin, St. Flannan's Tce.
Deceased members of Marian Ave & Bohreen.
Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.
10am: Michael Moloney, McNamara Pk.
6.30pm: Michael Keane, Upr Market St & London. **MM**
Joan Griffin, Kilmorane.
Sat: 10am: Dermot & Paschal Molloy,
Cahercalla Est & Cloughleigh Rd.
Eugene Murphy, Glenina.
6.30pm: George & Kathleen Dinan, late Hermitage.
Danno Lynch, Dalcassian Drive. **MM**
Sun: 9.30am: Deceased Kerin family, Clonroadmore.
Christy & Teresa Brigdale, Hermitage.
Ignatius McCarthy, Tulla Rd.
Bobby & Frances O'Rourke, Dalcassian Ave.
Deceased Griffin family, Ardlea Rd.
Jim Whyms, Cusack Rd.
Jack & Eileen O'Donovan, Turnpike Rd.
Nellie Ryan nee O'Donovan.
Darragh O'Halloran, Ard na Greine.
Patrick Shannon, Cornmarket St.
Joe & Mary Nevin & Mary O'Neill.
Alan Halpin, O'Connell St.
Liam Slattery & decd Torpey family, St. Michael's Vllas.
11.30am: Mass for the People.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 10th December, 2017

Readers: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



New rotas available in the Sacristy.

Attention Cathedral Eucharistic Ministers

As you are aware the Mass times have changed. We are in the process of updating the Eucharistic ministers' rota. Please contact Mary Maloney with your preferred choice of Mass: 087 645 2611

Hospital & Sick Calls

3rd December, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Duty Phone: 065 6869098

Wednesday:

Fr. Brendan Quinlivan



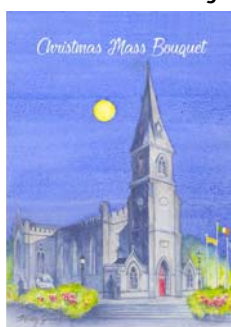
Friary News

Secular Franciscan Order meeting: the Friary at 10am and 7.30pm in St. Anthony's hall; Wed Dec 6th.

The monthly hour of prayer for peace promoted and led by the SFO will talk place at the Poor Clare Chapel; Sat 2nd Dec from 4.30-5.30pm.

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.**

Newly Baptised



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

Harry Kevin Guthrie;

Organ Restoration

Fundraiser: Christmas tea bag gifts for sale after all Masses in Cathedral.

Saint Vincent de Paul

Christmas Church Door Collection takes place next weekend Sat. 9th & Sun. 10th December 2017. Donations can be left at Parish Office or SVP Shop 86 Parnell St. Please support, we can't do it alone.



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: Thomas Keating, Inagh.
Sun 10am: Martin & Paul Byrnes, Gort Rd.
11.45am: Ellen Lyons, Mountain View. **MM**
Mon 11am: Frank & Maureen Burke nee Ensko, Marian Ave & Port Talbot, South Wales.
Tues 11am: Margaret & Tom Crowe, Lahinch.
Wed 11am: Tom, Dillie & Maisie Mc Mahon, Lifford.
Thu 11am: Noel & Bernadine Moloney, Marian Ave.
Fri 11am: John Mc Carthy, Cree.
Sat 11am: Peter Cosgrove, Kincora Pk.
7pm: Anne Mc Namra, Turnpike Rd.
Sun 10am: Bill & Agnes Reidy, Coolmeen.
May Traynor.

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite); Sunday 3rd December; 5.30pm; St. Joseph's Church.



All are welcome.

1st Anniversary Mass for P.J Daly, Cahercalla in Cahercalla Church on Dec 10th at 12noon



Rest in Peace

Mary McDonagh, Ballygriffey; **Bridie Neylon nee Scanlon**, Pairc na Coille. Gollflinks Rd & Kilmaley; **Eileen Blake**, Cahercalla Rd, **Maura Plunkett Ryan**, Kincora Pk; **Lauren Kelleher**, Bruach na hAbhann & St. Clare's school; **Eva Hennessy**, Cappawhite, Tipperary, mother of Deasun, Rockmount Manor;

*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.*

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 8am: Humphrey & Mamie Murphy, Cloughleigh.
11am: Mary & Thomas Darcy, Castlerock, Tulla Rd.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Special Intention.
Fri 9.30am: Special Intention.
Sun 11am: Patrick Gregan, Knock, Inch.
Michael & deceased Quinn family, Cahercalla.

Advent Talk in Cloughleigh: As part of our preparation for the World Meeting of Families next year, Cloughleigh Connect group have invited Mali & Trevor Ó Clochartaigh. They are from



An Cheathrú Rua in Connemara and have been involved in marriage preparation at Esker Monastery, near Athenry, for the last eighteen years. They have five children, from six to twenty two years of age and know first hand the challenges and joys that family life can bring about. They will share some of their experience of living their Marriage Sacrament out in everyday ways and why family and faith are important in their everyday life. They will speak next weekend 10th Dec; at 8 & 11am Masses.

ABBAY CLUSTER

Forgiveness Is Born



**CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION
SERVICE
MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER
7.30-8.30PM
ENNIS CATHEDRAL**

Pray for the Candidate who will be received into the Church on Easter Saturday Night
*We give thanks to God for the love you have shown to Roseline who is preparing to be received into the church.
You have called her and she has answered.
We give praise for her gift of faith.
We rejoice with her in the gentle guidance of God who has brought her so far.
May she continue to respond to God's Word and may Christ dwell in her heart.
We welcome her with love and pray for her.
May she find in our community compelling signs of unity and generous love
and feel our sincere and unfailing support.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.*

Amen.

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.



Taizé Prayer at the Church of Our Lady, Roslevan. Thursday 7th December; 7.45pm – 8.30pm; All welcome.

Advent Invite! Come join us as we wait in joyful hope: Trinity Prayer Group meets each Tuesday night 8pm; St. Joseph's Meeting Room, 52 Kincora Park, for prayer, praise, scripture sharing, petitions and more. All welcome.

Be still and know...For Christmas. Meditation practice continuing every Tuesday in Roslevan Church and every Thurs in Parish Office; 8pm.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 26th November, €7,689.00

Cathedral Organ Restoration

Organ music and Church singing are an integral part of Church liturgy. The organ in Ennis Cathedral was installed in 1930. For the past 37 years the Cathedral organ has created wonderful music for all the various occasions of Parish life, Funerals, Weddings, Ordinations, Sunday Masses, School liturgies. It is in need of major restoration. A fundraising drive is up and running to enable this refurbishment to commence.

Christmas Concert



On Friday 8th December a Candle Light Concert will take place in the Cathedral at 8pm. The concert features Karoline O'Sullivan; Cathedral Choir; Cantare Chamber Choir; The Burren Trio; Quin & Tonic Choir; Forever Young choir, Andrea Sheehan and Grace Russell Tickets: €10 from Parish Office; Veritas & Ennis Bookshop.

Beautiful hamper consisting of Coffee expresso machine with old world china coffee set and chocolates for raffle in Ennis Parish Office; €2 to enter raffle for restoration of Cathedral organ. Winner will be announced at fundraising Concert in the Cathedral on 8th of December.

Maranatha Prayer Ministry Christmas Healing Retreat; Sunday 10th December; 2.30pm; St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Bishop Fintan, Killaloe Diocese and Sebastian Sales, Sehon UK; Confessions, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Talk, Mass and Adoration and Laying on of hands for healing. Tea after in hall. All welcome.....

Clare Roots Society; Book Launch Thursday 7th Dec; Old Ground Hotel 8.30pm; Preceded By Mass of remembrance 7.30 at Ennis Cathedral. Marian Avenue 1956-2017 'A Social, Sporting and Photographic History', by Ollie Byrnes.

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service blood donor clinic; West County Hotel, Ennis; Tues 5th Dec; 2pm - 5pm, Wed 6th Dec, Thurs 7th Dec, Mon 11th & Tues 12th Dec; 5pm - 8pm.

St Flannan's College Trad Group in concert with Kilfenora Ceili Band - School Fundraiser. Fri Jan 5th; Glór, Ennis. Tickets: www.glor.ie 065-6843103.

Love is in the air... "Sanctuary" the movie coming to Glór Ennis to celebrate international day of disabled people. Panel discussion, festive refreshments served after; children's entertainment provided; this Sunday December 3rd 3-6pm Cost €5; tickets available: Glór. All are welcome. Call Dermot at 0863157591

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, 14th June, 7 nights with Spiritual director Fr. Paddy Conway. Shannon to Spit: €719; €619 if paid by Dec 8th. Contact Bernadette Murphy 086 1634553.

Lost: In Ennis a gent's gold signet ring inscribed. Huge sentimental value. Reward offered. If found please contact 086 2659201

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí na Nollag

Mí thús na hAidhbhinte, Mí Bhreith ár Slánaitheora, Mí Iár an Gheimhridh. Mí dheireadh na bliana. Is é intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná : Go gcuidí daoine críonna le teann a chuid eagnaíochta agus saíochta, agus le tacaíocht ó theaghlach agus ón bpobal Críostaí, i scaipeadh an chreidimh agus i dtreorú na glúine atá le teacht.

Tá séasúr na hAidhbhinte buailte linn inniu, an tréimhse cheithre seachtaine díreach roimh an Nollaig. Iarrann an Eaglais orainn ullmhúchán cuí a dhéanamh ar son breithe ár dTiarna Íosa Críost. Réitítear agus beannaítear fleasc don Aidhbhint. Feictear é i ngach séipéal i rith na hAidhbhinte. Tá nós na fleisce go forleathan ar fud na hEorpa leis na cianta. Déantar í as cuileann agus duilleoga síorghlasa i riocht fainne agus bíonn cúig choinneal uirthi, ceann do gach seachtain den Aidhbhint agus ceann don Nollaig. Baineann an cruth ciorclach leis an tsíoraíocht toisc nach mbíonn tús ná deireadh leis. Lastar coinneal amháin ar an gcéad Domhnach Aidhbhinte. Guimis: *Oscail ár gcroí do do láithreach, a Thiarna agus ár gcluasa chun do bhriathar a chloisteáil. In am na hAidhbhinte, go rabhamar lán de dhóchas agus sinn ag fanacht go foighneach le do theacht. Áiméan.*

December, month of Advent, month of the Birth of our Saviour, last month of the year. The Pope's intention of this month is: That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations. The season of Advent begins on this Sunday, a period of four weeks before Christmas. The Church invites us to prepare for the Birth of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. The Advent Wreath is prepared and blessed. This is a long-standing custom throughout Europe. The wreath is made from holly and evergreen leaves in the form of a circle with four candles, one to represent each week and one in the center for Christmas. The circle represents eternity which has no beginning or end. The first candle is lit today. Let us pray: *Open our hearts to your presence, O Lord and our ears to your word. During Advent may we be filled with hope as we wait patiently for your coming. Amen.*

Zest for Kids Fundraiser

Saoirse Brooks, a teenager from Ennis and a student at Villiers secondary school, Limerick is going on pilgrimage by doing the last leg of the Camino de Santiago. She will be walking from Saria to Santiago, which is around 120km. She is doing this to raise funds for a charity called Zest4Kidz. The charity works with disabled children in Uganda and their motto is 'bringing light into little lives'. Saoirse will be holding a coffee morning this Sunday and Jackie McNair, the Chaplain of Villiers School, will be giving a talk on the work of Zest4kidz during 11.30am Mass. Jackie is also a Director of Zest4kidz and encourages students to get involved in mission and outreach to those less fortunate in our world. Please come along and support Saoirse and find out more about the work of Zest4kidz!

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.

Nor let my enemies exult over me;
And let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you?

Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down - at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.

We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind.

No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you.

For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

God of hosts, bring us back;

Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. *R*

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. *R*

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. *R*

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

1 Cor 1:3-9

May God Our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ.

I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy

And give us your saving help.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Mk 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in

charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

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

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
And our earth shall yield its increase.