



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

Ennis Parish Web Site: <http://www.ennisparish.com>

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Second Sunday of Advent

(Year B) 10th December, 2017

Waiting in Joyful Hope

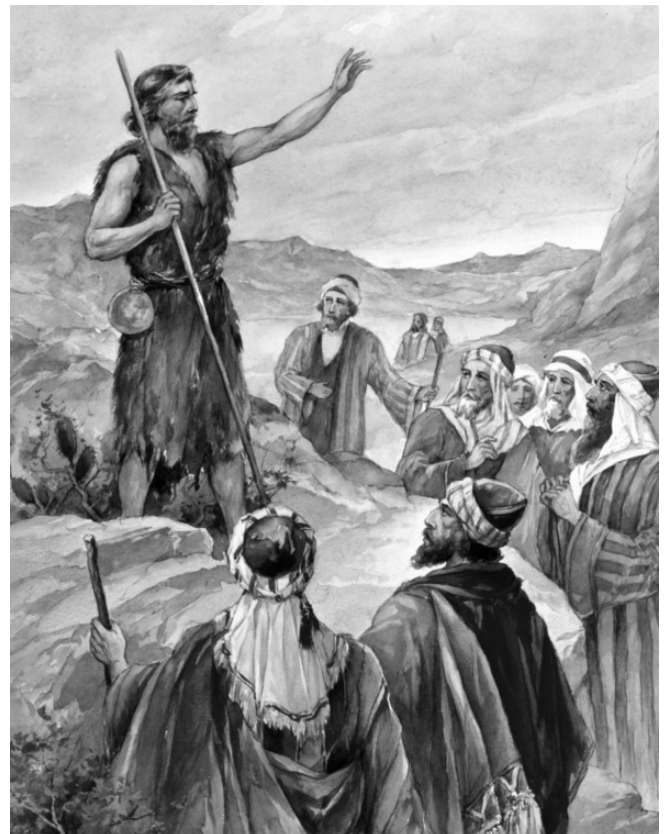
We gather on this the second Sunday of Advent with joyful expectations. We can sense that something wonderful is about to happen.

John the Baptist became a messenger of God. One would think that God might have done better choosing someone else. You know . . . someone more respectable. God is full of surprises.

John had an urgent message burning in his heart. John wanted the people to prepare themselves for the coming of the Messiah. To prepare for the coming of the Messiah involved more than just thinking about his coming. A lot of hard work was involved if the people were truly going to be ready for the coming of the Messiah. John used the word "repent" John wanted the people to turn from their old way of life and start living a new life. This involved much effort on the part of the people.

The message of John the Baptist rings in our ears this second week of Advent. What valleys in our lives need to be filled? What hills and mountains need to be levelled off in preparation for the coming of the Messiah? What changes need to be made in our lives in the coming weeks?

No matter what situations we might find ourselves in we can still experience the joy that comes from knowing Jesus Christ. But you better hurry, the Messiah is about to come. He will soon be here. Get ready!



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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: George & Kathleen Dinan, late Hermitage. Danno Lynch, Dalcassian Drive. MM
Sun: 9.30am: Deceased Kerin family, Clonroadmore. Christy & Teresa Brigdale, Hermitage. Peter Mc Namara, Carron. Decd Griffin family, Ardlea Rd. Ignatius McCarthy, Tulla Rd. Bobby & Frances O'Rourke, Dalcassian Ave. Liam Slattery & decd Torpey family, St. Michael's Vls. Jim Whymys, Cusack Rd. Jack & Eileen O'Donovan, Turnpike Rd & Nellie Ryan. Darragh O'Halloran, Ard na Greine. Patrick Shannon, Cornmarket St. Joe & Mary Nevin & Mary O'Neill, Loughville. Alan Halpin, O'Connell St.
11.30am: Mass for the People.
Mon: 7.45am: Louis Pyne, Abbey St.
10am: Joseph & Caroline Ensko & family, Connolly Vls.
7.30pm: Noreen & Alan Seery, Davitt Terrace.
Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Patrick Molloy, Dalcassian Pk.
7.30pm: Eileen & Patrick Morrissey, Cornmarket St.
Wed: 7.45am: Brian & Tessy Kelly & Brian Jnr, Limerick Rd.
10am: Don Farrell, Cahercalla Estate.
7.30pm: Ella Burke, late Phoenix Court & Mill Rd.
Thurs: 7.45am: Kitty Downes, Miltown Malbay, 1st Anniv
10am: Frank Fox & decd family, Cornmarket St.
7.30pm: Frank Kearse, Connolly Villas.
Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.
10am: Tony Carey, Carmody St. MM Donor Intentions.
7.30pm: Tess White, Clare Rd. 1st Anniv
Sat: 10am: Patrick & Mary Howley, Mayo.
6.30pm: Mary Hassett, Piers Ave. MM
 Bill Chapman, Ennistymon & late Hermitage. MM
Do this in Memory
Sun 9.30am: Michael Bugler, Ballygreen. Paddy, Nora & Dorothy Quinn, Market St. Peggy Kearney, Summerhill. Gertrude Vaughan, The Market, Ennis. George Bradley, Drumcliffe Rd. John & Bridget Daly, late Parnell St & Collins Pk. Donal Cahill, Hazelgrove, Roslevan. Peggy Corry, Loughville. Paddy & Ita Gilligan, Cloughleigh Rd. Donal O'Brien, Turnpike Rd. Encarnacion Ctuico & Tedfid Ctuico Sr, Philippines. Maureen Martin, Woodstock View.
11.30am: Mass for the People.

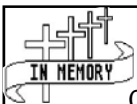
Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 17th December, 2017

Readers: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Rest in Peace

Josephine Neylon, Childers Rd; Tom Coote, England, & Connolly Villas; Elizabeth (Ailish) McInerney, Shanaway Rd, mother of Vincent, Eoin, Aideen; Margaret (Peggy) Malone, Dalcassian Drive;

Hospital & Sick Calls

10th December, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Brendan Quinlivan

Duty Phone: 065 6869098

Saint Vincent de Paul

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

Organ Restoration

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

Newly Baptised



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

Martina Hutchinson; Daragh Jack Eamon McGivney; Peadar Thomas Nihill; Aoibhinn Carmel Daniels;

1st Anniversary Mass for P.J Daly, Cahercalla Rd., Cahercalla Community Hospital; this Sunday 12noon.

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: Anne McNamara, Turnpike Rd.
Sun 10am: Bill & Agnes Reidy, Coolmeen. May Traynor, Cappahard & Hermitage.
11.45am: Mary Ellen Quinn, Kincora Pk.
Mon 11am: Michael O'Loughlin, Corrovorrin Grove.
Tues 11am: James & Maureen O'Keefe, Lifford Rd. Michael Purcell, Birr.
Wed 11am: Eileen Leyden, London.
Thu 11am: John Leyden, Sligo.
Fri 11am: Bridget Orchard & John McMahan, Inagh.
Sat 11am: Stephen Madden, Martin & Brigid O'Regan, Kincora Pk.
7pm: Nancy Sherlock, Watery Rd.
Sun 10am: Patrick Kilker, St. Senan's Rd.
11.30am: Sean & Clare McGrath, Lifford Rd.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11am: Patrick Gregan, Knock, Inch. Michael Quinn & dec'd family, Cahercalla.
Mon 9.30am: Edward McDonagh, Cloughleigh.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 9.30am: Louis, Dr. Tom & Louis P. Galvin, Cloughleigh Rd.
11am: Kathleen Shannon, Cloughleigh Rd. 1st Anniv
Do this in Memory

Cloughleigh Community Centre has meeting rooms available daily and evening times. Also Main Hall available on Thursdays from 12:30pm. Reasonable rates. Contact Noel Fawl 0860610211 or Fr. Tom O'Gorman 087 2285355.

Advent / Christmas Parish Events



Bambinelli Sunday (Baby Jesus Sunday): A Beautiful

Advent Tradition. Every year on one of the Sundays of Advent, families bring the figure of the Baby Jesus to St. Peter's Square in Rome for the Pope to bless. It is called "Bambinelli Sunday." Many homes in our parish still give a

central place to the crib among their Christmas decorations. **On Sunday 17th December we invite you to bring the Baby Jesus from your home to any mass in Ennis Parish and they will be blessed by the celebrant.**

Parish Carol Service in Friary Sunday 17th December; 7pm. Celebrate this occasion as a family to help us have the "Real" Christmas atmosphere in our lives and homes.

Cluster Reconciliation; Cathedral Monday 18th 7.30-8.30pm. This is an opportunity for us to seek forgiveness and enter the Christmas feast with Peace in ourselves & others.

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.



ABBAY CLUSTER

Forgiveness

Is Born




CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION SERVICE

MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER
7.30-8.30PM
ENNIS CATHEDRAL

Vigil Mass in Cahercalla Community Hospital; Saturdays at 3pm

Bereavement visitation team meeting Thurs.
15th Dec. 3.30pm, 7 Woodlands, Kilrush Rd.

Maranatha Prayer Ministry Christmas Healing Retreat today, Sunday, 10th December; 2.30pm; St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Bishop Fintan, Killaloe Diocese and Sebastian Sales, Sehion UK. Tea after in hall. All welcome.....

Medjugorje prayer meeting will take place in Clarecastle day centre; 8pm Mon 11th Dec. Fr. Ger Fitzgerald will celebrate Mass. All Welcome 

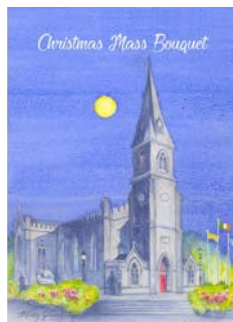
Scoil Chríost Rí Cloughleigh is holding a clothes collection fundraiser. If you are throwing out any old clothes before or after Christmas, unwanted clothes will be recycled to raise much needed funds to finish off our new school. These clothes are then sent to countries in the developing world. Bags can be left in the Hall adjoining Cloughleigh Church after Sunday Mass, after weekly masses or any school day until *Sunday Feb 4th*. Phone 0656820105 for info. Thank you.

Wanted: Double buggy for needy family; Record player to play LP's
Contact parish office: 065 6824043

Found: Sum of money on Friday 1st December, Limerick Rd. Contact Parish Office.

Alzheimer Support Group; Christmas can be an emotional time for some particularly if you are caring for someone with Dementia. This is an opportunity to meet with others who are also caring for their family members. Should you need support or advice please drop in for a chat and a cuppa. On Thursday 14 December at 7.00pm Alzheimer Society of Ireland, Cuan on Chláir, Ennis. For details contact 065 6868621 or Fiona on 086 8347195

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.**

Clare Music Makers presents A Christmas Celebration, Sunday 10th December; 3pm, Franciscan Friary. Fun filled music and Christmas Carols for all to join in and sing. Donation at door, proceeds to Cahercalla Hospice.

Online Advent 2017 Calendar: As a unique Advent prayerful resource, the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference has provided its online Advent 2017 Calendar which can be enjoyed by people of all ages. The calendar is available online, and on your smartphone, on catholicbishops.ie. This year's Advent Calendar focuses on the theme of family as we prepare together for next year's World Meeting of Families in Dublin from 21 - 26 August. Each day during Advent you are invited to click open a virtual door where you will find faith content for family, school and parish. During Advent, families are invited to take special time together to pray, to talk, and to be together. Family members are encouraged to undertake a daily act of kindness or charity - as suggested by the calendar - and by so doing reaching out to help those around us. By using the online calendar, we hope that you will be part of our journey through Advent this year - <http://www.catholicbishops.ie/advent-calendar/>.

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

Annual An Garda Síochána Older Persons Christmas Tea Party which will be held at the West County Hotel on the **15th December 2017, between 2pm and 5pm**. This event is free and all persons over the age of 55 are welcome to attend. There is tea, sandwiches and cake during the event. Music is being provided and everyone will be asked to dance the afternoon away. Due to the large numbers that attend we would ask that anyone that would like to attend to contact Ennis Garda Station on 065 6848100 and ask to put their name down for the event. Transport is available to persons living in the Ennis area. They are asked to indicate if they need a lift when they ring the station.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Dara Domhnach den Aidhbhinn

Ní fada uainn féasta Bhreith Ár dTiarna. Is léir agus is cinnte gur tréimhse dhian ullmhúcháin saolta í dúinn go léir. Caithfidimid ullmhúcháin spioradálta a dhéanamh freisin. Sna heaglaisí feicfidh tú Crann leise, crann ginealaigh Íosa Chríost, agus samhail chomhartha na ndaoine a chuaigh roimhe ó Ádhamh agus Éabha go dtí Muire Máthair Íosa. Ba é leise duine díobh siúd mar gurbh é athair Daibhéad é a chónaigh i mBeithil. Bhí an cine daonna ag feitheamh ar theacht an fhuascailteora. Ba é Íseáia an Fáidh ba mhó a bhí acu. Is aige a bhí na tuairiscí ba líonmhaire agus ba thábhachtaí. Thug sé solás dóibh i dtaobh an fhuascailteora úd a bhí geallta. Mhíonigh sé don phobal faoi mar a chuirfeadh sé an t-olc, an éagóir agus an t-eascairdeas ar chúl. Scaipfeadh sé an dorchadas agus chuirfeadh sé i réim ríoga síochána agus sonas do chách. Iarraimid ar ár Slánaitheoir arís teacht i gcabhair orainn le solás agus síocháin. *Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá i rith na hAidhbhinn*
Tar chugainn, a Thiarna, Íosa Chríost. Áiméan

Second Sunday of Advent

Christmas is near. It is a time of feverish preparation and buying for most. We ought to make spiritual preparation also. In the churches, you will see the Jesse Tree, the genealogy of Jesus and the symbols of persons from Adam and Eve to Mary the mother of Jesus. Jesse was one of them as he was the father of David who lived in Bethlehem. People were awaiting the coming of the Saviour. Isaiah was their most famous prophet. He foretold the most important events. He brought them comfort and hope in the promised redeemer. He explained that the Saviour would end injustice and enmity. He would dispel darkness and proclaim a kingdom of peace and grace for everyone. Let us ask our Saviour during Advent to come to our aid and bring joy and peace: **Come to us, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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**

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 3rd December: €6,100

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O People of Sion, behold,
The Lord will come to save the nations,
And the Lord will make the glory of his
voice heard
In the joy of your heart.

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 40:1-5,9-11

"Console my people, console them",
says your God.

"Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the
Lord
double punishment for her crimes".

A voice cries, "Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of
the Lord has spoken".

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
"Here is your God."

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

A reading from the second letter of St. Peter 2 Pt 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must
never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can
mean a thousand years, and a thousand
years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow
to carry out his promises, as anybody else
might be called slow; but he is being patient
with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and
everybody to be brought to change his ways.
The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and
then with a roar the sky will vanish, the
elements will catch fire and fall apart, the
earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this,
you should be living holy and saintly lives
while you wait and long for the Day of God to
come, when the sky will dissolve in flames
and the elements melt in the heat. What we
are waiting for is what he promised: the new
heavens and new earth, the place where
righteousness will be at home. So then, my
friends, while you are waiting, do your best to
live lives without spot or stain so that he will
find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
*Prepare a way for the Lord,
Make his paths straight,
And all humankind shall see
the salvation of God.*
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. Mk 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about
Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in
the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my
messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.
A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist
appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a
baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of
sins. All Judaea and all the people of
Jerusalem made their way to him, and as
they were baptised by him in the river
Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore
a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on
locusts and wild honey. In the course of his
preaching he said, 'Someone is following
me, someone who is more powerful than I
am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo
the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you
with water, but he will baptise you with the
Holy Spirit.'

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

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the
heights, and behold the joy which comes
to you from God.