



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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Second Sunday of Lent

(Year A)

12th March 2017

Hail Glorious St. Patrick

St. Patrick's Day traditionally has become associated with parades, beating of drums and the wearing of the green. Globally as a nation the 17th March is pencilled in as a day for everyone to celebrate the impact that our ancestors have made on the religious development of our world. Following St. Patrick's footsteps, the early monks brought the light of Christian faith to a Europe of that time that had fallen into darkness of pagan worship, establishing centres of learning and spiritually.

Even to this day Irish missionaries both religious and lay are to be found in every corner of the planet, bringing dignity, hope and love to people who are battered and bruised by post modernism.

St. Patrick was a true apostolate who had the wisdom to recognise the goodness of the people of his time calling them to a new way of life and recognising in their culture the love of God as recorded in the teachings of Christ. In many ways, Patrick's teachings lead us to believe that God is a God of love who teaches us that our lives are moulded in his image. He reminds us that through the journey of faith, which can be difficult at times and even unrewarding, it is well worth taking time to reflect on where our journey of the present times is leading us.

Patrick who was exiled himself and who could have been termed as a refugee having crossed boundaries of

language and culture and most likely experienced prejudice, loneliness and harassment as recorded in his *Confessions*. It is noteworthy that many refugees and migrants of today even join us Irish in the festivities of St. Patrick's day reminding us that they are reaching out to us in desperation and in hope.



Availing of the opportunity on St. Patrick's Day, as we celebrate our national identity which should be much more than effigies, symbols, music and pageantry, it is an invitation to reflect on our spiritual values which is the hallmark of what we pride in ourselves as Christians.



Christ Be Beside Me

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.
Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Kathleen Hogan, Davitt Tce. MM
Sun 9am: James & Mary Teresa Quinlivan, Lissycasey.
10.30am: John Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.
 Richard Crotty, Willow Pk.
 Frank McMahon, Loughville.
 Hugh Ferrigan, Gallows Hill.
 Brassill family, Ennis & Kilrush.
 Paddy & Jane Coffey, McNamara Pk.
12noon: John Sullivan, Gallows Hill. **1st Anniv**
Mon: 7.45am: Ann Cullinan Fitzgerald,
 Shannon & Drumcliffe.
10am: Frances Cosgrove, Ard na Greine.
7.30pm: Matt Hogan, Mary & Harry, Tobartaoscain.
Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Michael & Maureen Rice &
 Thomas & Catherine Kearney, Summerhill.
7.30pm: Patrick & Kathleen Doohan, Connolly.
Wed: 7.45am: Patrick & Mgt Doohan, Summerhill.
10am: Patrick O'Donohue, Limerick & Ennis.
7.30pm: Mary Pigott, Connolly Villas.
Thurs: 7.45am: Special Intention.
10am: Tom Slattery, College Park.
6.30pm: Rosarie Gleeson, Ard na Greine.
Fri: 9am: Mass for the People.
10am: Hal & Eva Frazer, Considine's Tce.
12.30: Pat Wallace, Cottage Gardens.
Sat: 10am: Don Ryan, Summerhill.
6.30pm: Frances Butler, Claureen. **1st Anniv**
Sun: 9am: Patrick, Eileen, Kevin & Marian McNamara,
 Ard na Greine.
10.30am: Pappy Gleeson, Dalcassian Pk.
 James Vaughan, The Market.
 Jim & deceased Flanagans.
 Rose & Peter O'Shaughnessy, Clonroad.
12noon: Danny Moran, Shanaway Rd. MM

Roster for Cathedral: Sunday 19th March, 2017

Readers: Group 1
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Paddy, Kitty & Martin Kennedy, Fountain.
11am: Flanagan family, Loughville.
Tue 9.30am: .Book of Intentions.
Fri 9.30am: Daniel McNamara, College Green.
Sun 9.30am: Patrick, Mary, Anne & J.J Fitzpatrick,
 Circular Rd & Ennistymon.
11am: Leo Guy, Circular Rd.

Live the Word:



Taking a mindful moment is just that. It is taking a moment to be aware of your present. Using your senses is an effective way to bring yourself into the moment and out of the whirlwind of your mind. Practise moments when you ask yourself, what can I hear/ smell/see/touch/taste?

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
 Sunday, 5th March €7,650.00

Hospital & Sick Calls

12th March, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman

Wednesday:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

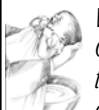
Duty Phone: 065 6869098

Rest in Peace



Tom McNamara, Clancy Park; **Mary Kelly**, Dublin, sister of Martin Linnane, Bank Place; **Mary Hegarty nee Culligan**, Shanaway Rd; **Antoni Tworowski**, father of Anna Hoszowska, The Green, Lifford; **Evelyn Keane nee O'Halloran**, Kilnamona, mother of Áine, Top Secret and brother of Michael, O'Halloran's Bar, Parnell St.; **Fidelma O'Brien**, Nenagh, sister of Patricia Ryan, Ardlea Rd. & Mgt Owens, Kincora Pk.;
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.

Newly Baptised



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

Isabella Maja Williams; Michael Anthony Delaney; Eleanora Carolyn-Marie Williams; Emma Noelle Cleary; Jan Patrick Krista; Elizabeth Eva Kristova;

International Centennial Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima (Blessed by Pope Francis)



Our Lady is calling you, as she is coming to Ennis Cathedral on **Friday 24th March for 10am**. Mass and consecration of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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: Cyril Courtney, Sandfield, Ruan & Clooney. MM
Sun 10am: Joseph Moroney, Corrovorrin.
11.30am: Aaron, Paddy & Helen Haugh, Corrovorrin & Kincora Pk.
Tues 11am: Mary & Ml Doherty & Family, McNamara Pk.
Wed 11am: James & Maureen O'Keefe.
Thu 11am: Pat Quinn & Nora Armstrong, Sligo & Eastleigh.
7pm: Joe & Mary Kelly.
Fri 10am: Michael & Jennie Carmody, Kincora Pk.
Sat 11am: Rita Delee, The Crescent.
7pm: James & John Sexton, Ballard, Miltown Malbay.
Sun 10am: Mary Hegarty, Shanaway Rd. MM
11.30am: Patrick & Mary O'Brien, Carron & Tina Connole.

St. Patrick's Day

Next Friday 17th; Feast of St. Patrick

Mass times in Cathedral:

Vigil Mass on Thursday: 6.30pm.

Friday: 9am; 10am; 12.30pm.

Note change of Mass Times in Cathedral to facilitate the viewing stand which will be located at the Cathedral.

Mass times in St. Joseph's:

Vigil Mass on Thursday: 7pm.

Friday: 8am; 10am; 11.30am.

Mass times in Cloughleigh:

Friday: 9.30am & 11am.

Friary Masses for St. Patrick's Day

Vigil Mass on Thursday: 7.30pm.

Friday: 9.30am, 10.30am & 12noon.

No Evening Mass in Ennis on St. Patrick's Day.

LENT 2017

Stations of the Cross

will take place in the Cathedral each Friday during Lent before 10am Mass.



Speakers for Lent in Cathedral

During the 12 noon Mass visiting speakers will share some insights reflecting on the theme of Hope and Light.

This Sunday: John Lonergan retired Governor of Mountjoy Prison will speak.

Sunday March 19th: Cora Guinnane, School Chaplain and Religion Teacher, St. Caimin's, Shannon.

Sunday March 26th: Brigid Haran, Counsellor with Sláinte an Chláir.

Faith Friends

We thank Mr. Cleary & the students of Rice College for their work in the parish with Ennis National Confirmation students over the past 8 weeks. We wish them all a happy day this Saturday.

We now begin the programme for the Holy family Confirmation students this Tuesday 14th March 7-8pm in the parish centre. We thank Miss Black for her support & encouragement of the St. Flannan's students who will work in small groups with the Holy Family. We look forward now to this new group every Tuesday for the coming 3 weeks.

The monthly Mass of the Ennis Padre Pio prayer group will be held in Ennis Friary on Wed. 15th March at 7.30pm. All are welcome



MEDJUGORJE PRAYER MEETING: Mon 13th March.; 8pm: District Daycare Centre, Clarecastle: All welcome.



Maranatha Prayer Ministry invites you to our Maranatha Healing Retreat next Sunday, 19th March; 2.30pm; St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Bishop Fintan Monahan, Killaloe Diocese and Janice and Moss Carrigg, Limerick with beautiful Spirit Filled Praise and Worship Music and Song, Confessions, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Talk, Mass and Adoration and Laying on of hands for healing. Tea after in hall. All welcome.....

St Flannan's next meeting of the Parents Association is taking place on Monday 13th March at 8.15 pm. All Welcome.

Blood Donor clinic in the West County Hotel Mon & 13th & Tue 14th from 2pm-5pm. Wed 15th, Thurs 16th, Mon 20th, Tues 21st from 5pm-8pm

Cake sale in the Chapter room in aid of the Building of Hope after all Masses in the Cathedral on Sunday.

Clare Roots Society; Lecture by Claire Bradley; Thursday 16th March 8pm Old Ground Hotel; "Civil Registers the Game changer": How online access to the civil registers has forever changed Irish genealogy. The General Register Office holds all official records of Irish births, deaths and marriages, Civil Registration Service plays an important role in the lives of Irish people; it is responsible for helping people to register their children's births, along with marriages, civil partnerships and deaths. Claire Bradley is a Dublin-based professional genealogist. She holds a Certificate in Family History from UCD and is the current chairperson of the Irish branch of the Irish Genealogical Research Society.

Scoil Chríost Rí Cloughleigh are running a weekly 'Split the Pot Draw' to raise funds for our new school. How it works: place €2 in the envelope & write your name & number on it. Draw every Thursday in Scoil Chríost Rí. Receive half the weeks taking if you are the winner. It could be you! Envelopes are available each week after mass in Cloughleigh, in the school, in O'Brien's GALA Store Cloughleigh Rd, O'Brien's GALA Store Drumbiggie & Eric's Fish & Chips Childers' Road. Good luck!

Pope Francis



(4th Anniversary of his inauguration as Pope, 19th March).

Once our grandparents were very careful not to throw away any left over food. Consumerism has led us to become accustomed to the superfluous and the daily waste of food, which we are sometimes no longer able to value correctly, as its value goes far beyond mere economic parameters. Note well, though, that the food we throw away is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor or the hungry! I invite everyone to reflect on the problem of the loss and waste of food, to identify ways and methods that, addressing this issue seriously, may be a vehicle for sharing and solidarity with the neediest.

(Pope Francis, General audience, 5th June 2013)

TROCAIRE
Working for a Just World

Trocaire's Lenten Campaign:

"But see how Yahweh watches over those who fear him, those who rely on his faithful love, to rescue them from death and keep them alive in famine." *Psalms, 33:18-19.*

Trocaire's Lenten campaign 2017 focuses on the millions of people facing humanitarian catastrophe because of extreme weather or conflict. With support of the people in Ireland, Trocaire will deliver humanitarian aid to up to one million people in crisis this year. *More information at www.trocaire.org*

Éire Óg Inis GAA Registration nights for adult/minor players & non-playing members: Clubhouse 6 to 7pm Fri 10 March, & 8 to 10pm Thurs 23 March. Online registration: eireoginis.gaa.ie Membership deadline for players: 31 March. Éire Óg Academy Registration nights 8 - 9pm Thurs March 9 & 16, and 6 - 7pm Fri March 24 & 31. New members very welcome. **Girls aged 15-17** are invited to take part in a 6 week ladies gaelic football programme Gaelic4Teens. Starting Tuesday 14th March 6-7pm; Colaiste Muire Sports Hall. Contact Auriol, Éire Óg Ladies, 085-1655859

The annual Ennis old folks' pilgrimage to Knock takes place on May 13th. Bus departs Banner Arms at 9am sharp and will also collect at St. Joseph's Church and The Auburn Lodge. Cost: €15; Includes Lunch and light snack on way home. Bookings can only be made through the parish office and spaces are limited to 50 people.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí an Mháirta

Is iad intinní an Phápa do Mhí an Mháirta ná: Cabhramis le Críostaithe atá faoi ghéarleanúint. Go dtuga an Eaglais ar fad tacaíocht ár bpaidreacha agus ár gcabhair ábhartha do Chríostaithe atá faoi ghéarleanúint.

Ar an Aoine ceiliúrfar Lá Fhéile Pádraig agus mar sin guímid: Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig ar chlann mhór dhomhanda na nGael, sa bhaile agus ar fud na cruinne. Go raibh lá mór maith ag gach duine saor ó bhuartha an tsaol.

Guímis Lúireach Phádraig go minic:

*Críost liom, Críost romham,
Críost i mo dhiaidh, Críost ionam,
Críost fúm, Críost ós mo chionn,
Críost ar mo dheis, Críost ar mo chlé,
Críost i leithead, Críost i bhfaide,
Críost in aired,
Críost mar a luím, Críost mar a suím,
Críost mar a n-éirím,
Críost i gcroí gach duine a smaoiníonn orm,
Críost i mbéal gach duine a labhraíonn liom,
Críost i súil gach duine a fhéachann orm,
Críost i gcluas gach duine a éisteann liom.
Áiméan.*

The Pope's intentions for March are: That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

Friday next is the Feast of St Patrick. We wish all Irish people at home and abroad a very happy day filled with joy. We pray St Patrick's Breastplate:

*Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me,
Christ above me, Christ on my right,
Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man
who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone
who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Amen.*

Focal Buíochais

Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le gach duine idir cléir agus tuata a bhí i láthair ag seoladh *Seal i Láthair Dé* an Domhnach seo caite. Ba mhór an onóir domsa go raibh sibh i láthair ag tabhairt tacaíochta dom. Go raibh mianta bhuíochais agus sláinte agaibh anois agus go deo.

I wish to thank everyone who attended the launch of *Seal i Láthair Dé* on Sunday last. It was indeed a great honour for me that so many of you were present to support me. May you have abundant blessings, good health and happiness now and in the future. (Eibhlín ní Challanáin).

Junction Adult Community Café: NEW OPENING times: open to adults; **Tuesday to Friday; 9-12noon.** The Cafe space is open to all adults looking for a place to meet, chat, read the papers. Coffee and Scone: €2. Scrabble group meet from 10.30-12noon on Wednesdays; Sit and Knit meet every Thursday from 10.30-12noon. Free Wifi; one hour free parking in car park beside building. Cafe located on Cloughleigh Road. Contact Jean O'Keefe: 086-1568650 / 6845356 for more information

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

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 12.1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

*R: May your love be upon us, O Lord,
As we place all our hope in you.*

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere
him,
On those who hope in his love,
To rescue their souls from death,
To keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
As we place all our hope in you. **R.**

A reading from the second letter of
St. Paul to Timothy.

2 Tm 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice
was heard:

"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him!"

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew.

Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.'

And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.