



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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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 12th November, 2017

Ready or not... Be Prepared!!

The parable which Jesus tells us today is quite familiar and warns us to stay awake for we do not know the day or the hour. But let's try to look a little closer and perhaps we could dare to question this text as we go through it.

Firstly, isn't it strange that the parable essentially appears to be about a wedding, but there is no mention of the bride? Indeed, when we read carefully, we see that the bridesmaids take their lamps and go out to meet the bridegroom. Surely they should be more concerned with the bride? There is something interesting at play here. In the original translation of this story the word 'bridesmaid' gives the reader the impression that these bridesmaids were actually young women that were going out to find a husband and thus make a secure future for themselves. This should slightly change our view on this reading.

Secondly, there is the extraordinary event wherein the 'foolish' bridesmaids do not bring any oil with them. Oil in the Bible has great significance and symbolism. The New Testament Greek word that translated as "oil" is *elaion*. It occurs eleven times in the New Testament and refers exclusively to "olive oil." Olive trees took a long time to grow and mature, but they also lasted for hundreds of years. Time becomes a key theme in this reading.

The difference between the wise and the foolish virgins in the parable is not that one group did not have oil, but that one group did not have enough for the unexpectedly long delay. When the cry went out, the foolish bridesmaid's lamps were still burning, but they were sputtering and going out. Oil, of course, represents God's Holy Spirit. The wise virgins, like the faithful and wise servant of Matthew 24:45-51, are prepared. They make sure that they remain in contact with the dispenser of oil, as is implied when they say to

the foolish virgins, "No, . . . go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves" (verse 9). The wise had been in recent contact with the dispenser of oil, whereas the others apparently had dallied around. Going frequently to the dispenser, the wise, when the bridegroom arrived, had an adequate supply to trim their lamps and go into the marriage supper. The lesson is preparedness through vision and foresight.



But this preparedness takes time. It is does not happen overnight. When one needs a skill immediately, how much time does it take to learn it? If you suddenly needed the skill to repair an automobile, and you had never done any work on one, you may as well have no hands at all! It works the same way with spiritual attributes. Preparing for eventualities is the lesson of this parable. The wise virgins prepared for the eventuality that it might take longer for the bridegroom to come—they showed foresight and vision, and they entered the wedding feast. The others did not.

The foolish and the wise are often contrasted in the Bible. The foolish were those who thought they knew exactly when the groom would arrive, so, unlike the wise, they took just enough oil for the wait, and then discovered it was not really enough. They were left out not because they were wicked but because they were caught unprepared by the groom's arrival. The challenge to be wise is always linked to a certain humility and flexibility. 'Keep awake': this is the invitation we meet so often in the Gospels; not to be afraid of the Lord's coming in our life, but to be awake so that we can welcome him when he arrives. Let us pray for the grace of a heart that is not distracted, fully alive to Jesus' presence in our lives.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Rita Considine nee Casey. **1st Anniv**
Fr. Brendan Casey, Beechpark.

Sun: 9am: Nellie Forde, Market St.
Teresa Weir, Stillorgan.

10.30am: McNamara family, Cullinagh, Crusheen.
Martin & Mary Brooks, Castlewood PK.
Roger Knightson, Beechpark.
Mick, Mae & Michael Lyons, Loughville.
Patrick Cotter, College View, Clonroadmore.
Raymond & Patsy Ryan, Hermitage.
Christy O'Donovan, Clonroadmore.
Deceased McInerney family.
Seán Connolly, St. Patrick's, Ard na Greine.

12noon: Holy Souls.

Mon:7.45am: Kathleen & Michael McGrath,
O'Callaghan's Mills.

10am: Bernie Killeen, Clonroadbeg & Holy Souls.

7.30pm: Christy, Nancy, John & Pat McAllister,
Circular Rd. & Drumbiggle

Tues:7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: Margaret Collins, Honan's Tce., Hermitage

7.30pm: James Gleeson, McNamara Park

Wed:7.45am: Camillus, Malachy, Cornelius McInerney.

10am: Noreen Roche, New Ross, Wexford.

7.30pm: Paddy, Nellie & Helen Casey, Parnell St.

Thurs:7.45am: Donor's Intention.

10am: James Maher, Clonroadbeg.

7.30pm: Thomas O'Halloran, Cahercallamore.

Fri:7.45am Holy Souls.

10am: Sean & Margaret Ann Hill, Lissycasey.

7.30pm: Elizabeth (Lily) Broderick, Drumbiggle.MM

Sat:10am: Bernadette Canny, Claireen.

John & Mary Queally, Drumcliffe.

6.30pm: Mass for the People.

Do this in Memory.

Sun: 9am: Michael Ó Corbáin, Kilrush Rd.
Eimer Corbett, Oak Park.

10.30am: Frances Feeney, St. Michael's Villas.

Mary Thynne, Merchants Square.

John & Mary Broderick, Loughville.

Roger, Molly, Andrew & Pat Carey.

Paddy Fitzgerald, Kilrush Rd.

Elizabeth & George Bradley, Carmody St.

Joan Malone, Lenabeag, Lahinch Rd.

Betty Devaney, Kilmurray.

Decd members of O'Brien family.

12noon: Ellen Devitt, St. Michael's Villas. MM
Ted & Nancy Sheils, College Rd.

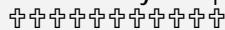
Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 19th November, 2017

Readers: Group 6

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Our new rota will be prepared in time for the new Mass schedule, starting 1st Sunday of Advent. If your circumstances or details have changed please contact the parish office or Noreen Flynn.

If you have a pyx you are no longer using please return to Cathedral Sacristy.

Hospital & Sick Calls

12th November, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Dariusz Plasek

Wednesday:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman

Duty Phone: 065 6869098

The Ennis Padre Pio

Prayer Group Mass

will NOT be held on next Thursday 16th, as there is a concert in the Ennis Friary on that night. Instead the monthly Mass will be held a week later this month on **Thursday 23rd Nov; 7.30pm** at Ennis Franciscan Friary. All are welcome.



The Annual Ecumenical Service of Remembrance

will take place **Tuesday, 14th November; 8pm;** SS Peter & Pauls Cathedral, Ennis, involving Fr. Tom Hogan and Canon Bob Hanna. The Ennis Brass Band will also be in attendance in one of the few Ecumenical Services that takes place in the county. The event will include wreath laying, colours parade, the sounding of the last post, the act of remembrance, prayer and song. Joe O'Muircheartaigh who has written extensively on Clare and WW1 will be the guest speaker.

Newly Baptised



We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Eden Hart; Naomi Hart;**



Matt Talbot Novena, Shannon: Takes place 7pm; Tuesday; SS John & Paul Church, Shannon. Our speaker: Ms. Maura Garrihy, Director of Holy Family Mission, Diocese of Waterford & Lismore. Praying each week for all suffering or sharing in the life of addictions. Petitions/Prayers of thanksgiving can be left at the shrine or sent to the special petition email on shannonparish.ie where the Novena can also be watched live each week. Please come along and bring a friend to this very special Novena. A warm welcome awaits!

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Martin Joseph McNulty, Hermitage.

11am: Charlie & Edward McKee, Kathleen O'Connor, Brookville.

Confirmation Enrolment, Scoil Christ Ri.

Mon 9.30am: Nancy & Bernard Murphy, Circular Rd.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Hegarty family, late Hermitage.

Sun 9.30am: Morgan family, Roscommon.

11am: Maura Mc Mahon, "Marymount", Cusack Rd.

Do this in Memory.

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: PJ, Maureen & Elaine Broderick, Clonroad.

Sun 8am: Tom, Helen & Mary Cassidy, Marian Ave.

10am: Margaret, John & Canny family, Corofin.
Mickey McCabe, Meath.

11.30am: Deirdre O'Brien, Shannon Park.

Mon 11am: Joe & Kathleen Hayes, Mullagh.

Tues 11am: Aileen & Brendan Church, Kincora Park.

Thu 11am: Ciss McInerney, Shannon Park. **1st Anniv**

Fri 11am: Mai & Michael Tully, Shannon Park.

Sat 11am: Danny & Kay Downes, The Crescent.

Sat 7pm: Deceased Dillon family, St. Senan's Rd.

Sun 8am: Patricia Molloy, Clancy Park.

10am: Kathleen Foudy, Ivy Hill.

11.30am: World Day of Remembrance

for Road Traffic Victims.



Divine Mercy Chaplet

We will continue to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a prayer group on this **Tuesday evening; 8pm;** 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.

Maranatha Prayer Ministry Healing Retreat and Family Tree Mass; Sunday, 19th November; 2.30pm; St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick. Preacher: Fr. John Walsh, 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.....

Rest in Peace

Dushan Fitzgerald, Dun na Rí, Tobertaoscain; **Danno Lynch,** Dalcassian Drive; **Joe Malone,** Ardlea Rd; **Jack Dinan,** Considine's Rd; **Ellen Lyons,** Mountain View;



Anniversary Mass for deceased SPS employees in Mary Immaculate Church, Shannon; Saturday Nov 18th; 12 noon.




Live the Word: We all have our own journey to follow in this life of ours. It involves growth of self, self awareness and self acceptance. When you realise that moment where your journey is destined for it gives purpose and meaning to your Life.

Remembrance Mass

For our beloved infants, children and babies who died during the early stages of pregnancy or birth.

Sunday 12th Nov, 12noon in the Cathedral.

Medjugorje Prayer meeting will take place on Monday 13th November in Clarecastle day-care centre at 8pm. All are welcome 

Coffee Morning: My name is Martina Hanrahan & I am volunteering with Operation Walk Ireland to go to Vietnam next March, where we will perform Orthopaedic surgeries. To help fund this, I am holding a Coffee morning/Raffle in the Cathedral Chapter room; Sunday 19th November; 9.30am - 1.30pm. Lovely raffle prizes- nice Christmas gift ideas. Hope to see you there.

Clare Roots Society Meeting; Tracing your Australian relations; By Debra Carter; Old Ground Hotel; 8pm; Thurs. 16th November.

Ennis National School Hall is available for hire on weekdays after school at very reasonable rates. Contact principal, Ray McInerney; 6829158 for details

Réalta Draíochta preschool located at the Ennis National School on the Kilrush Rd. Now enrolling for Jan & Sept 18. free ECCE places available. Please contact Kathryn 0879232833 or Martina 0867363286 for more information.

Ennis Players Annual Supper Theatre presents "Semblance of madness" & "Select accommodation" Tues 21st to Fri 24th Nov; 8pm; Old Ground hotel.

Brendan Shine & Band; At Shamrock Hotel, Athlone; Tuesday December 12th; Included: Coach Collection, 4 Course Christmas Dinner, Mulled Wine Reception, Music on arrival with Joe Flynn & Frankie McDonald Comedy & Cabaret Show with Frank Forde -Comedian; Followed by Music & Dancing to Brendan Shine and Band; *Cost will be €60 per person payable when booking*. Pick Up Points: Ennis, Tulla, Scariff, Killaloe (depending on the demand) I will let you know the times when we know who will be travelling. Sr Annette Sexton - 087 9247025

Talks for Parents in St. Flannan's College. Monday 13th; The Library; 7.30pm sharp. **Teenager Guide** presented by Margaret Naughton. Topic: Encouraging positive change. Giving techniques and strategies to assist parents and teenagers deal positively with challenges in their lives.

Drugs Awareness presentation given by Detective Gardaí from Ennis Garda Station Drugs Unit. All parents welcome to attend on the night.

Make some room for Christmas and help those in need. St. Vincent de Paul is looking for good quality clothing donations for our shop on Parnell Street in Ennis.

A Concert on the Canticle of Creatures of St. Francis of Assisi:

A FREE "Concert of Thanksgiving"

Franciscan Church, Ennis

Thursday, November 16th; 7pm

The Franciscans have commissioned a new composition of the Canticle of St. Francis of Assisi. The Canticle inspired Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si.' The composer is Vincent Kennedy and the concert will be performed by Vincent and Marina Cassidy (harp, trumpet and vocals). All are welcome.

Gaelcholáiste an Chláir; Clárú don Scoilbhliain 2017/2018; Open Night / Oíche Oscailte; Wednesday 15th November 2017 at 7:30pm. School Brochures / Enrolment Forms available from the local Primary Schools or from the College Office, Tel: 065-6829432.

Ennis Community College; Enrolment for 2017/2018 Academic year; Open Evening Wednesday 15th November 2017 at 7:30pm. SCHOOL BROCHURES/Enrolment Forms are available from the local Primary Schools or from the College Office, Tel: 065-6829432

Coláiste Muire open night takes place on Thursday 16th November from 7-9pm. Application forms for incoming first years will be available on the night.

Clare Archaeological and Historical Society: 'The Holy Wells of Clare' – a talk by Michael Houlihan. Lecture takes place on Tuesday 14th November in the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis; 8pm. Lectures are free to members, €5 non-members. New members are always welcome. Enquiries to fogorman51@gmail.com Tel 087 2262259.

A Musical Night for Bumbleance and Diabetes Ireland: Saturday 18th November; 8pm; Hotel Woodstock, Ennis; Admission €15 per person. Former Bunratty Castle Entertainers are joining forces for a variety charity concert in aid of the Clare branch of Diabetes Ireland and BUMBLEance. Diabetes Ireland is the only national charity that is dedicated to helping people with diabetes. BUMBLEance is a children's ambulance service that delivers sick children between home and the national treatment centres, hospice and respite centres nationwide. Tickets: Aidan White 086 319 7235; Grainne Flynn: 087 6548320 or email clarebranchdfi@gmail.com Credit/Debit card purchase; <https://variety-fundraising-concert-ennis.eventbrite.ie>

Amen: Support Service for male victims of domestic abuse are now holding an outreach service in this area. If you or a man you know is experiencing domestic abuse & you would like to gain information or support, contact the confidential helpline on 0818 22 22 40 to make an appointment with a Support Worker.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Lá Fhéile Lorcán Naofa Ó Tuathail
14 Samhna (1128-1180)

Ceiliúrtar Lá Fhéile Lorcán Naofa Ó Tuathail ar an Mháirt 14 Samhna. Rugadh é i gCaisleán Diarmada, i gCill Dara sa bhliain 1128. D'fhreastal sé ar scoil i nGleann dá Loch. Buachaill cráifeach, staidéarach ab ea é. Bhí sé ina Ab ar Ghleann Dá Loch in aois a 26 bliain sa bhliain 1154. Rinneadh Ard-Easpag ar Bhaile Átha Cliath é sa bhliain 1162 agus leath a chlú agus cáil mar naomh as ucht na bpionós a ghearradh sé air féin agus an grá a bhí aige do na boicht. Nuair a tháinig na Normannaigh go hÉirinn rinne sé gach iarracht ar chearta a thír a chosaint. Bhí sé ar a shlí chun socrú síochána a dhéanamh le hAnraí nuair a d'éirigh sé breoite sa Normainn agus fuair sé bás ann. Sa bhliain 1442 tógadh a chloigeann agus a chnámha go Sasana agus cuireadh i Chorley, Lancashire iad, ach cailleadh iad in am Anraí VIII. Ní fhacthas ó shin iad. Is patrún é ar Bhaile Átha Cliath.

Iarraimid ar Naomh Lorcán guí chun Dé a bheannacht a chur ar mhuintir na hÉireann uile. Naomh Lorcán guí ar ár son. Áiméan

The feast of Saint Laurence O'Toole falls on the 14 November. He was born in Castledermot, Co. Kildare in 1128 and attended school in Glendalough. He was very religious and studious. He became Abbot of Glendalough in 1154 at the age of 26 and was appointed Archbishop of Dublin in 1162. His fame as a saint spread because of his practice of penances and his love for the poor. When the Normans arrived, he made every effort to defend his country. He was on a peaceful mission to meet King Henry 11 when he became ill and died in Normandy. His remains were brought to England in 1442 and buried in Chorley Lancashire. They were lost during the reign of Henry VIII and have never been found. He is the patron saint of Dublin.

We ask God through the intercession of Saint Laurence to bless the people of Ireland. St Laurence pray for us. Amen.

Christmas Concert
Friday 8th December at 8pm,
Ennis Cathedral

Featuring:

Karoline O'Sullivan; Cathedral Choir; Cantare Chamber Choir; The Burren Trio; Quin & Tonic Choir; And many others

Tickets: €10 from Parish Office; Veritas & Ennis Bookshop from Tues 14th Nov.

In aid of Cathedral Organ Restoration Fund

Regina Nathan's Annual Christmas Concert in St. Columba's Church, Bindon St, Ennis will take place; Sat 25th Nov; 8pm with the usual delicious Seasonal refreshments.

Clare Garden Festival AUTUMN TALKS - CLEVER & CREATIVE GARDENING; Sunday 12th November from 3-7pm; Old Ennis town council offices, Drumbiggle Rd.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 5th November: €7,325

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come in to your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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 book of Wisdom

Ws 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no
trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding
fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will
quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those
who are worthy of her and graciously shows
herself to them as they go, in every thought
of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. *For you my soul is thirsting,
O God, My God*

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
For you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
Like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
To see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
My lips will speak your praise **R.**

So I will bless you all my life
In your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
My mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
In the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians. 1 Thess 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, about
those who have died, to make sure that
you do not grieve about them, like the other
people who have no hope. We believe that
Jesus died and rose again, and that it will
be the same for those who have died in
Jesus: God will bring them with him. We
can tell you this from the Lord's own
teaching, that any of us who are left alive
until the Lord's coming will not have any
advantage over those who have died. At
the trumpet of God, the voice of the
archangel will call out the command and
the Lord himself will come down from
heaven; those who have died in Christ will
be the first to rise, and then those of us
who are still alive will be taken up in the
clouds, together with them, to meet the
Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the
Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these
you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Stay awake and stand ready,
Because you do not know the hour
When the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The
kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten
bridesmaids took their lamps and went to
meet the bridegroom. Five of them were
foolish and five were sensible: the foolish
ones did take their lamps, but they brought
no oil, whereas the sensible ones took

flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The
bridegroom was late, and they all grew
drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight
there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here!
Go out and meet him." At this, all those
bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their
lamps, and the foolish ones said to the
sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil:
our lamps are going out." But they replied,
"There may not be enough for us and for
you; you had better go to those who sell it
and buy some for yourselves." They had
gone off to buy it when the bridegroom
arrived. Those who were ready went in
with him to the wedding hall and the door
was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived
later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the
door for us." But he replied, "I tell you
solemnly, I do not know you." So stay
awake, because you do not know either
the day or the hour.'

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 disciples recognised the Lord
Jesus in the breaking of bread.**