



Ennis Parish News

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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St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6840715; Friary: 6828751

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ennis.parish>

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

(Year A) 14th May, 2017

CALLED TO BE PEOPLE OF HOPE

In the second reading the early Christian community is told that their conduct should be such that their persecutors will be put to shame. They were told to have their answers ready for the people who ask them the reasons for their hope. Hope in the face of sickness, trouble, persecution or death is puzzling.

Hope is the virtue that enables us to look to the future with confidence. Jesus told his disciples that he was going to the Father but he did not leave them without hope for the future. He sent them the Holy Spirit. The power of the Spirit is what gives us hope. With the power of the Spirit we can face all trouble with trust and confidence.



people moaning about the shortage of priests, low Mass attendance, lack of faith in Religious people, the dominant catholic church etc etc. The news is depressing. But we must never forget that the church is God's church and we

are God's people. While we long for old securities and the stability that goes with them we also need to be listening to the voice of the Spirit speaking to us. What is God calling us to? In the Gospel today Jesus is asking us to be a community that gives witness to God's Spirit working among us. To be a community that trusts that the Holy Spirit is guiding us to be where God wants us to be. With the Holy Spirit guiding us we can puzzle people with the hope that is evident among us.

That same Spirit that was given to the first Christians is also given to us, We need that power of the Spirit as we struggle with the crisis that faces our church today. We hear

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people. Kindle in us the fire of your love that will fill us with trust and hope in your care of us.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30pm:Mae Scanlan, Willow Pk & Scattery.1stAnniv

Sun: 9am: Donall MacMathuna, Ballybeg.

Ann & Brian MacMahon, Woodlawn.

10.30am: Dan O'Connor, Clonroad.

Christy Rushe, College Park.

Michael O'Brien, Summerhill.

Ann Lacey, College Green.

Patrick Honan, Kilrush Rd.

Martin Frawley, Westfields.

Paddy & Mary Broderick, Loughville.

Liam Daly, Hermitage.

Thomas & Josephine Hogan, Gort Rd.

Bridget & Jos. Cleary, Westfields.

12noon: Michael Flynn, Upper Market St. MM

Mon:7.45am:Peggy Cullinan Smyth, Reading & Drumcliffe.

10am: Donal Lynch, Dalcassian Drive.

7.30pm: Anthony O'Loughlin, St Michael's Villas.

Tues:7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: Frank Hassett, Ard na Greine.

7.30pm: Jackie & Anne Hayes, Mc Namara Pk.

Wed:7.45am: Donor Intentions.

10am: John, Brigid & James Hanley, Honan's Terrace.

7.30pm: P.J. & Mary Burke & family, Inch.

Thurs:7.45am: Special Intention.

10am: Margaret Mulvey, Clonroad.

7.30pm: Christopher Rynne, Honan's Tce, Hermitage.

Fri:7.45am Mass for the People.

10am: Special Intention.

7.30pm: Breda Hassett, Drumbiggle Rd. 1st Anniv

Sat:10am: Kathleen Markham, Turnpike.

6.30pm: Special Intention.

Sun: 9am: Sheila & Tom Cotter, Loughville.

10.30am: Madge Moloney, Mc Namara Pk.

Paddy & Rita, Doolan, St. Patrick's Tce.

Eileen Lynch, Cahercalla.

James Kelly, Collins Park.

Michael & Una O'Meara, Limerick Rd.

Ted Barron, The Hazels, Tulla Rd.

Noel Ryan & family, Dalcassian Ave.

Bernie Guinnane, McNamara Pk.

12noon: Irish Kidney Association Mass of

Remembrance and Thanksgiving .

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 21st May, 2017

Readers: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am:Michael, Nora Linnane & family, Considine Tce.

11am: Eugene White, Mungret & Considine Rd.

Mon 9.30am Donors' Intentions

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Seán Moroney, Morrissey Ave. MM

Sun 9.30am: Joan Coote, Considine Rd.

11am: Peter Fox, Hermitage.

Hospital & Sick Calls

14th May, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Duty Phone: 065 6869098

Wednesday: Fr. Tom Hogan

Newly Baptised



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

Elena Pacholec; Theodore

James Gearóid Payne;

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.



Young Pioneers



On Saturday evening June 4th

at the 6:30pm Mass in the

Cathedral together with their

parents and the Christian

community, the students who

made confirmation this year are

invited to make a promise:- to

abstain from alcoholic drink until

they are eighteen years and to

abstain from drugs for life. You

their parents will stand with them

and be asked to support and

encourage them to keep this

promise.

We would appreciate all who

wish to participate to come to

the front section of the church

at 6:15pm.

Once again thanking you and

wishing you from all of us in the

parish every blessing and

happiness for the years ahead

with your child's education and

career.

Ennis Parish

Development Fund for

Sunday 7th May, €7,655



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: Frank Gibbons, Kincora Pk.

Sun 10am: Brendan Mc Mahon, Lahinch Rd.

11.30am: Joe Conway, Corrovorrin Drive.

Mon 11am: Andy Mc Tiernan, Sligo.

Tues 11am: Kathleen O'Loughlin, Old Gort Rd.

Wed 11am: Tom, Mary & Charlie Dullaghan, Dundalk.

Thu 11am: Michael & Patrick Griffen, Kilmaley.

Fri 11am: Bridget & Michael O'Halloran, Roslevan.

Sun 8am:John, Rose & Séan O'Sullivan, Kevin Barry Ave.

10am: Dilly & Jimmy O'Halloran, St. Senan's Rd.

11.30am: Johnny & Cathal Mulcaire, Cahercalla Hts.

Rest in Peace

James Naughton, Dalcassian Drive; Tess Conville,

Turnpike, Carlow & Westmeath; Bessey MBE Okoi,

Crosse river state of Nigeria, mother of Faith

Omorodion; Paddy Langan, USA, brother of Tim

Langan, Clare Road; Barbara Lydon, Clifden, mother

of Geraldine Lydon, Silvergrove & Coláiste Muire;

Bridget Greene, Cahercalla Estate; Marcella

Reynolds, London, sister of Colette O'Donoghue,

Cloughleigh Rd.



*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.*

May Devotions in honour of Our Lady

We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly during May.

• Corrovorrin Crescent; Rosary daily, 7pm.

• Gallows Hill; Rosary daily, 7pm.

• Dalcassian Pk Grotto; Rosary daily, 7pm.

• St. Michael's Villas Grotto; Rosary daily, 7pm

• Hermitage Grotto; Rosary daily, 6.30pm,

Benediction on 27th May 7.30pm

• Marian Avenue Grotto; Rosary daily, 7pm

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flowers of the rarest
bring blossoms the fairest,

from gardens and woodlands

and hillside and dale;

Our full hearts are swelling,

our glad voices telling

the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!



Chorus:

O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!

Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.

O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,

Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May..

The Diocese has introduced Child Friendly safeguarding leaflets and a poster, which can be found in the Porch and Parish Centre. The Church has a sacred obligation to ensure that children are welcomed, cherished and protected in a manner consistent with their central place in the life of the Church.



Cloughleigh Area



Spring Clean

*Scoil Chríost Rí; Staff & Students
Ennis town Council
Ennis West Partners
Cloughleigh Residents' Association
Youth club from the Junction
An Garda Síochána
Ennis Tidy Towns*

**Invite all members of the area to meet
at
Cloughleigh Community Centre
On
Thursday 18th May at 7pm
Bring brushes and shovels
(Gloves, bags and bibs will be provided)**

Maranatha Healing Retreat and Family Tree Mass; Sunday, 21st May; 2.30pm; St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Fr. Michael O'Shea, Limerick 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....

Life in the Spirit Seminars. The seven week programme of Life in the Spirit Seminars will begin in Crusheen Church Meeting Room on this coming Wed. May 10th from 8pm-9pm. The speaker on this Wed. May 10th is Dr. Jessie Rogers who lectures in Theology and Biblical Studies in NUI Maynooth. Dr. Rogers will also be the speaker on Wed. May 17th and June 14th. All are most welcome.

Fundraiser in aid of Pieta House. Social dance 8.30-11.30pm in Tracey's West County hotel on Fri 26th May. Music by Frank Nash. Adm €10. Raffle on the night. Please support. Any enquiries / donations to Pascal 087 6615890

'Split the Pot' is an exciting draw run every week in Scoil Chríost Rí Cloughleigh 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 week's takings if you are the winner. It could be you! Envelopes are available each week after daily and Sunday masses in Cloughleigh, in the school, in O'Brien's GALA Store Cloughleigh Rd, O'Brien's GALA Store Drumbiggle & Eric's Fish & Chips Childers' Road. Good luck!

'Songs To Lift The Heart', in aid of Pieta House. Soprano, Janet Woods, accompanied by Michael Hennessey, will be joined by Ennis Gospel Choir on Saturday 27th May at 8pm in Ennis Cathedral. This promises to be an evening of beautiful, uplifting song, including Opera & Operetta classics such as O Mio Babbino Caro, Voi Che Sapete, I Dreamt I Dwelt and Musical gems such as Secret Love & Summertime. All Proceeds go directly to Pieta.

Franciscan Friary Choir & Clare Music Makers host "A Summer's Evening Concert, Sunday 21st May at 4pm in Friary, Ennis. Donations at door proceeds to Franciscan Friary Development Fund.

Wanted: Washing Machine - 089 2464533

Irish Kidney Association Invitation ---

The Clare Branch of the Irish Kidney Association invite Donor Families transplant recipients, their carers along with the general public to their **Annual Mass of Remembrance & Thanksgiving, on Sunday 21st May at 12 noon in Ennis Cathedral.** The Mass will be celebrated in honour of those whose organs were donated thus giving the Gift of New Life to so many.

*We remember them,
At the rising of the sun and its going down
We remember them
At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring
We remember them
At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer
We remember them
When we have achievements that are based on theirs
We remember them
As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us, as
We remember them.*

Clare Roots' Society Workshop; "Getting the most out of your DNA results". Presented by Mr. Paddy Waldron, Genetic Genealogist, Chairman CRS. 8pm; Thursday; 18th May; Old Ground Hotel. In recent years, several million people worldwide have submitted DNA samples for analysis and inclusion in online databases. The people in the DNA databases range from many members of the Clare Roots' Society to well-known Irish public figures like RTÉ presenter Ryan Tubridy, Michael Healy-Rae TD and soccer pundit Eamon Dunphy, who were among those to entertain the nation with their DNA results on a St. Patrick's Day Late Late Show special. Paddy will explain how to find (and be found by) distant relatives in various online DNA databases. This event is intended to be largely a hands-on question-and-answer session, so please come with your DNA questions and, if you have already submitted your DNA, bring along your kit numbers, passwords, and tablets or laptops.

Carinne di Francesco (of St. Flannan's College) will run a One-Day Intensive Revision Course for 2017 Honours Leaving Certificate French students on Saturday, May 20, 10am-4.30pm. Emphasis will be on techniques to maximise grades in the Reading and Listening Comprehensions and Written Production. Further enquiries to 083 828 77 08.

Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People Our next clinic will be Wednesday 17th May, from 10am to 1pm. in Ennis Parish Centre. This is a free service where you can acquire information regarding hearing loss, guidelines for good communication, information on equipment for your home to help you hear the doorbell, phone, smoke alarm and television. HSE hearing aid tubing can be changed and batteries for all hearing aids can be purchased for €2 for a packet of 6. We do not service, fit or issue hearing aids at our clinic.



Annual Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on **Sunday 2nd July**, sharing with Ferns as we have in previous years. **Led by Bishop Fintan Monahan.** Ceremonies begin at 2:30pm. For bus transport please contact: Glynn's Coaches: 065 6828234

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí na Maighdine Muire.

I mí na Bealtaine tugaimis ómós ar leith do Mhuire Máthair Íosa agus ár máthair féin.. Bhí sé de phribhléid ag Muire gur roghnaigh Dia í mar mháthair dá mhac Íosa. Bhí páirt aici i ngach sólas agus dólas ina shaol. Nuair a bhí Íosa ag fáil bháis ar an gcros, d'iarr Sé ar Mhuire bheith mar mháthair dúinne. Is é seo an t-íomann is coitianta a chantar ag searmanais i mí Bealtaine.

Banríon na Bealtaine
Tabhair na bláthanna is teirce
Tabhair na bláthanna is deise
As gairdíní ,coillte, taobhchnoic is móineír
Tá ár gcroíthe go hiomlán ag borradh le háthas
Ag insint is ag moladh an bhláth(a) is deise faoin aer.

Curfa

*Ó a Mhuire cuirfimid C'róin ort, Le bláth'nna inniu
Banríon na nAingeal Is Banríon na mBláth (anna)
Ó a Mhuire cuirfimid C'róin ort, Le bláthanna inniu
Banríon na nAingeal Is Banríon na mBláth*

During the month of May we reverence Our Lady as the mother of Jesus and our mother also. She had the privilege of being chosen by God to be the mother of His Son. She was present with Him in His joys and sorrows. When Jesus was dying on the cross, He asked His mother to be our mother also. This is the most common hymn which is sung to Our Lady during the month of May.

Bring flowers of the fairest
Bring flowers the rarest,
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Refrain:

*O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.
O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.*

A Glimpse of Paradise: Ballynacally Development is planning a series of walks this summer showing the beauty of this area and its historic locations. The first walk planned for 12pm; Sunday 21st May is not to be missed as it guides walkers through the beautiful and unique **Paradise Estate** which overlooks the picturesque Shannon Estuary with its stunning views of the islands. Refreshments will follow in the community centre. www.ballynacally.ie for more details. Funds raised will go towards the upkeep of Ballynacally Community Centre.

10th Annual Clare Burren Marathon Challenge - Saturday May 27th; The Burren, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare. Choice of Full, Half & 10K Mini marathons. Walk - Jog - Run, both on & off road, across the beautiful Burren terrain. www.clareburrenmarathonchallenge.com/ or phone 087 7779714. Charity Groups, individuals, runners, walkers - everyone.

Blessing of Babies



**Special blessing for all babies
Baptised during the year,
Cathedral 21st May 2pm.**

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,
For he has worked wonders;
In the sight of the nations
He has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

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 Acts of the Apostles

Ac 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples
was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint
against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution
their own widows were being overlooked. So the
Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and
addressed them, "It would not be right for us to
neglect the word of God so as to give out food;
you brothers, must select from among
yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled
with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand
over this duty to them, and continue to devote
ourselves to prayer and to the service of the
word." The whole assembly approved of this
proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith
and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip,
Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and
Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They
presented these to the apostles, who prayed and
laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to
spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem
was greatly increased, and a large group of
priests made their submission to the faith.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: May your love be upon
us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
For praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
With a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R**

For 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**

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

1Pt 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but
chosen by God and precious to him; set
yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy
priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices
which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God,
may be living stones making a spiritual house. As
scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious
cornerstone that I have chosen and the one who
rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That
means that for you who are believers, it is
precious; but for
unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders
has proved to be the keystone, a stone to
stumble over, a rock to bring people down. They
stumble over it because they do not believe in
the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a
consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the
praises of God who called you out of the
darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through
me.' Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jn 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's
house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am going now to prepare a place for
you,
and after I have gone and prepared you
a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I
am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you
are going, so how can we know the
way?'

Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except
through me.
If you know me, you know my Father
too.'

From this moment you know him and
have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father
and then we shall

be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time,
Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not
know me?'

"To have seen me is to have seen the
Father, so how can you say, "Let us
see the Father"?"

Do you not believe that I am in the
Father and the
Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak
as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is
doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I
am in the Father

and the Father is in me; believe it on
the evidence of this

work, if for no other reason.

"I tell you most solemnly, whoever
believes in me will perform the same
works as I do myself, he will perform
even greater works, because I am
going to the Father.'

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:

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says
the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, Bears fruit
in plenty, alleluia.