



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 in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

15th January 2017

'The Stretch in the Evening'

Have you heard yet anyone remark about the stretch in the evenings? The old people believed that after January 6th "The Feast of the Wise Men" you could notice the increase in brightness in the evening. It is known as "Coisceim an Coilligh" "The Cocks step". Right enough there is a tangible increase in day light. From January 6th onwards, the days begin to lengthen. The first of the spring bulbs are beginning to pop their heads from the winter soil - The snow drops (pluíríní sneachta). The cycle of nature is beginning to re-emerge from it's autumn and winter rest time. It is the increase in the day light that triggers the awakening.

John the Baptist recognised in Jesus—the presence of the "Chosen One". He recognised him as the "Lamb of God", "The Light to the World."

I frequently use the following prayer as the day begins and the light returns after night time:



God of my life, I welcome this new day.

It is your gift to me, a new creation.

I thank you for the sleep that has refreshed me.

I thank you for this chance to make a new beginning.

During this day keep me thoughtful, prayerful and kind.

May I be courteous and helpful to others, and not turned in on myself.

Keep me from any word that would hurt, or belittle, or destroy;

and may the thoughts of my mind be pleasing in your sight.

When night comes again,

may I look back on this day

with no grievance or bitterness in my heart;

and may nobody be unhappy

because of anything I have done

or anything I have failed to do.

Lord, bless this day for me and for everyone.

Make it a day in which we grow

to have the mind of Christ, your Son.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Sr. Maeve Brooks, 1st Anniv
P.J. & Lily Brooks, College Park.
Tony Sharkey, Cahercalla Estate. 1st Anniv
Sun 15th: 9am: Samuel & Maud Cutt, College Green.
Baby O'Neill Forde, Cappamore, Barefield.
10.30am: Paul Shannon, Clarecastle.
Tony Shannon, Clancy Pk.
Delia Armstrong, Cahercalla.
Tom Kelly, College Rd.
Liam & Eoin Madigan, St. Michael's Villas.
Tina Doyle, Cloverhill, Tulla Rd.
Mary Brogan, College Green.
Marian O'Neill Ball, Hermitage.
12noon: Joe Gadziola, Florida.MM
Mon: 7.45am: Sean Foudy, Kilrush Rd.
10am: James Sheedy, Greendale, Clonroad.
7.30pm: Michael Shanahan, Clonroadmore.
Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Jillian Brennan, Considine Rd.
7.30pm: Eileen & Patk Morrissey, Cornmarket St.
Wed: 7.45am: Andrew Cunningham, Donegal & Florida.
10am: Danny 1st Anniv & Gina Higgins, Clancy Pk.
7.30pm: Patsy Cosgrove, Clare Rd.
Thurs: 7.45am: Deceased Griffin family, Feakle.
10am: Mary Bolger, Turnpike Rd.
7.30pm: Cathal & Declan Brohan, Hermitage.
Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.
10am: Tom & Nora Harnett, Tralee.
7.30pm: Tess White, Clonroad. MM
Sat: 10am: James Cox, Dalcassian Avenue.
6.30pm: Josephine Carr, Barrack Court. MM
Sun 22nd: 9am: Daisy Redican, O'Connell St.
10.30am: Geraldine Kenny, Cragmoher, Corofin.
Patrick Lyons, Avondale.
Catherine Cotter, College View.
Paul Dilleen, Shanaway Rd.
Agnes Fox, Cornmarket St.
Marie Hogan, Shanaway Rd.
Mick & Marion Molloy & Hegarty family, St. Ml's Vls.
12noon: Mass for the People.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 22nd January, 2017

Readers: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Mary Foley, Cloughleigh Rd.
11am: Kathleen Shannon, Cloughleigh Rd. MM
Mon 9.30am: Donor's Intention.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sat 11am: Maureen Lavery, John Paul Ave.
Sun 22nd 9.30am: Do this in memory.
11am: Fergal Landy, Considine Rd.
Maura, Joe, Johnny & Marie Griffey, Ennis & NY.

Live the Word:



When we fail to stop and reflect, we lose the signposts that lead us to the sheer joy of living.

Shredded paper available: Contact Parish office.

Hospital & Sick Calls

15th January, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Dariusz Plasek

Duty Phone No: 065 6869098



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

Night for parish readers in the Maria Assumpta Hall on Thursday Jan 19th. Invitation to a reflective session for all readers in the parish of Abbey Cluster being led by Fr. Ignatius McCormack.

The monthly Mass of the Ennis Padre Pio prayer group

will be held in the Ennis Friary on Wed. 18th January; 7.30pm. All welcome.



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: Brid Madigan, Ivy Hill.
Sun 15th 8am: Anthony Dormer, Rosanore.
10am: Eamon Duffy, Kincora Pk.
11.30am: Mgt Roche, Kincora Park. 1st Anniv
Tues 11am: John Downes, Marian Ave.
John Sheehan, Ruan.
Wed 11am: Marie & O'Gorman & Lynch families, Ennis & Kilkee.
Thu 11am: Margaret Holmes nee Nugent.
Sat 11am: Denis Callinan, Shannon Pk.
Bridget & George O'Neill, Clareabbey.
Sun 22nd 8am: Ann O'Connor, Corrovorrin Grove.
10am: Mai & Mary Lynch, Corrovorrin.
11.30am: Barry O'Connor. 1st Anniv
Frankie O'Connor, Pearse Ave.



Rest in Peace

Pat McInerney, Cork, Brother of Della Curley, Limerick Rd.; **Jerry O'Callaghan**, Willow Park; **Thomas Coughlan**, South Wales, Brother of Michael Coughlan, Corrovorrin Green; **Sean Burke**, late O'Connell St, McHugh Villas & Shannon Pk.; **Frances Arthur**, Station Court & late Parnell St; **Philomena Murphy**, Knocknahan, mother of Dorothy Meenaghan, Abbey Court & Margaret Moynihan, Ballynacally; **Mary English**, Clonroad;
*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.*

Crossing Barriers

There is no doubt that ecumenical engagement could do with some renewed enthusiasm. That enthusiasm can be generated by looking back and simply being thankful for all that has been achieved- in official commissions and documents, in great symbolic events of mutual respect and recognition, and in local collaboration, which is the true heartbeat of ecumenism.

Collaborative events are a demonstration to ourselves as much as to the world that wherever Christians meet for worship or any other activity they meet as a family. As with all families, its vigour and interest are generated both by what we have in common and by what distinguishes us from one another.

The Prayer for Christian Unity is that fixed point of family reunion which perhaps we don't always look forward to but are always glad afterwards that we made the effort.

The service is based on an international theme (this year originating in Germany) and entitled "Crossing Barriers."

As the Chair of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue I wish you well as you celebrate as a witness to the unity which is our gift in Jesus Christ. *Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher, and Chair, Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue (Adapted).*



The Ecumenical Prayer Service - takes place in the Church of Ireland Bindon Street Tuesday, January 24th at 7.30pm. The guest preacher is Revd Edna Wakely from St. Mary's Cathedral Limerick.

Primary School Enrolment For the School Year 2017 – 2018

Ennis Parish Schools' Agreed Application System. Parents/Guardians wishing to enrol their children into Junior Infants (2nd Class in The Holy Family Senior School) are advised that application forms are available from each school.

The Closing Date for Receipt of Completed Application Forms is
**Thursday, February 9th
2017 at 3pm**

The agreed system operates for the following Ennis Parish Schools:
**Gaelscoil Mhíchil Cíosóg
Holy Family Junior School
Holy Family Senior School
Scoil Chríost Rí
CBS Primary School
Ennis National School**
Completed Application Forms are to be returned to the school.

Maranatha Prayer Ministry invites you to our Healing Retreat and Family Tree Mass on today, Sunday, 15th January; 2.30pm; St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Fr. Brendan Walsh, Pallotine Fathers, Thurles 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.

Scoil Chríost Rí Cloughleigh is holding a clothes collection fundraiser. If you are throwing out any old clothes after Christmas, unwanted clothes will be recycled to raise much needed funds for our new school development. 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 5th. Info: 0656820105.

Ennis Old folks Club resumes their fortnightly meetings in Chapel Lane Community Centre on Monday 23rd of January at 8pm. If you are over 65 and would like to make new friends and enjoy bingo, music, dancing, the cup of tea and the chat in a friendly environment you are more than welcome to come. Admission is free.

Alzheimer Support Group: 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. Thursday 19 January; 7pm; Guest Speaker Ellis Thompson OT Clare Mental Health Services for Older People, Alzheimer Society of Ireland, Cuan an Chlair, Cahercalla. Info contact 065 6868621

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Would you like to be part of over 11,000 volunteers from all walks of life who are helping to change the lives of people in need in their local communities? Do you have some free time to give back? If so why not join us for an open night when we will introduce you to the work of SVP in the Clare Area and see if volunteering is something that may be of interest to you. Wednesday January 18th; 7.30pm in the Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis.

Banner Ladies' Gaelic Football—Indoor Training has resumed Wednesday evenings, St. Flannan's Hall U8/U10s 6pm to 7pm & Under 12s 7pm to 8pm. Come along for fun and enjoyment while learning to play Ladies Gaelic Football. Starting back Wednesday 17th.

Steps on My Journey Personal Development Course, Limerick. Are you looking for more from your life? Are you struggling with a particular challenge at this time? If so, this course could be for you. www.stepspersonaldevelopment.ie Twelve week course starting in January 2017 Contact us on 087-8263541

The Clare Type 2 Diabetes Support Group will have their next meeting on Tuesday, January 17th; The Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis; 8pm.

Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People Our next clinic will be Wednesday 18th January, 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. If you require more information please contact the resource office: DeafHear.ie Mid-West, Pery Street, Limerick. Tel: 061 467 494; Text: 087 6839754/Email: limerick@deafhear.ie

Experienced trainer is setting up new fitness classes for elderly people in Ennis! Information and bookings here: Mobile: 0894127757 or on Facebook: Plyo74training

As part of the ARIES Recovery & Well - Being Education in Mental Health: A workshop "What is Recovery" will be held in Ennis Mental Health Associations, Sonas Centre, Chapel Lane, Ennis; Tuesday 17th Jan. 6pm to 9pm. This is the first in a planned series workshops in Ennis, details of further workshops will follow.

Back to Education Initiative (BTEI), Further Education & Training Centre Clonroad Campus, Clonroad Business Park, Clonroad, Ennis: Introduction to Sports and Recreation programme. It introduces the students to the area of Sports & Recreation Studies and prepares them for a Major Award at Level 5. All those who successfully complete the programme are guaranteed an interview for a level 5 programme with the BTEI Clare programme. The modules included are Health Related Fitness QQI Level 4 which involves 1.5 hours in a Gym and 1 hour classroom based per week. Contact Martina Crowley-Hayes/Eilish Liddy 065 6843633 martina.crowleyhayes@icetb.ie/eilish.liddy@icetb.ie

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Lá Domhanda na nimirceach is na dTeifeach Tá an tríú Domhnach de mhí Eanáir le breis is céad bhliain tiomanta don drochbhail atá ar na hIomraigh agus ar na Teifeach ar fud an domhain mhóir. Sa tréadlitir a d'eisigh an Pápa Proinsias don ócáid speisialta seo i bhféilire na hEaglaise, roghnaigh sé i mbliana an téama 'Iomraigh Mhionúra, Leochaileach agus Gan Ghlor'. Tá sé ag cur isteach go mór ar an bPápa agus orainn go léir an cruatan atá le fulaingt ag daoine de bharr cogai, géarleanúna agus tubaistí nádúrtha. Bíonn ar na milliúin duine - idir mhná, fhir, is páistí - a bhfód dúchais a threigean chun tearmann a lorg. Cuirimis fáilte chroíúil rompu siúd atá tearmann á lorg acu in Éirinn. Tréith ar leith a bhí ag ár sinsir ná fáilte a chur roimh an strainséir. Déanaimis amhlaidh. Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá ar son ár muintir mhuirneach atá gan dídean: ***A Thiarna Dia, Bí i bhfochair na himircigh agus iad siúd a cuireadh as a seilbh. Bí i bhfochair an duine nach féidir leis dul i dteagmháil lena mhuintir. Bí i bhfochair an duine a lorgaíonn aghaidh cheanúil amháin os a chomhair. Bí i bhfochair an duine a shantaíonn an teagmháil ghrámhar. Cabhraigh linn lámh chaoín chúnta a shineadh i dtreo do mhuintire ionas go dtógfá saol ceart cóir a mbeidh áit do chách ann. Aimeán***

For over a hundred years the third Sunday of January is devoted to the plight of Migrants and Refugees worldwide. In his pastoral letter for this special Sunday Pope Francis chose the theme 'Minor Migrants, Vulnerable and Voiceless.' The Pope is very concerned as we all are about hardship suffered due to wars, persecution and natural disasters. Millions of people - including women, men and children - have to leave their native countries to seek refuge elsewhere. Let us welcome those who seek refuge in Ireland. A trait associated with Irish people is to always welcome the stranger. We can recite this prayer for them: ***Lord, be present to migrants and all those dispossessed. Be present to those who cannot be with their own people. Be present to those who long to see even one friendly face. Be among those who yearn for a warm greeting. Help us to reach out to your people to create a just world for all. Amen.***

THEATRO Performing Arts @ Ennis Leisure Complex have resumed classes. Sing, Dance, Act and shine with Confidence! Thurs for Boys & Girls from 5+yrs to 12+yrs. Txt: 087 0657307 email: theatroperformingarts@gmail.com

Opportunity for intermediate/advanced musicians to partake in composition/arrangement workshop with Pádraig Rynne. For beginner/intermediate singers to work on Gaelic song with Julie Fowlis; January 19th. Places reservable through glór, Ennis on 065-6843103.

Fit to the Core Pilates is now open. (located over Paco opposite St. Flannan's) Classes for all levels, Back Injury/Physio Specific Classes, Sports Performance and many other fitness classes. Sinead: 087 188 7801 to book.

Milford Hospice 10k Run/Jog/ Walk Sunday Jan 29th at the University of Limerick starting at 12noon. To register online: www.eventmaster.ie or Sat from 12noon to 3pm.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you,
O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing
to your name, O Most High!

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 prophet Isaiah Is 49:3.5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my
servant, Israel,

in whom I shall be glorified';

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,

he who formed me in the womb to be his
servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,

to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my
servant,

to restore the tribes of Jacob and
bring back the survivors of Israel;

I will make you the light of the
nations so that my salvation may
reach to the ends of the earth'.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your
will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth
praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and
offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands
written

that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed
In the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R.**

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

1 Cor 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an
apostle, together with brother
Sosthenes, send greetings to the
church of God in Corinth, to the holy
people of Jesus Christ, who are called
to take their place among all the saints
everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus
Christ; for he is their Lord no less than
ours. May God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ send you grace and
peace.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven

And glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jn 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him,
John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of

God that takes away the sin of the
world. This is the one I spoke of when
I said: A man is coming after me who
ranks before me because he existed
before me. I did not know him myself,
and yet it was to reveal him to Israel
that I came baptising with water.' John
also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming
down on him from heaven like a dove
and resting on him. I did not know him
myself, but he who sent me to baptise
with water had said to me, "The man
on whom you see the Spirit come
down and rest is the one who is going
to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I
have seen and I am the witness that
he is the Chosen One of God.'

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

Your have prepared a table before
me, and how precious is the chalice
that quenches my thirst.