



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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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

16th July 2017

Here I am Lord – Send me

At various times Governments submit to the electorate an opportunity to review it's performance by way of a General Election. Likewise the Church in recent times provides an opportunity for the laity to discuss pertinent matters relating to it's performance by way of Synods, Episcopal conferences and Parish Council meetings. In the early sixties the Pope convened a Council which discussed at great length the role of the Church in the modern world and subsequently issued a decree outlining the importance of the role of laity in the Church's administrative and pastoral needs. However there was some hesitancy to apply the directions given mainly because the Church at that time enjoyed some degree of complacency.

During the past few years the Diocese of Killaloe drew up a Pastoral Plan which called for a formula to meet the pastoral and spiritual needs of the Diocese. It became clearly evident that the ageing pattern of priests and religious was a source of serious concern and practical solutions to overcome the

situation were presented. The lack of vocations of people entering formation for the priesthood and religious life is an ongoing problem and needs urgent attention. The newly appointed Bishop Monahan is faced with the task of providing pastoral care for the various parishes and communities in the Diocese. The reality of providing residential priests for all the existing parishes has become increasingly difficult. The Bishop appealed for a greater understanding in an effort to overcome this crisis.



Looking to the future requires that we need not succumb to a nostalgic expectation that the trend

will reverse itself. What is required is that we support the Church that models itself on the teachings of Christ and the new directives that are being called for in the light of this deteriorating situation. The Church is calling on the faithful to nurture the seeds that are being planted and cherish it's fruit despite the negative vibes that tend to defame the role of the Church in society.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Jim McDonald, Westbourne Court. MM

Sun: 9am: Brenda Flynn, Fergus Park.

Michael Reddan Snr., Beechpark.

10.30am: Frank Hanrahan, Dalcassian Drive.

Evelyn Travers, Castletawn, Tulla Rd.

Mary Connole & deceased family, Liscannor.

Paschal Hanrahan, Gallows Hill.

12noon: Con & Kitty Noonan, Adare.

Mon: 7.45am: Molly Meehan, Summerhill.

10am: Leona Sabrosa, Philippines.

7.30pm: Séan, Myra, James Kenny, Dalcassian Pk & Drumbiggle.

Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: Brid Staunton, College Grove.

7.30pm: Mgt Queally, Hermitage & grandson Derek, Tulla.

Wed: 7.45am: Donors Intention.

10am: Mgt & Thomas Pilkington, St. Michael's Villas.

7.30pm: Bruddy, Kathleen & deceased McCarthy & Fagan families, Considine Tce.

Thurs: 7.45am: Mai Brennan, Clonroadmore.

10am: Patrick & Mary Howley, Mayo.

7.30pm: Mona Kelly, Kilrush Rd.

Fri: 7.45am Flan Galvin, Tobartaoscain.

10am: Patk & Mary Nestor, Moyhill, Corofin.

7.30pm: Eileen Flanagan, Rockmount Hse. 1st Anniv

Sat: 10am: Paddy & Bridget Casey, Clare Rd.

Elizabeth Montgomery, Canada.

6.30pm: Marie O'Brien, Turnpike Rd. 1st Anniv

Sun : 9am: Jamie Coote, Arbutus, Cusack Rd.

Mary Lally, Pine Grove.

10.30am: John Brigdale, Clancy Pk.

Annie Keane & Martha Doyle.

Edith Colgan, Shalimar, Clonroadmore.

P.J. Keane, Loughville.

12noon: Martin Burke, Golf Links Rd. MM

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 23rd July, 2017

Readers: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:


Sun 11am: Paddy Shannon, Cloughleigh Rd.

Mon 9.30am: Special Intention.


Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 9.30am: Maureen Moroney, Clare Rd & Miltown.

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.

Newly Baptised

 We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Finn Eugene McNamara; Liam Daniel Farrell;

Hospital & Sick Calls

16th July, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman

Wednesday:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

Duty Phone: 065 6869098

Changes at the Friary

In recent weeks, the Friars in Ireland have met in their annual three year Chapter. At this meeting the Friars elected a new leadership team and reviewed and planned their ministry. As a result changes take place in each local community.


Ennis says farewell and Mile Buiochas to two Friars who have only been with us for three years but in that time gave generously of their time to so many people and were always around to welcome people to the Friary. Bro. Isidore the Guardian here in Ennis, is moving to Killiney, Dublin to become the Guardian of the community in Dún Mhuire. Fr Jim Hasson moves to Rossnowlagh, Co. Donegal where he becomes Vicar of the community.

Both friars have given great service to the Friary and parish in the three years they have been in Ennis. Their presence was very visible in the parish. We wish them well in their new appointments.



In the coming weeks, we look forward to welcoming Fr Joe MacMahon as he returns to Ennis as the new Guardian, Bro. Philip Lane and Fr Gearóid Ó'Conaire.

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: Buddy Brown, Corrovorrin Crescent.

Sun 10am: Eileen Burke, Golf Links Rd.

11.30am: Jeremiah Considine, Corrovorrin Crescent.

Mon 11am: Mary Ryan, Cusack Rd.

Tues 11am: Michael & Bridget Morgan, Kilnamona.

Wed 11am: Annette Mc Namara, Kilmihil & U.K.

Thu 11am: Michael Casey, Turnpike Rd.

Fri 11am: Peter O'Brien, St. Michael's Villas.

Sat 11am: Paddy Flynn, Lifford.

Sun 8am: Sharon Griffin, Lifford Rd.

10am: Mary Guilfoyle Sheridan, Marian Ave.

11.30am: May & Michael Mc Enery, Kilnamona.

September

change in Mass schedule

The recent diocesan changes have impacted on the Abbey Cluster of Parishes and in particular Ennis Parish Clergy. We have been entrusted with the administration of the Parishes of Quin and Tulla. Fr. Brendan Quinlivan will administer Tulla Parish and Fr. Tom O'Gorman, Quin Parish. One particular consequence is the addition of 6 weekend masses for these two parishes. As a consequence we have been asked by Bishop Fintan to reduce the number and times of Masses in Ennis at the weekends.

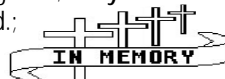
Change is never easy; people over a long period attend a particular church and when this has to change it is painful. We wish to provide the best service for you the people we are privileged to serve.

Your input and guidance on a new weekend roster of masses would be appreciated.

Fr. Tom Hogan PP

Rest in Peace

Sr. Elizabeth O'Malley, St Xaviers Convent, Ennis, Nora Shanahan, Limerick, wife of Pat Shanahan, St. Michael's Villas; Annie O'Sullivan, Feenagh, Limerick, mother of Seamus O'Sullivan, Ivy Hill; Patricia Gunning, Ballymacurley, Roscommon, mother of Michael, Gort na Ri; Brendan Wrafter, Offaly; Jack Byrne Coventry England uncle of Gerry Sexton, Drumcarnmore, Loughville; Mary Louisa Sanchez, Spain; Tony Canny, Kilkenny brother of Walter, Lahinch Rd.;



Lough Derg



Time for Body & Soul

Bookings now being taken for the Ennis Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg from: Aug 7th to 9th. Cost €110.00 **Bookings & info:** Parish Office 065 6824043.

The National Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sunday, 24th September with Bishop Fintan Monahan as Chief Celebrant & Homilist.

This year the Milford Hospice annual Harvest Fair celebrated its 32nd anniversary and is scheduled for Sun 27th Aug. at the University of Limerick. This will be a fun filled programme of activities and entertainment. Items such as plants, bottles for the bottle stand and homemade cakes along with new items for the Wheel of Fortune will be accepted on the day only. All other goods are being accepted at the Hospice, Monday 14th August. For details: 061 485859/201758

The Priory Institute Online Theology Course. Join our supportive student community and study theology by distance learning this Autumn. Application deadline September 26th. Call 01 4048124. email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com. Web: www.prioryinstitute.com

Bus for one day retreat to Lough Derg on the 20th of August. contact Stephen Leahy @ 0861943960

TROCAIRE

Working for a Just World

An emergency Collection in aid of Trócaire's work in East Africa will take place in our Parish on the weekend 22nd-23rd July. Nearly 23million people in Somalia, Kenya & Ethiopia are currently in urgent need of food & water due to drought. Trócaire is reaching over 150,000 people across the region with emergency food, water & satiation. Needs are enormous — please support our appeal and help us reach more people with life-saving aid.



Live the Word:

Its the moments that count and the experiences which create those moments.

Sr. Elizabeth O'Malley



Sr. Elizabeth O'Malley died peacefully on Friday 07 July 2017 in the loving care of the Community and Care Staff at St. Xavier's Convent, Bóthar na Trócaire, Ennis. The sixth of nine children, she is survived by her brother Fr. Frank, her other siblings having predeceased her.

Born in Glasnevin, Dublin, in 1924, Adeline Patricia (Ada) entered St. Xavier's Convent of Mercy, Ennis in September 1944 taking Elizabeth as her religious name. Her aunt, Sr. Celestine Hickey, was already a member of the Ennis community.

Having obtained her Degree and Higher Diploma from NUI Galway, Elizabeth joined the staff of Coláiste Muire, Ennis. She later moved to Killaloe where she served as principal of St. Anne's Secondary School before returning again to Ennis. She will be remembered by generations of Coláiste Muire students not just for her teaching and production of school shows, but for instilling in students a real love of music and a confidence in developing their musical talents. She will be remembered by generations of Ennis parishioners as director of the Cathedral and Cloughleigh church choirs; she will also be remembered in Shannon as director of the Parish choir there. Wherever she went Elizabeth's kindness and easy way endeared her to everyone. She retired to St. Xavier's in 2009. To the very end, she was a faith-filled, friendly and fun-loving person - and a true Dub! - who had time for everyone and loved to celebrate. Up to one year ago she sat at the piano and played most afternoons. May she rest in peace as she joins the choirs of heaven.

Summer Music on the Shannon (SMS), one of Ireland's foremost summer classical music schools and festivals, will soon be commencing its 24th season of Instrumental and children's opera classes in Ennis and Limerick, followed by performances in Ennis, in Ogonnelloe and resort communities along The Atlantic Way and in Limerick's LIT Millennium Theatre. This year's SMS children's opera production will be *Eliza & the Swans*, based on the Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale and is ideal as it has a beautiful story and includes large numbers of children of all ages and levels of ability. Applications are still being accepted and bursary assistance is available upon application. For registration and additional information, Tel. 061 375 391 or www.summermusicontheshannon.org

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 9th, €6,806.00

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Tá Dia inár dTeannta

Sa lá atá inniu ann in Éirinn is léir go bhfuil an saol athruithe ó bhun go barr go háirithe maidir le cúrsaí creidimh. Tá cleachtadh an chreidimh imithe i léig go háirithe i measc na n-óg. Ní gá dúinn bheith dobrónach mar dúirt Iosa go mbeidh sé linn de shíor fiú go deireadh an domhain. Is féidir linn solás a bhaint as Rómhánaigh 8:31 "Má tá Dia ar ár dtaobh, cé atá inár gcoinne? "I rith an tSamhraidh chonaiceamar na mílte idir óg agus aosta anseo in Éirinn ag dul ar oillithrigh chuig áiteanna spioradálta éagsúla ar fud an domhain chun seal a chaitheamh ag machnamh, agus ag guí chun Dé. Bhí meas agus grá i gcónaí ag ár sinsear ar thobreacha beannaithe. Bhí ardmheas acu freisin ar fhuaráin agus foinsí uisce. Bhí sé an-tábhachtach go mbeadh fíoruisce gar don teach. Ní foláir dúinn inniu an meas céanna a bheith againn ar ár bhfoinsí uisce. Is acmhainn thar a bheith luachmhar é an t-uisce.

A Thiarna a Rí a rinne fíon den uisce go gcuire tú brí agus spreacadh i mo dheoch uisce. Áiméan.

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Much has changed in Ireland in recent years and the practice of our religion is no exception. Religious practice has declined especially among the young. Let us be hopeful. God said that He would be with us always even to the end of the world. We can get consolation from Romans 8:31 "With God on our side who can be against us?" During the Summer young and old go on pilgrimage to spend a while in quietness and prayer. Some visit holy places such as holy wells. Our ancestors had much respect for wells and water. We too ought to conserve and care for our water sources.

Lord who changed water to wine at Cana may you put strength and vigour in my drink of water. Amen

Pilgrimage to Glendalough Sunday 27th August; Day involves return bus trip from Ennis to Glendalough, Co. Wicklow, long guided walk with panoramic views and visiting the cell of St. Kevin, Mass and talk by Fr. Thady Doyle. Bus leaving Banner Arms, Market Street 7.45am sharp. Cost: €22. Booking, payment and further details from Frank Glynn: 087 9652864.

FUNDRAISER in Scout Hall Sunday 16th of July 10am to 2pm for Tuesday Night Scouts Summer Camp. Tea, coffee, homemade cakes, breads and cookies. Bouncy castle, games, raffles and much more.

The Portland Symphonic Girlchoir, Oregon USA; Thursday July 20th; 8pm; St. Columba's Church, Bindon Street, Ennis. *Voluntary collection in aid of church funds.*

Scariff Harbour Festival is delighted to welcome Red Hurley to the Sacred Heart Church, Scariff; Thursday 3rd August; 8pm. Brian "Red" Hurley is an Irish singer whose career has spanned several decades from the 1970s to date. A unique opportunity to hear one of Ireland's greatest voices in the intimate surroundings of the Sacred Heart Church. Tickets at €20 are now on sale at O'Meara's Pharmacy (061 921 028), Rodgers Bar & Off Licence (061 921 0120) or online at www.glor.ie or www.scariffharbourfestival.ie

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

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 the prophet Isaiah. Is 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord:

"As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens, and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do."

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

*Some seed fell into rich soil;
And produced its crop.*

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over

to provide its grain.

R.

And thus you provide for the earth; You drench its furrows, You level it, soften it with showers, You bless its growth. R.

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, In the pastures of the wilderness its flows. R.

The hills are girded, The meadows covered with flocks, The valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing R

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. Rm 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us.

The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;

Whoever finds this seed will remain forever

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew. Mt 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat beside the lakeside, but such crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, "Imagine a sower going out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up.

Other seeds fell on patches of rock, where they found little soil, and sprang up straight away, since they had no depth of earth; but as the sun came up, they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away.

Other seeds among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Listen, anyone who has ears!"

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 sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, For ever singing your praise.