



# 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.

### Phone Numbers:

Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: [info@ennisparish.com](mailto:info@ennisparish.com)

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

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

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

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 17th September, 2017

## Unforgettable Nobodies

The history of the Church is hallmarked by the impact of humble people who without making much publicity nonetheless their contribution has to be noted. Such people as Francis of Assisi, John Vianney, Mother Teresa, St. Therese of Lisieux, Catherine McAuley, Edmund Rice and many others who left legacies and are recorded in the annals of history. Even our present Pope Francis, an insignificant Jesuit priest later to be Cardinal and Pope, opted to live a simple lifestyle in a slum area of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

We cannot exclude the thousands of volunteers both at home and abroad who are involved at personal sacrifice to themselves. People who hear the cry of the poor and opt to take positive steps to help alleviate their difficulties. Undocumented are the countless carers who unceasingly tend for the physically and emotionally challenged. Little media attention is given to the efforts of a

silent minority who make huge differences in the fractionalised world of today.

It was particularly noticeable during the recent Fleadh the many volunteers who made a personal sacrifice to make the event such a success. The hidden forces that enable such projects are certainly the charism of a generous people here in Ireland at times of disaster such

as was experienced during the heavy rains in parts of the North; the response from all sectors of the community was only an expression of responsibility and caring for those in need.



Christ himself lived his ministry while on earth with a deep concern for the marginalised, the sick and deprived people. Scripture

calls on us to prioritise our concerns for all peoples without distinction of creed and culture. We continue to salute the minority of the unforgettable nobodies that stand out at the forefront of a broken world.

*Fáilte-Bienvenue-Willkommen-Benvenuto-Bienvenido-Witajcie-Bemvindo-  
Welkom-Velkomin-Vitejte-Karibu-Croeso-Valkommen-Tervetuloa-Welcome*

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Christina Coughlan, Clonroadbeg. MM  
**Sun: 9am:** Special Intention.

**10.30am:** Eileen Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.  
Kathleen McGovern, College View.  
Dan & Mary O'Keeffe, Ardlea Rd.  
Neil, Eileen & Niall O'Sullivan, Greenpark.  
John Corey, Loughville.

Paddy McNamara, Old Turnpike Rd & Steele's Tce.  
John J, Kathleen & Seán Cullinan, Cornmarket St.

**12noon:** Aodhán Kelly, College Green. **1st Anniv**

**Mon: 7.45am:** Special Intention.

**10am:** Sean Mc Inerney, O'Callaghan's Mills.  
**Memorial Mass**

**7.30pm:** Christina & Lawrence Kelly, Connolly Villas.

**Tues: 7.45am** Book of Intentions.

**10am:** Donor Intentions.

**7.30pm:** Special Intention.

**Wed: 7.45am:** Paddy Reidy, Golf Links Rd.

**10am:** Kit & Jack Carroll, Harmony Row & James Lynch, Flannan's Terrace.

**7.30pm:** Sean Lernihan & decd family, Gallows Hill.

**Thurs: 7.45am:** Special Intention.

**10am:** Jean Dargan, Limerick Rd.

**7.30pm:** Michéal & Peggy Roche, St. Michael's Villas.

**Fri: 7.45am** Mass for the People.

**10am:** Margaret Foudy, Kilrush Rd, Bridget O'Connor Bean, Inagh.

**7.30pm:** Special Intention.

**Sat: 10am:** Martin Crowe, St. Michael's Villas & decd Conroy family.

**6.30pm:** Vincent Griffin, Ard Aoibhinn, Limerick Rd. MM

**Sun: 9am:** Brigid Mc Garry, late Ard na Greine.

Nancy & Gus Mooney, Cornmarket St.

**10.30am:** Jason Woods, Connolly Villas.

Mary Burke, Park Ave.

David King, Doora.

Fr. Jimmy Mc Inerney.

Kathleen Kelly, College Rd.

Nancy Shannon & decd Shannon family.

Joan & Cyril Callinan & decd family, Kilmurray.

**12noon:** Joan Dinan, Waterpark Heights. **1st Anniv**

### Roster for Cathedral:

**Sunday 24th September, 2017**

Readers: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 9.30am:** Patrick O'Brien, Willow Park & Cloughleigh.

**11am:** Rose Beirne, London.

**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.

**Fri 9.30am:** Mass for Opening of New School Year.

## Newly Baptised

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



Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday, €6697.00

## Hospital & Sick Calls

**17th September, 2017**

**Priest on Duty:**

**Please call: 065 6869098**

## Triduum in honour of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

**21st, 22nd, 23rd September.**



Mass each evening at 7:30p.m.  
Ennis Franciscan Friary

**Thurs 21st:**

Bishop Brendan Leahy Limerick

**Fri 22nd:**

Fr. Tom Ryan P.P Shannon

**Sat 23rd:**

Bishop Fintan Monahan  
(*Individual blessing with relic of St. Pio*)

**All are welcome**

## Parish Visitation Team

will visit the following area starting 2nd

October: **Wood Haven, Kilrush Rd.**



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

**Clare Haven Services Insights Programme** - A free and confidential weekly programme for women who are or have been in an abusive domestic relationship, will commence in Ennis in September. For further information please contact Clare Haven Services on 065 6842646.

**Bingo Great prizes; Jackpot: €1,500;**

**In Community Centre Sunday from 8pm.**



All proceeds donated to renovation of Community Centre



## 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:** Sean Naughton, Castlelawn, Tulla Rd. **1st Anniv**

**Sun 11.30am:** Noel Carmody, Kincora Pk.

**Mon 11am:** Eileen Gaffney, Oakleigh Wood, Tulla Rd.

**Tues 11am:** Mary Mc Mahon & Anne Mullen, Letterkenny & Ennis.

**Wed 11am:** Carl Quinn, London.

**Thu 11am:** Teresa Moloney, Marian Ave.

**Fri 11am:** Mary Kate & Paddy Lynch, Kilmaley.

**Sat 11am:** Bernard & Mary Woods, Summerhill.

**7pm:** Mary & Fiachra Barrett, Co. Mayo..

**Sun 10am:** Ann Fox & Pat Mc Inerney, Corrovorrin Gr.

**11.30am:** Annie (Nano) Kelly, Turnpike & Kilmaley.

**1st Anniv**

## 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.



**Have you an hour to spare?** Irish Heart Foundation - Ireland's National Heart and Stroke Charity Requires Volunteers for its Annual Church Gate Collection in Ennis 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October. Contact Catherine in Cork Office on 021 4505822. Your ongoing effort and support are very much appreciated.

**Cahercalla Hospice Charity Shop** is recruiting volunteers for our Charity Shop and/or our Donation Sorting Centre. If you have a few hours to spare Mon to Sat, and would like to help our Local Hospice, please contact Shirley Benson at Cahercalla (6824388) for details. You can also call into our Charity Shop in the market in Ennis and pick up a volunteer pack.

**RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.** Do you or someone you know wish to become a Catholic? Are you baptized but never confirmed or received First Holy Communion? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) may be the place for you! Every year adults are welcomed in to the Catholic Community through the RCIA parish programme. **INTERESTED!!** Don't hesitate to drop into the Parish Office or call 065 6824043.



**Live the Word:** Our thoughts can be unwelcome visitors. Let them in the front door and out the back door without stopping for a cup of tea.



## Rest in Peace

**Sean Grogan**, Doora, husband of Theresa. **Margaret Keane**, Lissycasey, mother of Mary Keane, Lock & Key Shop, Barrack Street and sister of Jim Daly, Phoenix Court, **Tom Canny**, Kilkenny, brother of Walter, Lahinch Rd, Pat Killeen, Gort Mór, Kilmaley, brother of Maeve Browne, Gallows Hill

**EXTRACT FROM LAUDATO SI BY POPE FRANCIS**

I urgently appeal for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation that includes everyone, since the environmental challenges we are undergoing concern and affect us all. The worldwide ecological movement has already made considerable progress and led to the establishment of numerous organisations committed to raising awareness of these challenges. Regrettably, many efforts to seek solutions have proved ineffective, not only because of powerful opposition but because of a more general lack of interest. We require a new and universal solidarity. As the bishops of South Africa have stated "Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation." All of us can co-operate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, involvement and talents

**Personal Alarms for persons aged 65 years and older.** Now that the long dark evenings are fast approaching, it may be time to consider having a Personal Monitored Alarm installed in your home. The Seniors' Alert Scheme encourages older people to continue to live securely in their homes with confidence, independence and peace of mind. The applicant is responsible for payment of the annual monitoring charge. Family Carers Ireland 065 6866515. We will be delighted to apply for a Personal Alarm on your behalf.

**Weekly classes at Cois na hAbhna** from September 2017 - May 2018. See [www.coisnahabhna.ie](http://www.coisnahabhna.ie) or phone 065 68 24276 for more information

**Beginner level Pilates** course starting Monday 11th September 11.15am-12noon in Ennis Training Resource Centre, Clonroad Business Park. Cost is €70 for 7 weeks. Call Lizzie to book your place on 087 275770.

**Bokwa with Ewelina** in the Maria Assumpta hall on Thurs. evenings. Fun cardio workout for all ages. Contact Ewelina 085 1733706

**Ennis Brass Band**, beginners enrolment for beginners on Thurs. 21st of Sept @ 7.30pm at Ennis Community College

**Clare Garden Festival** presents our first Creative Autumn Fair on Sunday, 17th September 12-5pm at Ennis Showgrounds. More details from [www.claregardenfestival.com](http://www.claregardenfestival.com)

**Irish dancing classes** every Mon. and Wed. from 5pm in Scoil Chríost Rí, Cloughleigh. Classes available for boys and girls aged 3 and up with New tiny tots class available for ages 3-5 year olds Every Wed @ 4.30 pm. Contact Aoibheann Murphy TCRG 0860822140 or Mark Nestor on 0872484552

**Be still and know.....** Meditation practice recommencing on Thurs. Sept 21st at Ennis parish office @8pm. All welcome

**Spiritual Path to Creativity:** 13 Week Course, 19th Sept, 7-9pm. Ennis. Booking essential. See: [www.claremeditation.com](http://www.claremeditation.com) or phone Deirdre 087-3922538".

**Ennis Step Fitt Autumn** cardio & tone 6 week exercise programme will commence in the Gaelscoil, Gort Road on Tuesday 19th September 2017 from 7-8 p.m. suits all ages and all levels of fitness; for more details and to book your step contact Clare on 0876855569.

**50th Anniversary Floral Demonstration "Golden Moments"** Ennis Flower and Garden Club present Brid Coonan Ennis, at Treacy's West County Hotel, on Tues, Sept 19th. Demonstrator's Arrangements raffled on the night. Demonstration commences at 8.15pm Doors open 7.30pm. All are welcome. Admission €10.00 (non members) Further enquiries: [ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com)

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Thurs 21st Sept at 7:00pm in Milford Care Centre, Limerick. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before Wednesday 20th September or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

**Afternoon Autumn Classes at Pairc na Coille Centre**, Showgrounds Road. Computers for Beginners 13th Sept 2.40pm; Creative Writing 19th Sept 2.40pm; Local History 19th Sept. 2.40pm. All welcome. Bookings 089 4092802

**Active older adult group exercise classes** Monday, Fahy Hall, Roslevan 5pm - 6pm, Quin Community Centre 11.30 am - 12.30 pm Tues, Cois na hAbhna 12 Noon, Thurs, Pairc na Coille Showground Road, 2pm - 3pm Contact John Conroy 087 6666927. All Classes Pay as You Go.

**The Clare Type 2 Diabetes Support Group** next meeting on Tuesday, Sept 19th in The Temple Gate Hotel, at 8pm. Guest speaker Paul Lohan pharmacist, will discuss the types of medication that are commonly used to treat type 2 diabetes. Meetings are free and open to anyone who wants to learn more about Type 2 Diabetes. More information about our support group call Grainne at 087 641 5747 or email [clarebranchdfi@gmail.com](mailto:clarebranchdfi@gmail.com). The Clare Type 2 Diabetes group meets every second month.

**Visitation meeting** on Wed. 20th September @ 10.30am in Parish Office.

**Killaloe Diocesan Conference on the World Meeting of Families - Saturday 23rd September - 9.30-1.30pm in the Oakwood Hotel, Shannon.** The 'Amoris' programme for parishes will be explored on the day.

**Diocesan Youth Faith Festival** on Sat, 30th Sept. in St. Flannan's College. Open to those in Transition Year to Leaving Cert. Registration @ 9.30am with various workshops. Lunch provided & the entire event is free of charge. For details contact Tracy on Facebook @ KillaloeDiocesanYouthFaithFest or phone Cora on 087 240 0135. All welcome.

## **Sr. Eileen's Cúinne**

**Cruinniú Domhanda na dTeaghlach.**

Le bliain anuas tá an Eaglais in Éirinn ag ullmhú do Chruinniú Domhanda na dTeaghlach a bheidh ar siúl i mBaile Átha Cliath ó 22 go 26 Lúnasa 2018. Roghnaigh an Pápa Éire mar ionad don chomhthionól seo dhá bhliain ó shin agus an téama ná Soiscéal an Teaghlach: Lúcháir don Domhan". Is mór an onóir agus an bheannacht é seo don Eaglais in Éirinn agus don tír uile. Táthar ag súil go mbeidh an Pápa Proinsias ag tabhairt cuairt ar Éirinn i rith an ama sin.

Ba é an Pápa Naomh Eoin Pól 11 a chuir tús leis an gcomhthionól sa bhliain 1994 mar ócáid paidre, caiticéise, agus comóradh do theaghlach ar fud an domhain. Ar siúl gach trí bliana, tugann an mór-imeacht idirnáisiúnta seo teaghlach le chéile ó gach cearn den domhan le ceiliúradh, guí agus machnamh a dhéanamh ar rithábhacht an phósta agus an teaghlach mar chuid lárnach ár mbeatha, an tsochaí agus na hEaglaise.

I ngach séipéal anois tá póstaer den Phápa agus a ráiteas, "Nach i bhfad níos fearr a bheadh ár saol teaghlach dá n-úsáidimis na focail 'le do thoil, buíochas leat agus tá cathú orm". Guimíd ádh mór ar Chruinniú Domhanda na dTeaghlach.

**A íosa cuir do bheannacht ar theaghlach uile an domhain. Tabhair faoiseamh agus sólas do theaghlach atá faoi ualach galair, imní nó brón. Go raibh siad dílis dá gcreideamh de shíor. Áiméan**

For the past year, the Church in Ireland has been preparing for the World Meeting of Families which will be held in Dublin from 22 to 26 August 2018. Two years ago, the Pope Francis selected Ireland to host this event with the theme 'The Gospel of the Family, Joy for the World'. It is a great blessing for the Church and for Ireland. The Pope is expected to attend. Saint John Paul 11 established the World Meeting of Families in 1994 as an international event of prayer, catechesis and celebration. It is held every three years and it unites families worldwide in prayer and meditation on the central place of marriage and family, the cornerstone of our life, society and the Church. In every church, there is a poster of Pope Francis with the words "How much better our family life would be if we used the words please, thank you and I am sorry". Let us pray for the success of the World Meeting of Families.

**Lord Jesus, bless all families throughout the world. Give comfort and solace to those who are burdened with ill health, anxiety or sorrow. May they always be steadfast in faith. Amen.**



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

## 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 Ecclesiastics.

Si 27:30 - 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,  
and both are found with the sinner.  
He who exacts vengeance will experience the  
vengeance of the Lord,  
who keeps strict account of sin.  
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,  
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.  
If a man nurses anger against another,  
can he then demand compassion from the  
Lord?  
Showing no pity for a man like himself,  
can he then plead for his own sins?  
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes  
resentment;  
who will forgive him his sins?  
Remember the last things, and stop hating,  
remember dissolution and death, and live by  
the commandments.  
Remember the commandments, and do not  
bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the  
covenant of the Most High, and overlook the  
offence.

**The word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is compassion and love,  
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals everyone of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. **R**

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans. Rom 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its  
influence on others; if we live, we live for the  
Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so  
that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This  
explains why Christ both died and came to  
life, it was so that he might be the Lord both  
of the dead and of the living.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:*

*You have the message of eternal life.*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how  
often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs  
me? As often as seven times?' Jesus  
answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-  
seven times'.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may  
be compared to a king who decided to settle  
his accounts with his servants. When the  
reckoning began, they brought him a man  
who owed ten thousand talents; but he had  
no means of paying, so his master gave  
orders that he should be sold, together with  
his wife and children and all his possessions,  
to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw  
himself down at his master's feet. "Give me  
time", he said "and I will pay the whole sum."  
And the servant's master felt so sorry for him  
that he let him go and cancelled the debt.

Now as this servant went out, he happened  
to meet a fellow servant who owed him one  
hundred denarii; and he seized him by the  
throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what  
you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell  
at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give  
me time and I will pay you." But the other  
would not agree; on the contrary, he had  
him thrown into prison till he should pay the  
debt. His fellow servants were deeply  
distressed when they saw what had  
happened, and they went to their master  
and reported the whole affair to him. Then  
the master sent for him. "You wicked  
servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of  
yours when you appealed to me. Were you  
not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow  
servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his  
anger the master handed him over to the  
torturers till he should pay all his debt. And  
that is how my heavenly Father will deal  
with you unless you each forgive your  
brother from your heart.'

## 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

**How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the  
shadow of your wings.**