



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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Third Sunday of Lent

(Year A) 19th March 2017

Suggestions for your Spring Planting

The old people aimed to have the gardens dug and the seed potatoes in the ground for St. Patrick's day. Spring was well and truly on the way.

As we journey through lent we are almost at the half way mark. Here are a few simple suggestions for the spring planting.



Just look at the weeds

Weed out gossip

Weed out negativity

Weed out negativity

Weed out indifference

Weed out laziness

Plant five rows of Peas

Preparedness

Promptness

Perseverance

Politeness

Positivity

Then plant five rows of lettuce

Let us be faithful

Let us be thankful

Let us be truthful

Let us be generous

Let us be forgiving

Then plant the reliable turnips

Turn up for Church

Turn up with a smile

Turn up with new determination

Turn up with compassion

And please God a wonderful garden can grow.

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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Frances Butler, Claireen. **1st Anniv**
Sun: 9am: Patrick, Eileen, Kevin & Marian McNamara,
 Ard na Greine.
10.30am: Pappy Gleeson, Dalcassian Pk.
 James Vaughan, The Market.
 Jim & deceased Flanagans.
 Rose & Peter O'Shaughnessy, Clonroad.
12noon: Danny Moran, Shanaway Rd. **MM**
Mon: 7.45am: Colin Paul, Mayville, Kilrush Rd.
10am: Billy & Teresa Fitzgerald, St. Joseph's, Clare Rd.
7.30pm: Brian Gilginn, Canada, Paul & Eileen Flynn,
 Scotland, Edward & Nora Sharkey, Scotland.
Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Brian & Paul Hogan, late Ardlea Rd.
7.30pm: Maisie, John, Jim & Martin Bradley, Limerick Rd.
Wed: 7.45am: Michael & Esther O'Loughlin, Hermitage
 Eamonn Cronin, Market St. & USA.
10am: John & Catherine Flanagan, Market St &
 Connolly Villas.
7.30pm: Pat Hanrahan, Ard Aoibhinn.
Thurs: 7.45am: Michael Joe Lynch, Mullagh.
10am: Napoleon Lesigues, Ros an Oir.
7.30pm: James Brohan, Cloughleigh Rd.
Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.
10am: Donor Intentions.
7.30pm: Tommy McNamara, Clancy Park. **MM**
Sat: 10am: Albert O'Loughlin, Hermitage & UK. **1st Anniv**
 Patrick Joseph O'Loughlin.
6.30pm: Do this in Memory.
 Elvyra Binkeviciene, Lithuania. **1st Anniv**
Sun: 9am: Special Intention.
10.30am: Paddy Kennedy, Parnell St.
12noon: Senan Sheehan, The Hawthorns. **MM**

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 26th March, 2017

Readers: Group 1
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Patrick, Mary, Anne & J.J Fitzpatrick,
 Circular Rd & Ennistymon.
11am: Leo Guy, Circular Rd.
Mon 9.30am: Bridget Ward, Loughrea.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Thu 9.30am: Special Intention.
Sun 9.30am: Do this in Memory.
11am: Austin Connole, Lahinch Rd.

Newly Baptised

*We welcome into the Christian Community
 through the Sacrament of Baptism: Michael
 Anthony Delaney, Sarah Jeanette Slattery,
 James Patrick Donnellan, Lucia Sabina Wrobel*



Hospital & Sick Calls

19th March, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

Wednesday:

Fr. Brendan Quinlivan

Duty Phone: 065 6869098

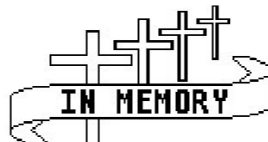
International Centennial Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima (Blessed by Pope Francis)



Our Lady is calling you, as she is coming to Ennis Cathedral next **Friday 24th March for 10am** Mass and consecration of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Rest in Peace

Tom Connellan, Hilltop, Lissycasey, and formerly of Showgrounds Rd., brother of Noel, Cahercalla Rd., Gerry, Lahinch Rd., Esther, HSE, Sandfield & Maureen Barry, Showgrounds Rd.; **Patrick Burns**, late Kilkee & Carlow, brother of John Burns, Rice College & Carmel McNamara; **Maureen Frawley**, New Rd.; **Pat Sheedy**, Newmarket-on-Fergus, brother of Tommy Sheedy, St. Michael's Villas; **Brigid Nugent**, Clarecastle, wife of Michael Nugent, Ennis; **Sean Ward**, Sixmilebridge & Clare County Council; **Kathleen Haren**, Spanish Point, sister of Lucy O'Halloran, Collins Pk.;



*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.*

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: James & John Sexton, Milltown Malbay.
Sun 8am: Francis, Mgt & John Hastings, Cree.
10am: Mary Hegarty, Shanaway Rd. **MM**
11.30am: Patrick & Mary O'Brien, Carron & Tina Connole.
Mon 11am: Gerry Garvey, Roslevan.
Tues 11am: Bridget Clune, Ballymacahill.
Wed 11am: John, Winnie & Bridie Hayes, Coore.
Thurs 11am: Josephine O'Grady, Marian Ave.
Fri 11am: Brid McMahan, Kevin Barry Ave.
Sat 11am: Shirley McNevin, Corrovorrin Green.
7pm: Coughlan family, Marian Ave.
Sun 10am: Do this in Memory.
 Paul Glynn, Hilltop, Corrovorrin.
11.30am: Alfie Hayes, Cappinakella, Maureen Hume,
 Mary Hayes, Pine Grove, Betty O'Looney, Rathclooney.

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.



LENT 2017

Stations of the Cross

will take place in the Cathedral each Friday during Lent before 10am Mass.



Speakers for Lent in Cathedral

During the 12 noon Mass visiting speakers will share some insights reflecting on the theme of Hope and Light.
This Sunday: Cora Guinnane, School Chaplain and Religion Teacher, St. Caimin's, Shannon.
Sunday March 26th: Brigid Haran, Counsellor with Sláinte an Chláir, Kilnamona.

Refresher course for all Eucharistic Ministers of the Abbey Cluster on Thurs 23rd March @ 7.30pm in the Maria Assumpta Hall.



The ACIES Ceremony (Consecration to our Lady) for active and auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary takes place in Ennis Cathedral on Thursday, 23rd March after the 7.30pm Mass with Canon Pat Taaffe presiding. All are welcome.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
 Sunday 12th March 2017: €7,138.00

Live the Word: Perception can give us a tainted vision of how the situation actually is. Instead of perceiving something as it is, ask questions, seek understanding, gain clarity so then you can make a formative judgement based on fact rather than perception.



Mother and Baby Homes

The news in the past week of the extent of the numbers of children buried in the Mother and Baby home in Tuam has sent shock waves throughout the Country and through our own Parish.

It has brought memories alive for many people that cause both pain and sadness. Regardless of the time lapse, the revelations are a matter of great public concern. What is happening is very difficult for us to read and comprehend, but is another necessary step on the path to the truth. We have nothing to fear from the truth because, as Jesus himself assures us, the truth always sets us free.

We ask you to remember at this time the pain of so many individuals and families. Our prayer is for those who are in pain, because of what was done to them and all who are affected by and upset by the news of these deaths. May Mary, God's mother, who witnessed the death of her only child on the cross be our comfort and consolation at this time.

A sacred space with a book to write reflections/prayers/comments is available at the Cathedral.

Maranatha Prayer Ministry Healing Retreat on today Sunday, 19th March; 2.30pm; St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick; led by Bishop Fintan Monahan, Killaloe Diocese and Janice and Moss Carrigg, Limerick, beautiful Spirit Filled Praise, 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.

Bus to Clonfert on Thursday evening the 23rd of March for 1 of the statues of Our Lady, which was blessed by the Pope. If interested, contact Stephen: (086)1943960.

A New **Youth Cafe** has opened at Clare Youth Service, Carmody Street on Saturdays, 1.30-4pm for young people aged 13-18 years. Come along, make new friends, listen to music or play table tennis. Cookery classes starting shortly. Enquiries to Evelyn 089 435 4141.

Work shop & Ceili in Sean N6s dance workshop with Liam Scanlon on Sunday 26th March, Cois na hAbhna 2-4pm. Followed by céili with the Dal gCais Céilí band 4-7pm. Fundraiser for Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann.

We are looking for local people to volunteer 2 to 3 hours of their time to help out with our National collection day in Ennis on Friday 31st March. **Please help Make A Wish** continue making memories that last many lifetimes. Contact Sue Cave on 087 9740397 to register or more information.

A Phádraig atá i bPárthas Mhic Dé inniu,
Faigh áras dúinn ann,
an áit a bhfeicfimid thu.

(From a traditional Connacht prayer to Saint Patrick)



O Blessed Patrick,
with the Lord now in His holy place,
Win a home for us there
to see you face to face.

**Prayer for Candidates who
will be received into the church at Easter.**

Lord eternal source of light, justice and truth,
take under your tender care your servants
preparing for Baptism on Holy Saturday
Evening. Purify them and make them holy.

Give them true knowledge, sure hope
and sound understanding.

Make them worthy to receive the grace of
Baptism.

Give Your Holy Spirit to them
so that they will live by the truth
and walk in the light of Christ.

Let them always remember that
they are God's work of art
and may they live a good life

as from the beginning You meant them to live.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Irish Cancer Society charity shop thank all our customers & volunteers for support. We constantly need donations of clothes, Bric a Brac, book & furniture. Always in need of volunteers. Contact: 065 6848826

Holy family school fundraiser "Cash for Clobber". Please drop to School reception March 20th - 29th during school hours in Bags. We would be delighted to take donations of All types of clothing, including Bags, Shoes, Hats, Belts, Towels & Bedlinen.

Charity Horse Ride in aid of Clare Suicide Bereavement Support around Quin and surrounding areas on Sunday March 26th at 12.30 p.m. starting from Malachy's, Quin. It is suitable for all levels of Horse/pony and riders with jumping optional. Entry - Horse €25. Pony €15. Refreshments afterwards in the village.

Irish dancing classes with the Murphy school of Irish dancing. Every Wednesday from 4pm; Glór Ennis for boys and girls ages 4 years and up. Information: Aoibheann Murphy TCRG: (086) 0822140 or Kim (086) 8038853; Facebook: Scoil Rince Ní Mhurchú.

10th Annual Clare Burren Marathon Challenge - Sat May 27th: The Burren, Ballyvaughan. Choice of Full, Half & 10K Mini marathons. Walk - Jog - Run, both on & off road, across the beautiful Burren terrain. Entry options & info: <http://www.clareburrenmarathonchallenge.com/> or phone 087 7779714. Charity Groups, individuals, runners, walkers - everyone welcome to take part.

Sr. Eileen's Céinne

An Gorta san Afraic

Tá na boscaí do Thrócaire sna séipéil ar fud na tíre ó thús an Charghais. Iarrtar orainn gach bliain teacht i gcabhair ar thíortha an tríú domhain. Cuireadh an eagraíocht Trócaire ar bun sa bhliain 1973. Tacaíonn sí le pobail ar an ngannchuid nó atá i mbaol ina n-íarrachtaí chun feabhas a chur ar a saol, freastal ar a riachtanais bhunúsacha agus dínit an duine a chinntiú.

Chualamar sna meáin chumarsáide le déanaí an ráiteas a d'eisigh príomhoifigeach daonnúla Na Náisiún Aontaithe gur é garbhaol gorta an ghéarchéim daonnúlach is mó i stair Na Náisiún Aontaithe. Tá fiche milliún duine in Éimin, an tSúdáin Theas, an tSomáil agus an Nigéir i mbaol báis de bharr cogaidh, ocrais agus gorta.

Bhí muintir na hÉireann i gcónaí fial le tíortha an tríú domhain. Tá sé de dhualgas orainn go léir guí ar son na síochána sna tíortha seo atá á réabadh ag cogáil agus teacht i gcabhair orthu trí mhaoiniú a sholáthair do na cumainn charthanachta éagsúla.

Go gcaithimid go fial le Trócaire an Carghas seo.

Trócaire boxes are available in all churches throughout the country since the beginning of Lent. We are invited to be generous towards the third world countries. The Trócaire organisation was established in 1973. It supports communities in their efforts to improve their lives, meet their basic needs and ensure human dignity.

In a recent media statement issued by the UN humanitarian chief, we learn that the biggest humanitarian crisis in the history of the United Nations is imminent. 20 million people in Yemen, South Sudan, Somalia and Nigeria face starvation and famine.

Irish people were always generous towards third world countries. We have an obligation to pray for peace in these countries which are being devastated by wars and come to their aid by providing funding for various organisations such as Trócaire.

May we be generous with Trócaire this Lent.

Lenten Reflections

A one page reflection on each Sunday Gospel called **Hearing, Happening, Hoping** can be downloaded from the Killaloe Diocesan website <http://www.killaloe diocese.ie/diocesan-news/len-2017-hearing-happening-hoping.html>. Weeks one through five are available now. These reflections were prepared by Jane Mellett, (Dublin), Sr. Marie McNamara and Maureen Kelly (Killaloe), Fr. Séamus O'Connell and Jessie Rogers, (Maynooth).

Second National Collection for the World Meeting of Families 2018:

Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from **21st-26th August 2018**. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway. Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard a second national collection will be held on the weekend of **1st and 2nd April 2017**. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord,
For he rescues my feet from the snare
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
For I am alone and poor.

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.

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Ex 17.3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the people of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

O that today you would listen to God's voice: 'Harden not your hearts'.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;

Hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before God, giving thanks,

With songs let us hail the Lord. *R*

Come in; let us bow and bend low;

Let us kneel before the God who made us

For he is our God and we

The people who belong to his pasture,

The flock that is led by his hand. *R*

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah,

as on the day at Massah in the desert,
when your fathers put me to the test;
When they tried me,
though they saw my work.' *R.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Rm 5.1-2, 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given us. We were still helpless when at the appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;

give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

A reading from the holy gospel according to John. *Jn 4.:5-42*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink,
you would have been the one to ask,

and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she

answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again:

but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give

will never be thirsty again:

the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.'

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

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.