



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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Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: info@ennisparish.com

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

20th August, 2017

EIGHT REASONS TO RE-THINK PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES

WATER: The gift that dates to the stars and required billions of years to accumulate on our planet. Water plays a key role in religious rituals such as baptisms; is essential for growing crops; providing beauty and renewal; it cools us.

Water: merits our respect and care!

Pope Francis asks us to reduce use of both plastic and water *'There is a nobility to care for creation through little daily actions...education in environmental responsibility can encourage ways of acting which directly and significantly affect the world around us, such as avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption'. Laudato Si'*

You testify that drinking water is a human right, not a for-profit commodity Water maintains human life, and nothing can substitute for it. The United Nations Assembly (2010) recognised the human right: to water and sanitation and to clean drinking water.

You save the water used to make plastic bottles

It takes a minimum of 3 litres of water to produce 1 litre of bottled water, but amounts could be up to six or seven times greater when everything is considered.

You save the water put into the bottles

Activists throughout the world object to having their water bottled and sold back to them. It's a matter of justice! There are 50 billion water bottles consumed every year.

You save the energy used to make and transport plastic bottles

Producing, packaging and transporting a litre of bottled water requires between 1,100 and 2,000 times more energy on average than treating and delivering the same amount of tap water. To produce plastic bottles worldwide uses 50 million barrels of oil annually.

You prevent pollution from bottles which, even if recycled, take years to disintegrate

Bottles not properly recycled end in landfills and oceans to: pollute waterways, contaminate soil, and sicken animals.

You protect fish, birds, and humans from effects of plastic pollution

Birds and their young die from eating and being strangled by plastic debris in oceans and on land strewn with plastic pollution.

You avoid the toxins that can leak from plastic bottles

A study found that more than 95 percent of the 450 plastic items tested proved positive for estrogen after undergoing sunlight, dishwashing, and microwaving

You save lots of money

Protect the future. Use a thermos with tap water. Use faucet filters. For group events supply pitchers of water and glasses or compostable cups. Alert those who are unaware

To quote Pope Francis: 'There is a nobility to care for creation through little daily actions'



Adapted from: <https://ecospiritualityresources.com>

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30pm: Michael Paddens O'Loughlin, Golf Links Rd.MM

Sun:9am: O'Driscoll family, Drumbiggle.

10.30am: Elizabeth Guthrie, "St. Martins", Loughville.

Dympna & Eddie Cotter, Clare Rd.

Fursey Cunniffe, Clonroad.

Aifreann Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann trí Ghaeilge, broadcast on RTE Radio na Gaeltachta.

12noon: Mary Coote, Turnpike Rd.MM

Mon: 7.45am: Special Intention.

10am: Amy Molloy, Dalcassian Pk.

7.30pm: Teddy Ryan & decd. family, Connolly Villas.

Tues:7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: Patrick Mc Namara, London & Mullagh.

7.30pm: Michael Considine, Hermitage.

Christopher & Daniel Considine, South Yorkshire.

Wed:7.45am: Special Intention.

10am: James, Kathleen & Tommy Coote, Circular Rd.

7.30pm: Michael Griffin, Parnell St.

Thurs:7.45am: Special Intention.

10am: John O'Sullivan, London.

7.30pm: Thomas Cosgrove, Mc Namara Pk.

Fri:7.45am Mass for the People.

10am: Decd O'Donoghue family, St. Michael's Villas.

7.30pm: Special Intention.

Sat:10am: Kitty & Séan Lynch, St. Michael's Villas & Considine Rd.

6.30pm: Raymond Hoey, Abbeycourt. **1st Anniv**

Sun: 9am: Louis Forte, Gallows Hill.

10.30am: Jane & Kevin Mc Keown, Clonroad.

Paul Whelan, Breda, Joe & Jim O'Halloran, Doora.

William & Patricia Casey, La Verna, Cappahard.

Monica & Fergus Gallagher, Cappahard, Tulla Rd.

Pat Sherlock, Clancy Pk.

Patsy Guerin, Mc Namara Pk.

Sean Hayes, Clonroad.

12noon: Geraldine Slattery, Westwood, & St Flannan's College. **1st Anniv**

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 27th August, 2017

Readers: Group 6

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Eithne Shortall, Clontarf & Crusheen.

11am: Fr. Frank Cassidy, Cusack Rd & L.A. **1st Anniv**

Mon 9.30am: John Nagle, Clareen, Lahinch Rd.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: David Clohessy, Childers Rd.

Sun 9.30am: Joe Moroney, Shanaway Rd.

11am: Christy Moloney, Clancy Pk.



Live the Word:

Everything has a time. Our time to live is now, it is found in every minute, every hour, every day, every year. Now is the time to live our lives we have been gifted with.

Hospital & Sick Calls

20th August, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Dariusz Plasek

Wednesday:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman

Duty Phone: 065 6869098

Newly Baptised



We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Mackenzie

Philoмена

McCarthy; Lauren Marie

McMahon; Seán O'Grady; Isla

Grace Molony; Alby Jack

Molony; Mary Cara O'Sullivan;

Diarmuid Anthony Clancy;

Fionn Michael O'Regan; Enda

Maurice Flanagan; Chloe Marie

Flanagan;

Maranatha

Prayer Ministry

invites you to our Maranatha Healing Retreat on today, Sunday, 20th August 2017 at 2.30pm at St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Fr. Damian Ryan, Limerick, and Lay Speakers, Janice and Moss Carrig, 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.....



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 Dolan, Castlelawn, Tulla Rd.

Brendan Ryan & Coote family, Kincora Pk.

Sun 8am: Paddy & Tony O'Hara.

10am: Michael McNamara.

11.30am: Gerry Jones, Orchard Lane.

Mon 11am: Gerry Sheridan, Ruan & Ennis.

Tue 11am: James & Bridget Murphy, Labasheeda.

Wed 11am: Donor's intention.

Thu 11am: Tom & Christina Hogan, Shannon Pk.

Fri 11am: Ann Hartney, Mountain View.

Sat 11am: Patricia Harmen, Lifford Rd.

Sun 8am: Bill & Nell Hensey, Kincora Pk.

10am: Rita Duggan, Clareen, Lahinch Rd.

11.30am: Tommy Mc Gann, Drumcliffe Rd. **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.



Rest in Peace

Teresa Leyden, nee Doody, Clondrinagh, Lisseycasey & Turnpike, Ennis, Michael Kennedy, Trim, brother of Kathleen Lee, Gallows Hill, Owen (Eugene) Hynes, Marian Avenue & Ennistymon, Mary Mc Inerney nee Garry, Aras Mhuire Tulla and formerly of Harmony Row, Ennis and Crovraghan, Kildysart; Julia Curran, Tralee, mother of Chris Curran, Westfields;



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.

Killaloe Autumn - Pilgrimage to Lourdes



The autumn pilgrimage from the Killaloe Diocese to Lourdes will leave Shannon Airport on Sun 1st Oct. returning Fri 6th Oct.: €667pp sharing with €10 discount for online bookings. Limited capacity so early booking is advisable. Contact www.joewalshtours.ie: 01 2410810 or Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director Shannon: 061 364133.

Charismatic Renewal Service in Killaloe Diocese

Half Day of Renewal – "You will be My witnesses" (Acts 1:6-8).

Date/Time: Sunday 27th August, 2-5pm.

Venue: Clare Care Centre, Hill Road, Killaloe (white building opposite nursing home).

Programme: Prayer and Praise.

Reflections from Golden Jubilee of Charismatic Renewal - (CCR in Rome).

- ◆ Launch of myprayer.ie
- ◆ Quiet time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.
- ◆ Theme Speaker: Fr. James Grace, P.P. Killaloe.
- ◆ Finish with a cuppa for the road home.

All are welcome!

Celebrating One Year to the World Meeting of Families 2018 in Knock

We invite you and all your family to come along to the launch of the one-year programme of preparation for World Meeting of Families 2018, which will take place at the Knock Shrine, County Mayo, on Monday 21st August on the Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady in Knock. This day of celebration will include liturgical moments, the celebration of the Eucharist, workshops, as well as faith and fun activities for all the family. The WMOF2018 Icon of the Holy Family will be unveiled and anointed at Mass in the Basilica at 3pm and then begin its journey around the dioceses of Ireland. Please join us in Knock that day with all your family! We look forward to welcoming families from every diocese across the country for this special celebration. More information: www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Calling all super dogs; Join in our walk for Irish Guide Dogs; Lee's Road Sport and Amenity Park Sunday 27th; August: 12pm; Register €10 per individual & €20 per family. Register online to receive your FREE superhero dog cape & T-shirt.

Piano Lessons: Enrolment with Fiona Walsh, Clarecastle: Call 087 6886378 for information.

NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK
ENNIS TOWNS with LARRY BRENNAN
Laneways and Bow-ways of Ennis. You are most welcome to join with Ennis Tidy Towns and local historian Larry Brennan to find out the history of Ennis' laneways, bow-ways and other aspects of our town's hidden heritage. A thoroughly enjoyable and leisurely stroll around Ennis. You will find out information about Ennis that you never knew existed!
Monday August 21st 7pm – 9pm
Meet at Club Bridge.

As part of Heritage Week 2017, Clare Walks Ltd. has organised two guided walks along parts of the Mid Clare Way.

Saturday 19 August, 2pm - 4:30pm - Enjoy a 10-12km Guided Heritage Walk, along part of the Mid Clare Way walking route, starting in the picturesque village of Quin, taking in some historical sites, woodland trails & breath taking views. Adult: €7.50 | Child: €2.50

Thursday 24 August, 11am - 12:30pm - A FREE guided 5km-6km walk in Dromore Wood Nature Reserve through woodland paths full of a variety of species; for anyone over 50 years of age who is interested in getting active and staying healthy. **Information:** 065 6835912 www.clarewalks.com [facebook.com/ClareWalksLtd](https://www.facebook.com/ClareWalksLtd)

Clare Archaeological and Historical Society
Trip to Scattery Island on Sunday 27th August; Departing Kilrush Marina at 11.45am; returning at 2pm. Appropriate footwear/raingear advised. Cost €15 per person group rate (€17 normal individual rate). Booking for this trip is essential. Reserve your place by 4pm on Thursday 24th August. Bookings/queries Mary: maryckearns@eircom.net or 087 8362491

Clare Crusaders Children's Clinic Family Fun Day and Tractor Run; Barefield Sunday 27th August 2pm to 5pm; BBQ, Pony Rides, DJ, Cake Sale, Ice cream, Bonnie Baby Competition and Raffle; All are Welcome.

National Learning Network - Training Opportunities: Are you at home because you don't know how to access further training, then NLN could help you? We train early school leavers, LCA students, those who require additional learning supports, or have an illness or disability National Learning Network's full-time QQI Level 3 Employability Skills Programme in Ennis will give you the confidence to open up new opportunities for further training. To get more details on this full-time Course based in Francis Street, Ennis, contact 065 6864560.

Burren Peaks Weekend of Walking Festival
Saturday Sept 9th & Sunday Sept 10th, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare: An unforgettable way to explore the Burren limestone landscape. Groups, Clubs, and Individual Walkers welcome. Choice of guided grade A, B & C walks each day. Pre-Booking of walks essential. Closing date for entries **2nd Sept.** Information: 087 7779714 or www.burrenpeakswalkingfestival.com

Aoibheann Murphy school of Irish dancing is now enrolling for September 2017. Classes take place every Monday and Wednesday in Scoil Chríost Rí, Cloughleigh, Ennis. Classes available for boys and girls aged 3 and up. Class places Limited. Please contact Aoibheann TCRG on 0860822140 or Mark Nestor 0872484552

A Talty gathering will take place in Co Clare August 20th to 27th. Tour of South Clare on Fri 25th. All are welcome to ceili with Kilfenora Ceili Band on Fri 25th, Falls Hotel Ennistymon, and History of Clare Concert on Thurs 24th, at Community Centre Ennistymon. Full schedule available on www.taltyfamilyroots.org. Mass on Sat 26th at Ennistymon Church, All welcome.



Weekly Draw Results; Tuesday August 15th: **1st Prize €650: Martin**

O'Connell, Kilmurry, Sixmilebridge. 2nd Prize €200: Mary Whyte, Barefield, Ennis. Only €1.27 weekly. To Join contact Fundraising Office 065 6821966 or www.cahercalla.ie

History of the Limerick bus tour on August 25th. It is taking place as part of the Bring Your Limericks to Limerick festival. The tour will take place from 12 - 3 and we will provide a full history of the Limericks on a bus trip to the various sites of the original poets. You will find all of the details here if you would like to come along: <https://limericksfest.wixsite.com/limerickliteraryfest/day-1>

Éire Óg Inis GAA club wishes to thank those that supported and assisted with our recent Church Gate collection and Ger O'Meara Golf Classic.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Ní bhíonn in aon rud ach seal.

Ní bhíonn in aon rud ach seal, de réir an tseanfhocail agus tá Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann beagnach thart. Inniu agus Aifreann na Fleidhe á cheiliúradh againn agus á chraoladh beo ar Raidió na Gaeltachta gabhaimid buíochas ó chroí le Dia as an tseachtain iontach a bhí againn ag ceiliúradh ár gceol traidisiúnta agus gach rud Gaelach. Fágaimid slán lenár gcuariteoirí a bhí linn ó chian is ó chónagar. Tá súil againn gur bhain sibh sult agus sonas as bheith linn. Go gcónaimid i ngaol Dé, i ngrá Dé, i dtoil Dé, i súil Dé, i rún Dé agus i gcúram Dé de shíor. Áiméan

Comhghairdeas le gach aon dalta sa pharóiste a fuair toradh na hArd Teistiméireachta i rith na seachtaine. Tréaslaimid chomh maith leis na múinteoirí agus na tuismitheoirí a chabhraigh leo an ceann scribe seo ina saol a bhaint amach. Go raibh beannacht agus grásta Dé leo sa toadh agus iad ag tabhairt aghaidh ar chúrsaí i gcoláistí éagsúla nó ar ionaid oibre. *Go mba fada buan sibh go léir.*

Tá an tSeachtain Oidhreacht Náisiúnta buailte linn. Comórtar é i mbliana ó 19 Lúnasa go 27. Eagraíonn Comhairle Náisiúnta na hOidhreacht é gach bliain. Tá oidhreacht shuibhir againn anseo in Éirinn, toibreacha beannaithe, carraigeacha an Aifrínn, treoirmharcanna, oidhreacht thógtha, flóra, fána, gnáthóga nádúrtha, aibhneacha agus locha. Moltar dúinn páirt a ghlacadh sna himeachtaí atá eagraithe sa cheantar. Bíodh meas againn ar ár n-oidhreacht agus fonn orainn í chaomhnú.

Moladh go deo le Dia.

According to the proverb nothing lasts forever and Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann is drawing to a close. Today we celebrate Mass, which is being broadcast on Radio na Gaeltachta, to thank God for the wonderful week we had celebrating our traditional music and our Irish heritage. We say goodbye to our visitors from far and near. We hope you enjoyed your time. May we live in God's kinship, in God's love, in God's will, in expectation of God, in friendship with God, and in God's care. Amen.

Congratulations to all who received their Leaving Certificate results during the week. Congratulations also to their teachers and parents who helped the students achieve their aims. May they have God's blessings and graces in the future, in college or in the workplace. *May you endure and have a long life.*

National Heritage Week organised by the National Council of Ireland is celebrated from 19 August to 27. We have a rich heritage in Ireland including blessed wells, Mass Rocks, monuments, flora, fauna, natural habitats, rivers and lakes. We are invited to take part in activities which are organised during the week. Let us respect and conserve our heritage.

God be praised forever. Amen.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 13th August, €6.896

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
And look on the face of your anointed
one;
One day within your courts
Is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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 56:1.6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice,
act with integrity, for soon my salvation will
come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached
themselves to the Lord to serve him and to
love his name and be his servants - all who
observe the Sabbath, not profaning it, and
cling to my covenant - these I will bring to
my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in
my house of prayer. Their holocausts and
their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar,
for my house will be called a house of
prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. *Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.*

O God, be gracious and bless us
And let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
And all nations learn your saving help. **R**

Let the nations be glad and exult
For you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
You guide the nations on earth. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
Till the ends of the earth revere him. **R**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Rm 11:13-15.29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been
sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I
am proud of being sent, but the purpose of
it is to make my own people envious of
you, and in this way save some of them.
Since their rejection meant the
reconciliation of the world, do you know
what their admission will mean? Nothing
less than a resurrection from the dead!
God never takes back his gifts or revokes
his choice.

Just as you changed from being
disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy
because of their disobedience, so those
who are disobedient now - and only
because of the mercy shown to you - will
also enjoy mercy eventually. God has
imprisoned all men in their own
disobedience only to show mercy to all
mankind.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

***The sheep that belong to me listen to
my voice,***

says the Lord,

I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the
region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a
Canaanite woman from that district and
started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take
pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a

devil.' But he answered her not a word.
And his disciples went and pleaded with
him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said
'because she is shouting after us.' He said
in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep
of the House of Israel.' But the woman
had come up and was kneeling at his feet.
'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is
not fair to take the children's food and
throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted,
'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat
the scraps that fall from their master's
table.' Then Jesus answered her,
'Woman, you have great faith. Let your
wish be granted.' And from that moment
her daughter was well again.

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

**With the Lord there is mercy;
In him is plentiful redemption.**