



# 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>

Sunday of Divine Mercy (Year A)

23rd April 2017

## Could you be a minister of Christ's mercy?



The risen Lord commissions his disciples to continue his work with the encouraging words ;

*'Peace be with you.'*

*'As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.'*

Jesus gives them the same authority that he himself received from his Father as they are sent out to proclaim the New Covenant. He ordains these few disciples to be the human priests through whom he, the true high priest, will mediate his peace and the grace of his sacraments.

He instructs them to forgive sin, in his name, in the sacrament we call reconciliation or confession ... '

*Those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven. '*

*Those whose sins you retain, they are retained'.*

In this wonderful sacrament, by confessing our sins to a priest and desiring to make amends, we experience the forgiveness, healing, mercy, and compassion of Jesus. In the consoling words of absolution we are given new hope and set free from the regrets and mistakes of the past.

We just celebrated the Lord's resurrection. The human body that Jesus received in the womb of the virgin Mary is now raised and glorified. Amazingly, the divinity and the glorified humanity of Jesus becomes present on the altar through the action of the priest every time Holy Mass is celebrated. When we eat his body and drink his blood we make the goal of the New Covenant a reality. That communion is the love, peace, healing, forgiveness and new life that restores relationships with God and each other.

Jesus is constantly calling people to share his ministry in the ordained priesthood. Is God calling you or someone you know? Speaking to young people in 2013 Pope Francis reflected;

*'If I feel drawn to Jesus, if his voice warms my heart, it is thanks to God the Father who has sown within me the desire for love, for truth, for life, for beauty... and Jesus is all this in fullness! I would like to ask you: have you sometimes heard the Lord's voice, in a desire, in a worry, did he invite you to follow him more closely? Have you heard him? Ask Jesus what he wants of you and be brave! Be brave! Ask him this!'*

*Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community.... This is why Jesus said: "Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest", that is, God the Father, "to send out labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38). **Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.**' (Pope Francis)*

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

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Baby Lily Cleary, Woodhaven. 1st Anniv  
Sun: 9am: Molloy family, late Circular Rd.

Rita Kenny, Hermitage.

10.30am: Elizabeth Neylon, Parnell St.  
William Mc Govern, College View, Clare Rd.  
Mary Harkus, Hermitage & Holyhead.  
John Feeney, St Michael's Villas.  
Murt Guthrie, St Martin's, Loughville.  
Jimmy & Mary Arthur, Golflinks Rd.  
Enid O'Loughlin, Corrovorrin Grove.  
Bridget White, late Drumcliffe.

Christy & Breda Carpenter & family, Hermitage Rd.

12noon: Gary Kelly, Ivy Hill, Gort Rd. MM

Mon: 7.45am: John & Mary O'Rourke, Tulla.

10am: Mary Doherty, Ashbourne, Co Meath.

7.30pm: Veronica Fenton, Ard na Greine.

Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: Sr. Eileen O'Sullivan, Woodlands.

7.30pm: Bernadette Kelly, Clonroadmore.

Wed: 7.45am: Wincenty Kozyra, Poland.

10am: Ned Collins, St Flannan's Tce.

7.30pm: Maura Brooks, College Pk.

Thurs: 7.45am: Maisie Murrigh, Mullagh.

10am: Flan Flynn, Connolly Villas.

7.30pm: John & Rachel O'Loughlin & decd family.

Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.

10am: John Lynch, Mullagh.

7.30pm: Eileen Bennis, St. Joseph's St, Limerick. 1st Anniv

Sat: 10am: Sr. Mary Corry, Cree. 1st Anniv

11am: Holy Communion After School Programme.

6.30pm: Teresa Flanagan, Connolly Villas. MM

Sun : 9am: Teresa & William Clohessy, Drumcliffe.

Msrgr. Ignatius Murphy, late Kilkee.

Séan Hanrahan, Feakle.

10.30am: Ruth Hanley, Willsgrove, Cahercalla.

Marie Deegan, Ashfiled.

Christopher Keane, Fergus Park.

Joe O'Sullivan, Circular Rd, Hermitage.

Elizabeth Maher, Clonroadbeg.

Michael & Kitty Kenneally, Fergus Park.

12noon: Mass for the People.

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 30th April, 2017

Readers: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Johnna Garvey, Coopers Place.

11am: Susan Bannon, Loughville.

Jim (Seamus) Mc Namara, Kilkishen & London.

Mon 9.30am: Walter & Maureen Bridgeman, Quin.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Mary Sullivan, Coore.

Thu 9.30am: Ann & Pat Downes, Kilmihil.

Fri 9.30am: Michael Costello, Cranny.

Sun 9.30am: Michael Keane, Morrissey Ave.

11am: Jim Organ, Loughville.

11am: Fr. Frank Cassidy 1st Anniv & Flan Cassidy.

### Hospital & Sick Calls

23rd April, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman

Wednesday:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

Duty Phone: 065 6869098

### Blessing of Expectant Parents



Ennis Cathedral

4th May @ 8pm

All Welcome!!!!

### Newly Baptised



*We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Casey Martin*

O'Brien, Ryan Bobby Flynn



Fatima 1917-2017

Holy Rosary hour marking the centenary of the apparitions at Fatima. Thanking our Lady for her maternal care. Rosary at the Square, Ennis. First Saturday 6th May @ 2.30pm. All welcome

### Trócaire

would like to thank parishioners for their support of the Lenten campaign 2017 and their unfailing generosity. Trócaire boxes can be returned to your local parish in the coming days. Donations can also be made online at:

[www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

### Mass & Anointing for people with disabilities & chronic illnesses, Ennis Cathedral



Wednesday  
3rd May 2pm.

Celebrant & Homilist:  
Bishop Fintan Monahan  
All are 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: Barry Coughlan, Corrovorrin Grove.

Sun 8am: Reidy & Kelly families, Coolmeen.

10am: Kathleen Leyden, Clancy Pk. MM

11.30am: Peter Finegan, St. Senan's Rd.

Mon 11am: O' Dwyer family, Gort Rd.

Tues 11am: Nuala Gallagher, Sligo.

Wed 11am: Eddie Worrell, London.

Thu 11am: O'Brien family, Crusheen.

Fri 11am: William Turner, The Green.

Sat 11am: Patrick Francks, Corrovorrin .

7pm: Tristan Crowe, Willow Park. MM

Sun 10am: Anthony Forde & decd Forde, Birmingham & Roscommon.

11.30am: P.J. & Eileen O'Loughlin , Kevin Barry Ave.

### 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.



### Divine Mercy Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>

2.15pm Ennis Cathedral

Devotions, Confessions,

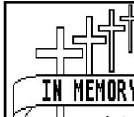
Mass at 3.30pm, Benediction at 4pm

The Feast of Divine Mercy is a public feast day formally established by St John Paul 11 in May 2000. The Divine Mercy Devotion is inspired by the experiences and writings of a Polish nun, Sister Faustina, who died at 33 years of age in 1938 and was canonised in April 2000. It embraces priests, religious and laity united in their commitment to live mercy in relating to their brothers and sisters, to make the mystery of Divine Mercy known and to invoke God's mercy for sinners. Novena of Divine Mercy Starts Good Friday



Jesus I Trust in You

### Rest in Peace



Teresa (Tess) Browne formerly of Ballinahinch and Bodyke village, sister of Gerry Browne, College Road, Mickey Joe Neville, Pearse Ave & Rathkeale, Fr. Anthony (Tony) Cronin, Kiltegan Wicklow, & Ennis;

*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.*

# Buíochas

In our Irish tradition Holy Week is known as An tSeachtain Mór - The great week. A sincere thanks to all who contributed to the various liturgies and ceremonies during Holy Week and Easter Sunday: the choirs and choir directors, cantors and all involved in the music ministry, Irish dancers, altar servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, altar societies, flower arrangers, sacristans, liturgy groups and various people who helped, Míle Buíochas. We say particular words of thanks to Finbarr Coakley, Beechpark, for the Palm and Noel Griffin, Cusack Rd. for Billy the Donkey on Palm Sunday.



Washing machine wanted for needy family, Contact Fr. Tom O'Gorman 065 6840715

The Ennis Old Folks' club will resume their fortnightly meetings on Mon 24th April in the community centre at 8pm

Chapel Lane Market - indoor craft & food market takes place every Saturday from 10-5 in the Community Centre on Chapel Lane in the heart of Ennis.

Maranatha Prayer Ministry invites you to our Maranatha Healing Retreat on next Sunday, 30th April, 2017 at 2.30pm at St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the ministry of Fr. Ger Fitzgerald, Ennis and Sebastian Sales, Anointing Fire Ministry, UK 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.....



## Live the Word:

Thomas put his finger in our Lord's wounded hands. When we put our problems in God's hands, he puts his peace into our hearts.

## Pilgrimages 2017

**Pilgrimage to New York.** A special pilgrimage to New York from Knock will take place from 8th - 14th May. Flying directly from Ireland West Airport to JFK, the pilgrimage offers the chance to be a part of a memorable and historic trip. Itinerary includes a Requiem Mass on Saturday 13th at Old St. Patrick's Cathedral for the re-internment of the remains of John Curry, the youngest of the Knock witnesses which will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Dolan. If you would like to find out more or make an enquiry, please contact the tour operators Joe Walsh Tours on (01) 2410800 or email: bronwvn.clinton@joewalshstours.ie

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje,** from Shannon 17th May. Fully inclusive for 7 nights €619. Spiritual Director Fr. Ger Fitzgerald. €100 deposit secures €619. After 1st February price of €669 applies. Contact Kathleen Lee 086 1031508

**Charismatic Renewal Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome:** 30 May - 5 nights - €719. There are only a few places left for our pilgrimage to Rome for the Pentecost Jubilee. If you or anyone in your prayer group is interested in going, please get in touch soon with Annemarie Healy at Joe Walsh Tours to book a place on 021-2410814. Further information on our website - www.ccrireland.org The Haven, Bachelor's Quay, Cork, T12 X8WP. Phone: 021-425 1100; Email: bridgetdunne@eircom.net

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Bishop Fintan Monahan will lead his first Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on 26th June. The 61st Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will leave Shannon on Monday June 26th, returning on Saturday July 1st. The cost this year is still €692 per person sharing. €10 discount for online booking at www.joewalshstours.ie Booking forms can be obtained from: Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. Telephone: (01) 2410810. A limited number of sick pilgrims will be accommodated in the Sanctuary of Lourdes at a cost of €595 Applications for sick pilgrims only to Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director, SS John & Paul Presbytery, Shannon, Co. Clare. Telephone: (061) 364133 / www.killaloeodiocese.ie

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock this year will take place on Sunday 2nd July 2017, sharing with Ferns as we have in previous years. This year Ferns Diocese will lead the ceremonies. Save the date - specific details will be announced at a later date.

**8 DAY PILGRIMAGE & HOLIDAY TO FATIMA & ESTORIL:** This will take place from 18th - 25th August. A 5 day pilgrimage to Fatima for the Centenary year 2017 which will include a visit to the shrine of St. Anthony in Lisbon. A 3 day relaxation at the popular holiday resort of Estoril. The Pilgrimage will travel direct from Shannon to Faro. Limited numbers of places available. For further information contact Mary O'Loughlin 065-7084000 or 085-2252251

**Two pilgrimages to Medjugorje:** Two pilgrimages to Medjugorje September 6-13. Spiritual Directors Fr. Tom O'Gorman & Fr. Martin Blake. September 13-20, spiritual director Fr. Martin Blake. Price of €709. Contact Jimmy Considine 085 738 5385 or 065 905 9328.

**ENNIS PARISH PADRE PIO TRIP TO ADRIATIC COAST & SAN GIOVANNI;** For information contact Group Leader: Mary O'Sullivan: 087 1247669; Spiritual Director: Fr Tom Hogan P.P. All Dinners, Tours & Taxes included; September 15-22 - 2017; Afternoon flights from Dublin; €995

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Naomh Marcas

Ceiliúrfar lá fhéile Naomh Marcus, Soiscéalaí ar an Mháirt. Rugadh agus tógadh Marcas i gcathair Cyrene i Libya i dTuaisceart na hAfraice trí bliana tar éis breith Íosa. Ba Ghiúdaigh a thuismitheoirí. Ba Eoin a ainm baiste agus Marcas a shloinne. Cuireadh oideachas an-mhaith air agus rinne sé staidéar ar dhlí agus na clasaicigh. Bhí ardmheas ag máthair Mharcas ar Íosa agus lean sí é gach áit a ndeachaigh sé agus is cosúil go raibh Marcas ag freastal ag an mbainis i gCana nuair a d'oibrigh Íosa a chéad mhíorúilt. Chuir sé eolas ar theagasc Íosa agus ar a Pháis. Scríobh sé a shoiscéal i nGréigis. Bhunaigh sé an Eaglais Chríostaí san Éigipt. Cuireadh chun báis é sa bhliain 68AD. Cheangail na páganaigh i Serapis é le heireaball capaill agus tarraingeoidh é trí shráideanna Alexandria ar feadh dhá lá. Briseadh a chorp i bpiosaí. Is féidir linn soiscéal Marcas a léamh agus machnamh a dhéanamh air. *Go rabhaimid dílis dár gcreideamh agus do bhriathar Dé. Aiméan.*

Tuesday is the Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist. He was born in Cyrene in Libya, North Africa three years after the birth of Jesus. His parents were Jews. John was his baptismal name and Mark his surname. He was well educated having studied law and the classics. His mother was a follower of Jesus and it is thought that Mark was serving at the wedding feast of Cana where Jesus performed His first miracle. He studied the teachings of Jesus and His Passion. He wrote his Gospel in Greek. He established a Christian Church in Egypt. He was martyred in 68 AD when pagans of Serapis tied him to a horse's tail and dragged him through the streets of Alexandria for two days until his body was torn to pieces. We can read and meditate on Saint Marks's Gospel. *May we be faithful to our faith and to the word of God. Amen.*

Corofin dramatic society presenting the "Cripple of Inismaan" in Corofin hall on 23rd & 29th of April and 1st May @8pm. This is their last show before their appearance in the All Ireland drama final in Athlone on 9th May.

Have you two hours to spare to help save lives Irish Heart Foundation? - Ireland's National Heart and Stroke Charity requires Volunteers for this year Happy Hearts Flag Day in Ennis which will fund our life saving CPR training programme in schools on Friday 12th May. Please Contact Catherine in our Cork Office on 021 4505822 if you would like to help.

Support Group for people affected by Parkinson's; Carrigoran Health & Wellness Centre, Newmarket-on-Fergus; 10am; Friday 28th April. Refreshments provided - there is always time to enjoy a coffee, tea, a scone and a chat! All are Welcome. For further information contact 087 415 8430

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,  
who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

## 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 Acts of the Apostles

**Acts 2:42-47**

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

## The word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

**Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, For his love has no end.**

Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His Love has no end.'

**R**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling  
But the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
He was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and victory  
In the tents of the just. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected  
Has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
A marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord:  
We rejoice and are glad. **R**

## A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

**1 Pt 1:3-9**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

## The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus said:*

*'You believe because you can see me.*

*Happy are those who have not seen  
and yet believe.'*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Jh 20:19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the

Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

## 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

**Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
And do not be unbelieving but believing,  
Alleluia**