



# 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:

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

(Year A)

26th March 2017

## Rich and Poor in our World

We say proudly, that with modern means of communication, the world has shrunk. No place is far away anymore; we live in the global village. But all is not well in the village. There is trouble. And the trouble is that one-third of the villagers have the lion's share of the goods and the other two-thirds are hungry.

As a nation, we are among those who dine magnificently every day. It may not seem magnificent to us, but, to one who eats only once a week, it is. We no longer pretend not to know, that while we eat, others starve. The underdeveloped world is in our village, it is on our door-step.

The Gospel invites us to see the condition of the poor not as a cliché but as a challenge. It is a challenge to our complacency, but also a challenge to our faith.

For if we really believe in the incarnation, if we believe that God really became man, then we must believe more.

We must believe that every human being who can say "*I was hungry and you gave me food*", is speaking with the voice of Jesus.



**Or Mass is always a give to the poor. We can be irritated by the calls and reminders of generosity, but they are blessed opportunities too. It is the voice of the risen Jesus speaking to us in the pleas of the poor.**



# Happy Mother's Day



## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**6.30pm:** Do this in Memory.  
Elvyra Binkeviciene, Lithuania. 1st Anniv

**Sun: 9am:** Special Intention.

**10.30am:** Paddy Kennedy, Parnell St.  
Hanley Family, Templemore.  
Kearney Family, O'Callaghan's Mills.

**12noon:** Senan Sheehan, The Hawthorns. MM

**Mon: 7.45am:** Patrick McInerney, Dalcassian Pk.

**10am:** Elizabeth & Patrick O'Rourke.

**7.30pm:** Nora & Daniel O'Neill, Connolly & decd family.

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

**10am:** Martin Hogan, St. Flannan's Tce.  
Jozef Bado.

**7.30pm:** Elizabeth Maher, Clonroadbeg.

**Wed: 7.45am:** Patrick, Kathleen, Padraic Gilgunn.

**10am:** Mary & Patrick Finlay.

**7.30pm:** Bridie, Albert & Sr. Marie Stephens, Clonroad & Convent of Mercy.

**Thurs: 7.45am:** Packie Murrhly, Mullagh.

**10am:** William & Martin Costin & McAuliffe family, Hospital, Co Limerick.

**7.30pm: No Mass 8pm: Seinn Concert**

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

**10am:** Martin Bradley, Clonroadbeg.

**7.30pm:** Desmond Cullinan, Dalcassian Pk.  
Lita Solis, Philippines. 1st Anniv

**Sat: 10am:** Thomas Whelan, Dalcassian Pk.  
Nurse Kathleen Duggan, Francis St.

**11am:** Confirmation Holy Family School.

**6.30pm:** Mary Hynes, Clare Rd. 1st Anniv

**Sun: 9am:** Seamus O'Reilly, Abbey Court.

**10.30am:** Mary Keane, Clancy Pk.  
Jim Kitson, Claireen Drive.  
Kitty Smyth, Carmody St.  
Bobby & Frances O'Rourke, Dalcassian Ave.  
John O'Halloran, Ard na Greine.  
Nancy & Michael O'Sullivan, College Rd.

**12noon:** Kevin Maughan, Childers Rd. 1st Anniv

## Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 2nd April, 2017

Readers: Group 3  
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4  
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 9.30am:** Do this in Memory.

**11am:** Austin Connole, Lahinch Rd.

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

**Sun 9.30am:** Joan Summerly, Brookville.

**11am:** Michael Leyden, Cloughleigh Rd.

## 1st Saturday Devotions

in honour of Our Lady of Fatima, in Cathedral next Sat. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with Confessions, Rosary and Benediction, after 10am Mass.



The Stations of the Cross will take place in the Cathedral before 10am mass during the Fridays of Lent.

## Hospital & Sick Calls

26th March, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Brendan Quinlivan

Duty Phone: 065 6869098



## Friary News

First Saturday April 1st.  
The Rosary is ongoing in the Friary Church, St Francis St, after 10am Mass. Please come and Pray with us. Everyone welcome. "Prayer is a weapon"

## Newly Baptised



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

**Joseph Pio Keenan, Harry Terence Vallely, Croidhe Kate Maxwell, Kacper Teter, Aoife Marie Mc Namara**

## 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 1st April; 2.30pm. All welcome.

## Rest in Peace



**Tony Ramsey**  
brother of Patricia,  
St. Flannan's Drive;

**Kathleen Haren**,  
Spanish Point, sister of Lucy O'Halloran, Collins Pk.; **James O'Riordan**, Limerick, brother of Christy O'Riordan, Gallows Hill;

**Hugh McKiernan**, Galway & Cahercalla Rd.;  
*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.*

## Live the Word:



Hope is not optimism; it is what we have when the bottom falls out of optimism.

**Months Mind Mass for Christy Shannon**, Hermitage in Scout Hall April 1st; 8pm. All Welcome.

Ennis Parish  
Development Fund for  
Sunday 19th March,  
€7,068.00

## St. Joseph's

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**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.  
**Mon 11am:** Holy Souls.  
**Tues 11am:** Patrick Duggan, Connolly Villas.  
**Wed 11am** Edwin Twomey, Blackburn.  
**Thu 11am:** Harry Ballinger, Gort Rd.  
**Fri 11am:** Michael Devitt, St. Senan's Rd.  
**Sat 11am:** Molly Moroney, Corrovorrin Ave.  
**7pm:** Joe Skelly, New Road.  
**Sun 8am:** Zygmuntol Wolczackin, Poland.  
**10am:** Jimmy & Cecilia Casey, Old Gort Rd.  
**11.30am:** Maureen Frawley, New Road. MM

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite) takes place on **Sunday 2nd April at 5.30pm in St. Joseph's Church.** All are welcome.



## 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:** Brigid Haran, Counsellor with Sláinte an Chláir, Kilnamona.

## CATECHESIS FOR LENT

Talks for adult and young at the Parish Office every Sunday and Wednesdays evening at 19.30.

These talks are about the "first announcement" of our faith, which according to Pope Francis, we need to listen again and again as they lead us to deepen our faith and discover the richness of the Holy Scriptures. The talks are given by Fr. Ger, Emanuele, Benedetta and Mate and are particularly suggested as a way of preparation for this time of Lent.

## Holy Week

As part of the Easter Ceremonies during Holy Week, a garment is sewn together from pieces of material gathered from people in the Community. If you would like to be part of the garment you may leave a piece of material in the box on the sanctuary in the Cathedral.

### Faith Friends' Confirmation Programme

The faith friends programme with transition year students for the confirmation classes from Ennis National and Holy Family ends this Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm with Holy Family. We thank the 38 students from Rice College and St. Flannan's College who volunteered as a faith friend. They were totally dedicated. We thank the primary school teachers and parents who encouraged and enabled their students to participate.

#### THANKS....

To Geraldine Cummins and Liz McMahon who organised everything.

To Mr. Cleary (Rice College) and Miss Black (St. Flannan's College) for their total support.

*Fr Richard Mc Alear from USA is a healing priest* and he is celebrating mass **on Monday 3rd April; Ennis Cathedral; 7.30pm** followed by healing service after the mass. Thanking you in advance for all your help.

Please join us for a **Candlelight procession** from Abbey St Carpark, Friday the 7th April at 8.30pm to the Cathedral for mass of remembrance, **'Rising against cancer'** in conjunction with the Sláinte an Chláir 48hr fast. All welcome."

"Spring into Easter" Floral Demonstration, Hat Competition and Sales Table supporting local Charities. Ennis Flower and Garden Club present Anne Slattery, Ennis at Tracy's West County Hotel; Tuesday, March 28th. Demonstrator's Arrangements raffled on the night. Demonstration commences at 8.15pm. Doors open 7.30pm. All welcome. Admission: €10 (non members). Further enquiries to ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

**Burren Outdoor Retreat. Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May:** Would you like to come on a guided journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of the amazing Burren landscape renew you in body and soul. Phone Mary 087 970 1130 or Nóirín 087 9459 151

The **Triest Community Employment Scheme** (sponsored by Brothers of Charity Clare Services) are currently recruiting, the vacancies that exist are Sports Assistant. Applicants must be eligible for Community Employment Scheme. For further information in relation to eligibility and conditions of employment please contact Thomas Gilligan at 065-6823123.

**Bus going to Clonfert** on the first Saturday of April 01/04/17. Contact Stephen (086) 1943960.

#### CLARECARE THRIFT SHOP, ENNIS NEW OPENING HOURS



Effective from Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Clarecare's Thrift Shop in Harmony Row, Ennis will be open daily from 10am – 3pm from Tuesday to Friday each week. Tel: 065 – 6828178.

We are currently holding a **CLEARANCE SALE**. All items of clothing, footwear and furniture are currently available at greatly discounted prices. Thank you for your continued support of our services.

### Cathedral Concert

**Eastview High School band,  
Apple Valley, Minnesota, USA**

Are visiting Ireland this March and will perform in:



**Ennis Cathedral this Sunday  
afternoon March 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.**

Local musician Eamonn Cotter is guest artist.

**All are welcome.**

**ENNIS TIDY TOWNS** will hold their National spring Clean on Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm when hopefully a number of organisations will join with us in cleaning up the approach roads. **THIS IS AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY** for your area to organise their own clean up on this date. Taking part is very straight forward. All you have to do is register your event on line [www.nationalspringclean.org](http://www.nationalspringclean.org). Once you have registered you will receive a **FREE** clean-up kit from An Taisce."



**Clare Youth Service** invites members of the public to the launch of our Irish Heart Foundation 'Healthy Heart Campaign' on Thursday 30 March from 12 to 1pm at our premises in Carmody St. A broad range of information will be available as well as healthy snack samples. All are welcome, join us and strive to live a longer, healthier life!

**Oakleigh Wood Residents' Association AGM**  
Fahy Hall Sunday 2nd April at 8pm. All residents welcome.

**Clothing Collection:** Recycle your unwanted Clothes/Pairs of Shoes/Bed Linen/Towels/Curtains for **Gaelscoil Mhíchil Ciosóg**, Gort Road. The school will be open on Saturday the 1st April from 10am to 1pm for drop offs. All donations welcome. GRMA

**Clare Parkinson's Support** takes place at Carrigoran Health & Wellness Centre, Newmarket-on-Fergus at 10am; Friday 31st March. These informal meetings normally include a presentation by a healthcare professional or complementary therapist, as well as an activity that assists people living with Parkinson's such as Yoga, Dance, Physiotherapy or Tai Chi. Refreshments are provided - there is always time to enjoy a coffee or tea and a scone! A modest financial contribution towards the running costs is very much appreciated. All are Welcome. For further information contact 087 415 8430

**Trócaire's Lenten Campaign:** "...whoever honours a mother is like someone amassing a fortune." *Ecclesiasticus, 3:4*. This Mother's Day we pray for mothers around the world who agonise over their children's futures in the harshest environments. We think of Miriam, who appears on this Lent's Trócaire Box, as she wonders if she will manage to get her little daughter Maria to safety when the next storm hits northern Honduras and floods their home. *Read Miriam and Maria's story at [www.trocaire.org/lent](http://www.trocaire.org/lent)*

### *Sr. Eileen's Cúinne*

Lá na Máthar.

Ceiliúrtar Lá na Máthar ar an gceathrú Domhnach den Charghas gach bliain. Chuir Anna Jarvis, síochánaí ó Virginia Thiar tús leis an nós i Meiriceá. Bhí sí ag iarraidh go mbeadh Lá na Máthar aitheanta i Meiriceá i 1905, an bhliain ina bhfuair a máthair féin bás ach ní bhfuair sí aon tacaíocht ó na húdaráis. Bhí lá cuimhneacháin aici dá máthair i séipéal i Virginia Thiar i 1908. B'shin tús oifigiúil le lá speisialta a bheith ann do na máithreacha. Anois bíonn daoine ar fud an domhain ag ceiliúradh Lá na Máthar ach ní ar an dáta céanna i ngach tír. Roghnaigh Éire, an Nigéir, an Ríocht Aontaithe, Geansaí, Geirsí, agus Oileán Mhanann é a chomóradh ar an gceathrú Domhnach den Charghas. Go raibh lá saor ó bhuartha an tsaoil ag máithreacha inniu. Is é seo ár bpaidir do mháithreacha:

*A Dhia, gabhaimid buíochas leat as sinn a ghlacadh isteach i do theaghlach trí mhíorúilt do ghrásta agus as cuireadh a thabhairt dúinn bheith deartháireacha agus deirfiúracha dá chéile. Inniu a Dhia grámhar, guímid ar son máithreacha a tháinig i gcabhair orainn nuair a bhíomar gan neart, a thug solás dúinn nuair a bhíomar gortaithe agus uaireanta nár thugamar dóthain aitheanta di. Áiméan*



Mother's Day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent each year. Anne Jarvis, a pacifist from West Virginia established the custom. She wanted to have Mother's Day recognised in America in 1905, the year her own mother died but she received no support from the authorities. She held a memorial day for her mother in West Virginia in 1908. This was the official start of a special day for mothers. Now people all over the world celebrate Mother's Day but not on the same date in each country. Ireland, Nigeria, United Kingdom, Guernsey, Jersey, and Isle of Man celebrate it on the fourth Sunday in Lent. May all mothers enjoy a happy day free from worry. We can say the following prayer: *Gracious God, We thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace, and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other. Today, loving God, we pray for our mothers: who cared for us when we were helpless, who comforted us when we were hurt and whose love and care we often took for granted. Amen.*

#### Diary Date:

**Annual Mass & Anointing** for people with disabilities and chronic illnesses will be held in Ennis Cathedral on Wednesday, 3rd May at 2pm with Bishop Fintan Monahan as chief celebrant and homilist. All are welcome.



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
Exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

## 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 first book of Samuel.

*1 S 16:1., 6-7, 10-13*

.The Lord said to Samuel, "Fill your horn  
with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse  
of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a  
king among his sons." When Samuel  
arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and  
thought, "Surely the Lords anointed one  
stands there before him", but the Lord said  
to Samuel, "Take no notice of his  
appearance or his height for I have rejected  
him; God does not see as man sees; man  
looks at appearances but the Lord looks at  
the heart". Jesse presented his seven sons  
to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The  
Lord has not chosen these". He then asked  
Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"  
He answered, "There is still one left, the  
youngest; he is out looking after the sheep".  
Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him;  
we will not sit down to eat until he comes".  
Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh  
complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant  
bearing. The Lord said "Come, anoint him,  
for this is the one". At this, Samuel took the  
horn of oil and anointed him where he stood  
with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord  
seized on David and stayed with him from  
that day on.

**The word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there  
is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. (R)

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. (R)

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. (R)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. (R)

## A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

*Ep 5.8-14*

You were darkness once, but now you are  
light in the Lord; be like children of light, for  
the effects of the light are seen in complete  
goodness and right living and truth. Try to  
discover what the Lord wants of you,  
having nothing to do with the futile works of  
darkness but exposing them by contrast.  
The things which are done in secret are  
things that people are ashamed even to  
speak of; but anything exposed by the light  
will be illuminated and anything illuminated  
turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.

**The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
Anyone who follows me will have the light of life.  
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

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

*John 9::1.6-9.13-17.34-38*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had  
been blind from birth. He spat on the ground,  
made a paste with the spittle, put this over  
the eyes of the blind man and said to him,  
'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name  
that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off  
and washed himself, and came away with his  
sight restored.

His neighbours and people who  
earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this  
the man who used to sit and beg?' Some

said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said,  
'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself  
said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind  
to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day  
when Jesus made the paste and opened the  
man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked  
him how he had come to see, he said, 'He  
put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I  
can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said,  
'This man cannot be from God: he does not  
keep the Sabbath.' Others said, 'How could  
a sinner produce signs like this?' And there  
was disagreement among them. So they  
spoke to the blind man again, 'What have  
you to say about him yourself, now that he  
has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet'  
replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and  
you a sinner through and through, since you  
were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and  
when he found him he said to him, 'Do you  
believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man  
replied 'tell me who he is so that I may  
believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking  
at him; he is speaking to you.' The man  
said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

**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 Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I  
washed, I say and I believed in God.**