



Ennis Parish News

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

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

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

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A) 26th November, 2017

In ancient Israel people believed that God alone was their king. Later when Israel got a human king he was appointed as the representative of God and was committed to caring for his people. The exercise of leadership was laid down in the covenant to care for the weak and the downtrodden, the widow and the orphan. The model was one of a good shepherd.

But the kings failed in their commitment to their people. They were more concerned for themselves and their conquests. They were condemned by the prophets who proclaimed that God was their real king who would care for His people. This gave hope to the people especially to those who were suffering.

In the Gospel stories Jesus gave the example of living by the model laid down in the covenant. He was concerned for those who were weak and broken. His presence was to be found among the poor and the vulnerable, the sick and the despised. He was present wherever there was a human need and he responded to every cry for help. He preached the message of hope and new life and this was good news for all the people.

Where do we find the presence of Jesus today. Before he ascended into heaven Jesus promised to be with us until the end of time. We believe that he is present in us and with us. Wherever human needs are responded to there is the kingdom of God and Christ is present. God blesses those who respond to human need, caring, listening, feeding, visiting, welcoming.



We are all called to live by the example of Jesus. We can all live little acts of kindness and graciousness wherever we are. We see examples of it every day in our own neighbourhood. There are people who visit the sick, the elderly and the housebound. There are many quite unseen little acts of kindness that happen every day. Keep in mind that Jesus looks upon every act of kindness done for a person in need as done to himself and is what will give us a place in the kingdom. As the gospel story reminds us that is what Christ will judge us on.

*Christ has no body now but yours
No hands, no feet but yours
Yours are the hands by which he is to
bless us now.*

St. Teresa of Avila

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 6.30pm: Buddy Dinan, Waterpark Hts. **1st Anniv**

Sun: 9am: John Davoren, Kilfenora.

Martin Browne, Gallows Hill.

Gemma Curtin & Connolly family.

Donagh & Elaine Lempriere, O'Connell St.

Frank, Merty & Joan Culligan, Clonroad.

10.30am: Kitty, Michael & Matthew Mc Enery, Gort Rd

Marie & Michael Kelly, College Green.

Mary & Cronin Griffin, Kildysart Cross.

Lena & Packie Mangan, Brookville.

White family, Hermitage.

Frank Dinan, Cahercalla Heights.

Kathleen O'Halloran.

Tommy & Alice Fitzpatrick, Larchill.

Salvador Coote, late Causeway.

12noon: Josie Garry, Sandfield. **1st Anniv**

Mon: 7.45am: Donor's Intention.

10am: Joseph & Bridget Dilger & family, Kilrush Rd.

7.30pm: Commane family, Rockmount.

Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: Kelly family, Limerick Rd.

7.30pm: Eily & Mick Keane, Mc Namara Pk.

Wed: 7.45am: Donor's Intention.

10am: Barney Garvey, Leitrim & Kildimo, Co. Limerick.

7.30pm: Frank, Josephine & Mary McInerney, Hermitage.

Thurs: 7.45am: Donor's Intention.

10am: Ann Mangan, Turnpike Rd.

7.30pm: Noel Ryan, Summerhill.

Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.

10am: Ned Monahan, Bramble Lane.

7.30pm: Jimmy Cronin, Clonroad. **1st Anniv**

Sat: 10am: Delia & Gerry Mc Mahon, Mullagh.

Decd. Memb. Clancy & Desmond Families.

Maura Mallaghan, Considine Rd.

6.30pm: Mary Corbett, Limerick Rd.

Margaret Counihan, Fergus Lawn. **1st Anniv**

Sun: 9.30am: Tim Flanagan, Rockmount House.

Anne Kelly, Kilcock, Co. Kildare.

Donor's Intention.

Kitty Hanrahan & Dan Herbert, Dalcassian Drive.

John Daly, Clare Rd.

Paddy Casey, College Pk.

Lorraine Dunleavy, Hermitage.

Stephen Kenny, Cornmarket.

Christopher, Patricia & Robert Gormley, Dalcassian Pk.

11.30am: Kay & Nora Hanbery, Roslevan & Warrington. **MM**

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 3rd December, 2017

Readers: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3

New rotas available in the Sacristy.



Matt Talbot Novena, Shannon. 7pm Tuesday in SS John & Paul Church, Shannon. Our speaker this week will be Fr. Paschal McDonnell, OFM, Franciscan Friary, Ennis. Petitions/Prayers of thanksgiving can be left at the shrine or sent to the special petition email on shannonparish.ie where the Novena can also be watched live each week. Please come along and bring a friend to the final session of a very special Novena. A warm welcome awaits!

Hospital & Sick Calls

26th November, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

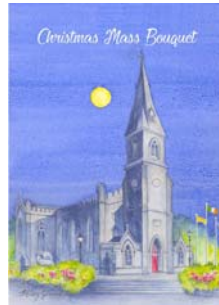
Wednesday:

Fr. Brendan Quinlivan

Duty Phone: 065 6869098

Ennis Parish

Christmas Project



Triduum Mass Cards (*Triduum of Masses offered on Christmas Day*) and Parish Christmas Cards are now available from Parish Office. *Proceeds from cards towards: Cathedral Organ Restoration Fund.*

Newly Baptised



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

Franks; Maximilian Iniesta O'Brien; Cathal James Barry

Abbey Cluster Christmas Reconciliation Service
Monday 18th December
Ennis Cathedral

Mass for deceased members of the Defence Forces in Co. Clare will take place in the Franciscan Friary; Friday next 1st December; 7.30pm

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
Sun 19th Nov, €7,537.00

Martin Shanahan will be ordained as a deacon for the Diocese of Killaloe by Bishop Fintan Monahan in the Cathedral, on this Sunday 26th November during 12noon Mass. Martin is a native of Quilty in the parish of Kilmurry Ibrickane and worked for over thirty years with the ESB. His wife, Margaret Mary died in 2011 and he has one son Eoin who is currently a post graduate student. He entered Maynooth to study for the priesthood in the Diocese of Killaloe in 2015. As Martin is ordained a deacon, he enters into the final stage in his preparations for his Priestly Ordination next summer. Please keep him and his family in your prayers this weekend.



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: Patrick (Pat) Woods, Circular Rd. **MM**

Sun 8am: Sean & Vera Moloney, Tulla Rd.

10am: Hugh, Frances & Mary Gilmore, Drumcliffe.

11.30am: Edward Ryan, Clancy Pk.

Mon 11am: Margaret Twomey, Mellor, Blackburn.

Tues 11am: Josephine O'Halloran, Limerick Rd.

Wed 11am: Josephine Kelly, Fergus Pk.

Thu 11am: Eileen Queally. **1st Anniv**

Fri 11am: John Behan, Kilkee.

7.30pm: Peter & Paulette Cosgrove, Castlewood Pk.

Sat 11am: Patrick Kearney, Kincora Pk. **1st Anniv**

12noon: Jack Dinan, Considine's Rd. **MM**

7pm: Thomas Keating, Inagh.

Sun 10am: Martin & Paul Byrnes, Gort Rd.

11.45am: Ellen Lyons, Mountain View. **MM**

Rest in Peace

Joe O'Connor, Oak Park & Rice College. **Eddie Morris**, Tuam, brother of Jackie Morris, Roslevan; **Sr. Annunciata Clune**, Presentation Convent, Limerick and formerly of Barefield; **Sheila Moore**, Killaloe, mother of Anthony, TM Parnell St.;



*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.*

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite); Sunday 3rd December; 5.30pm; St. Joseph's Church. All are welcome.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Leydon family, Carmody St & Cloughleigh Rd.

11am: John, Peg & Peter Moloney, Cloughleigh.

Mon 9.30am: Nell Egan, late Cusack Rd & Castlebar.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Paddy Tubridy, Cree.

Thurs 9.30am: Gerard Tubridy, Cree.

Fri 9.30am: Kathleen Fallon, Roscommon.

Sun 8am: Humphrey & Mamie Murphy, Cloughleigh.

11am: Mary & Thomas Darcy, Castlerock, Tulla Rd.

An Advent Giving Tree is situated in the Cathedral at the side of the Altar. Any of the following can be donated: Tea, coffee, sugar, Tayto, selection boxes, minerals, biscuits, soup, jam, baked beans, cornflakes, custard, peas, crackers, shampoo, toilet rolls, tinned food. By donating any of these food items, you will be helping organisations who work with our town's needy this Christmas. Items can be left under the tree or delivered to the Parish Office.



Christmas Concert
Friday 8th December at 8pm,
Ennis Cathedral

Featuring: Karoline O'Sullivan; Cathedral Choir; Cantare Chamber Choir; The Burren Trio; Quin & Tonic Choir; Forever Young choir, Andrea Sheehan and Grace Russell
Tickets: €10 from Parish Office; Veritas & Ennis Bookshop .
In aid of Cathedral Organ Restoration Fund.



Sale Of Work; Maria Assumpta Hall; this Saturday 25th November; 10am to 4pm; in aid of Cuan an Chláir

Deck The Halls Christmas Fundraiser Event
Sunday 3rd December 2017 4-6pm Health & Wellness Centre, Carrigoran.

History of Hermitage, Old Mill St. & Maid of Erin in association with Clare Roots Society. Calling on anyone with information, history, stories, photos or available to assist to contact Joe Shannon: 086 3662592 as soon as possible.

Advent Invite! Come join us as we wait in joyful hope: **Trinity Prayer Group** meets each Tuesday night 8pm; St. Joseph's Meeting Room, 52 Kincora Park, for prayer, praise, scripture sharing, petitions and more. All welcome.

Cloughleigh Community Centre has meeting rooms available daily and evening times. Also Main Hall available on Thursday's from 12:30pm. Reasonable rates. Contact Noel Fawl 0860610211 or Fr. Tom O'Gorman 087 2285355.

Ennis Tidy Towns would like to thank the local community and businesses for helping them achieve a record 8 awards in this years National Tidy Towns Competition. **Also you are all cordially invited to our Local Awards night taking place on Wednesday November 29th at 7:30pm in Waterpark House, Drumbiggle Rd.**



The Pro Life Campaign National Conference takes place in the Concert Hall of the RDS on Sunday, 3rd December; 1pm to 4.30pm. Registration is important. Call 01-662 9275 or email info@prolifecampaign.ie to book a seat at this free event.

Clarecastle Daycare Centre- Annual Christmas Craft Fair Sunday 26th Nov. doors open 1pm till 5pm. Come along and buy some home baking, arts and crafts, flower arrangements, spot prizes galore. Your support is greatly appreciated. The Centre will be open on Saturday 25th from 5pm – 8pm to drop off any items.

Fr. Francis Meehan



1946-2017

Fr. Frank Meehan, Parish Priest of Shinrone was in his full stride when a sudden health scare resulted in his hospitalisation in Tullamore just 3 weeks ago. The subsequent diagnosis and unexpected death have left his family, his friends, his parishioners and fellow priests in a state of shock.

His family knew him as Francis, his parishioners as Fr. Frank and his friends and fellow priests as Frank. Regardless of what name we called him all experienced Frank as someone with a generous heart, full of fun. His hearty laugh was the outward expression of someone with a gentle and joy filled spirit.

Fr. Frank was known for his hospitality and warm welcome. He delighted in sharing company over table with good banter.

Frank was one of a family of 4 boys and 3 girls born to Molly and Michael Meehan of Summerhill. He attended St. Flannan's College and St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. On completion of his studies was ordained to the priesthood on June 19th 1971 here in the Cathedral by Bishop Michael Harty. He subsequently served in the parishes of Mullagh, Bodyke, Cabinteely, Silvermines, Shinrone and gave four years to the Emigrant Apostolate in England.

For the past 30 years he has lived and worked in the parish of Shinrone as curate and parish priest (1998). Frank co ordinated a very successful community employment scheme for most of the 30 years. The contribution this effort has made to the community has been enormous.

Frank had a great love of Lourdes and from the various parishes he served in, organised parish groups to visit the shrine. He will be remembered with great love by the many diocesan Lourdes pilgrims for his prayerful liturgies and genial company.

Frank was a keen supporter of Clare hurling and attended as many games as possible. He loved the game of cards, nothing delighted him more than having the winning hand. Many of his fellow priests have wonderful memories of the fun and laughter at card games and exquisite hospitality arranged by Frank.

We offer our sympathy to his sisters Rita, Mary, Ann and his brother Tony. To his nieces and nephews and wide circle of family & friends. We thank Frank for his generous heart, his faithfulness of 46 years as a priest and his care to the people of the parish he served in; his vitality for life and gregarious sense of humour.

Suimhneas siorai tabhair do a Thiarna agus go lonraí solas suithair oir.

Sr. Eileen's Céinne
Sollúntas Chríost Rí na nUile

Táimid lúcháireach ar an bhféile seo agus sinn ag glacadh le hÍosa Chríost mar Rí ar gach uile. Tá dílseacht againn dó nach bhfuil againn do dhuine nó deoraí eile ar dhroim na cruinne. Tá sé de dhualgas orainn a bheith inár bhfianaisí ar Ríocht Dé. Cuirtear ag machnamh sinn inniu ar na nithe a bhaineann le deireadh ama toisc gur é seo an Domhnach deireanach de bhliain liotúirgeach na hEaglaise. Is é Críost an ceannródaí atá orainn agus mar sin táimid lán de mhisneach agus dóchas. Tugann an teideal Rí eolas ar leith dúinn faoi Íosa. Is É Tiarna Rí na nUile, Rí na Cruinne. Is é an fhoinsé is fearr maitheasa, solas agus dóchas i ndomhan dorcha. Le páirt a bheith againn i ríocht Dé seasaimis ar son ionracais, an ceart agus an fhírinne.

Seo paidir dheas ón Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais:

*Is é Íosa mo Rí-se, mo chara is mo ghrá;
Is é Íosa mo dhídean ar pheaca is ar bhás.
A Chroí Naofa Íosa go dtaga do ríocht.*

Aimeán

We are joyful on this feast as we celebrate the kingship of Christ. We have loyalty to Him that we do not have for any other. We have a duty to be witnesses to the Kingship of Christ. We reflect today on the end of time as this is the last Sunday of the Liturgical year. Christ is our leader and we are full of courage and hope. The title King expresses our special awareness of Jesus. He is the King of the Universe. He is the source of goodness, light and hope in a world of darkness. As part of His kingdom, let us stand for integrity, right and truth. This prayer is taken from Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais:

*Jesus my King, my friend and my beloved;
Jesus my protection from sin and death.
Sacred Heart of Jesus may your Kingdom come. Amen.*

Ennis Parish - Mass Time Change

The new time table for weekend masses begins on next weekend December 3rd, the First Sunday of Advent. Please note the change in times and venues to the existing mass schedule. We are more than aware of the upset an adjustment to a particular mass causes. Circumstance have brought about this change. We thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Saturday Evening Vigil Masses

6.30pm	Cathedral
7.00pm	St. Joseph's
7.30pm	Friary

Sunday Morning Masses

7.45am	Poor Clare's Oratory
8.00am	Cloughleigh
9.30am	Cathedral
10.00am	St. Joseph's
10.30am	Friary
11.00am	Cloughleigh
11.30am	Cathedral
11.45am	St. Joseph's
12noon	Friary

Organ Restoration Fundraiser: Christmas tea bag gifts for sale after all Masses in Cathedral.

Clare Haven Services Remembrance Ceremony: Franciscan Friary; Tue, 28th Nov 7pm. To remember the women in Ireland who have died tragically through violence. All welcome.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
To receive power and divinity,
And wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and
ever.

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 Ezekiel

Ezk 34:11-12.15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my
flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a
shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he
stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep,
so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue
them from wherever they have been scattered
during the mist and darkness. I myself will
pasture my sheep, I myself will show them
where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall
look for the lost one, bring back the stray,
bandage the wounded and make the weak
strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I
shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says
this: I will judge between sheep and sheep,
between rams and he-goats.

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.

R

Near restful waters he leads me,
To revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
He is true to his name.

R

You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sigh 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 first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. 1 Cor 15:20-26.28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-
fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death
came through one man and in the same way
the resurrection of the dead has come through
one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all
men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of
them in their proper order: Christ as the first-
fruits and then, after the coming of Christ,
those who belong to him. After that will come
the end, when he hands over the kingdom to
God the Father, having done away with every
sovereignty, authority and power. For he must
be king until he has put all his enemies under
his feet and the last of the enemies to be
destroyed is death. And when everything is
subjected to him, then the Son himself will be
subject in his turn to the One who subjected
all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessings on Him who comes in the name of
the Lord!*

*Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father
David!*

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the
Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all
the angels, then he will take his seat on his
throne of glory. All the nations will be
assembled before him and he will separate
men one from another as the shepherd
separates sheep from goats. He will place the
sheep on his right hand and the goats on his
left. Then the King will say to those on his right
hand, "Come, you whom my Father has
blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom
prepared for you since the foundation of the
world. For I was hungry and you gave me
food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I
was a stranger and you made me welcome;
naked and you clothed me, sick and you
visited me, in prison and you came to see
me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply,
"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed

you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did
we see you a stranger and make you
welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in
prison and go to see you?" And the King will
answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you
did this to one of the least of these brothers
of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to
those on his left hand, "Go away from me,
with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire
prepared for the devil and his angels. For I
was hungry and you never gave me food; I
was thirsty and you never gave me anything
to drink; I was a stranger and you never
made me welcome, naked and you never
clothed me, sick and in prison and you never
visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask,
"Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty,
a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did
not come to your help?" Then he will answer,
"I tell you solemnly, in so far as you
neglected to do this to one of the least of
these, you neglected to do it to me." And
they will go away to eternal punishment, and
the virtuous to eternal life.'

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 sits as King forever.

**The Lord will bless his people with
peace.**