



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

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

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

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 27th August, 2017

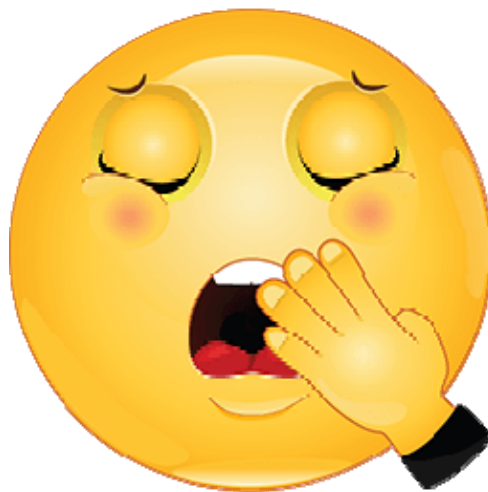
Who Says the Mass Is Boring?

Frequently people say they find the mass boring or it's the same thing repeated every time. Looking from the perspective of structure, which is the same every time, it may seem so. However repetition is not always bad.

Consider the thousands of actions you do in the first hour of every single day. Every little action is absolutely necessary to get you to work or school, fed and looking presentable. Yet you do most of these actions automatically without even thinking. Your morning routine, or ritual, becomes so engrained that it seems to work even if you brain hasn't quite woken up. This structure or routine means that you're not distracted making decisions about every microscopic detail and are free to anticipate and enjoy the things that make today different and interesting; a presentation at work, your kid's football game, meeting friends, a little 'me time' etc.

If you want to make your day more interesting, do you start changing the 'boring' repetitive stuff? No, that's the essential stuff that you do without noticing or thinking anyway. It would merely draw your attention to the mundane and distract you from the wonderful things you could plan for that day.

The repetition in the mass is not to make it boring, but to form a structure that is regular, familiar and predictable, a comfortable place for prayer to happen. You don't have to think about what is coming next but simply to



engage in the ritual or the liturgical action. It helps us to know what to say and what to do, and once you get that into your bones, it becomes part of your muscle memory that happens almost automatically leaving your mind and heart free to concentrate on the important stuff that makes each mass unique, such as the differences in the prayers, the readings, the homily, the community that's gathered, what's going on in your life and in the world. Reflecting on these,

far from being boring and repetitive, the mass becomes a prayer that is fuller, richer and relates to your life.

If the mass was different every day, words were being changed, when to sit or stand or kneel is changed, or parts are swapped around, then I have to ask myself, 'what comes next?', 'what else is going to change?', 'how do I respond?'. This irregularity in ritual means distraction. Distraction calls attention to itself and thus away from God.

As you arrive at mass say 'what do I bring to this mass today?'. How will God's word speak to me today? When the priest says 'let us pray', in that split second of silence say to yourself 'today I want to pray for'. In that way your participation in the mass will be deepened and enriched and instead of being a boring experience, it will turn into genuine prayer.

See www.ElementsOfTheCatholicMass.com for excellent insights on the mass.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

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

Sun: 9am: Louis Forte, Gallows Hill.

Bridget Hurley, Milltown Malbay & Shannon.

Patrick & Mary Frances Ayers, Kildysart.

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.

Patsy Guerin, Mc Namara Pk.

Sean Hayes, Clonroad.

Pat Sherlock, Clancy Pk.

12noon: Geraldine Slattery, West Wood, &

St Flannan's College. **1st Anniv**

Mon: 7.45am: James Hanley, Turnpike Rd.

10am: James, Eileen & Mary Bredin, Limerick Rd.

7.30pm: Tom Dillon, Ard na Greine.

Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: Michael Cullinan, Gallows Hill.

7.30pm: Mary Reidy, Claireen, Lahinch Rd.

Wed: 7.45am: Special Intention.

10am: Thady Joyce, Dun na hInse.

7.30pm: Special Intention.

Thurs: 7.45am: Special Intention.

10am: Margaret Flynn, Connolly Villas.

7.30pm: Cathal Clune, Linnane's Tce.

Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.

10am: Pat Monahan, Doora.

7.30pm: Anne Flynn, Turnpike Rd.

Sat: 10am: Joe & Mary Kelly, Showgrounds.

6.30pm: Patrick Shannon, Dalcassian Pk. **1st Anniv**

Sun: 9am: June & Jimmy Carey, Golf Links Rd.

10.30am: Flan Honan, College View, Clare Rd.

Margaret Smith, Cahercalla Heights.

Bernard & Margaret Corey, Lahinch Rd.

Mary Clohessy, Connolly.

Tim, Susan & Tadhg, Queally, Drumcliffe.

Jimmy & Teresa Considine, Considine Tce.

Maura O'Halloran.

12noon: Ronan Kildea, Castlerock, Tulla Rd. **1st Anniv**

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 3rd September, 2017

Readers: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Joe Moroney, Shanaway Rd.

11am: Christy Moloney, Clancy Pk.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Sr. Anthony Murrhly, Mullagh.

Sun 11am: Josephine McMahon, Shanaway Rd.

Cloughleigh News

Cloughleigh School: Construction has commenced of the new School for Cloughleigh. Due to construction there is no parking allowed on the school grounds. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Residents' Meeting: Open Meeting for **ALL RESIDENTS** in Cloughleigh area will be held in the Community Centre, Davitt Tce., on Monday 28 August at 7:30pm. Please try and attend.

Hospital & Sick Calls

27th August 2017

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman

Wednesday:

Duty Phone: 065 6869098



Friary News

The next meeting of the Secular Franciscan Order will be held at the Friary at 10am and at St. Anthony's Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th September.

The monthly hour of Prayer for Peace promoted and led by the SFO will take place at the Poor Clare Chapel on Saturday 2nd September from 4.30-5.30pm.

Rest in Peace

Laurence (Larry) Brennan,

Abbeylawn, Clarecastle;

Bernard Skerritt, Clancy Pk;

Vincent Griffin, Ard Aobhinn,

Limerick 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.*

Cathedral Folk Group are looking for musicians and singers. If you play the piano or any instrument, we are starting back on Wednesday 6th Sept in the Chapter room (behind the sacristy) at 8pm. All enquiries to Sean: 087 6388795.



Live the Word:

Live for today, forget the problems of yesterday and let the future take care of itself.

Newly Baptised



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

Jaroslav Makula Haurila;



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:

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

10am: Rita Duggan, Claireen.

11.30am: Tommy Mc Gann, Drumcliffe Rd. **1st Anniv**

Mon 11am: Mary & Derek Taylor & Sr. Finbarr, The Green.

Tues 11am: Eugene Leonard, Ennis & Dublin.

Wed 11am: Eileen & Frank O'Dea, Cappa, Kilrush.

Thu 11am: Paudie Cosgrove, Gort Rd.

Fri 7.30pm: Michael Meere, Corrovorrin Green.

Sat 11am: Helen Mc Cabe, Newpark, Roslevan.

7pm: Maurice Greehy, St. Senan's Rd.

Sun 10am: Owen McGowan, Fergus Lawn, Tulla Rd.

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

Meeting of St. Joseph's young priests society after 7.30pm Mass in St. Joseph's Church on Friday 1st September

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.



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.



R.C.I.A. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA) is the process by which the Catholic Church welcomes new adult members into the Christian Community through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist

For anyone who is interested we invite you to take part in a simple, joyful parish programme that includes prayer, teaching, discussion and sharing on our faith.

We look forward to meeting you. Please contact us at Ennis Parish office on..... 065 6824043

• 'I was never baptised as a child and my child is in First Communion class?'

• 'I am already Christian and want to become Catholic!'



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.joewalshstours.ie: 01 2410810 or Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director Shannon: 061 364133.



**OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR
WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018**

God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in
Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and
peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,
Especially those for whom we now pray:

*[We pause and remember family members and
others by name].*

Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful
for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord,
Amen

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, father and protector,
pray for us.
Saint Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE: A Praying
with Scripture weekend will take place from
Oct 13th - 15th in Knock. The venue is Knock
House Hotel and the speakers are Fr. Seamus
O Connell and Dr. Jessie Rogers (lecturers in
Scripture at St. Patrick's College Maynooth).
Early booking is advised. Contact Knock
House Hotel (094 9388088) to book a place.
For any queries please contact Josephine
Kearney, 0868810889.


**COLAISTE MUIRE ENNIS - 50th
ANNIVERSARY REUNION:** Attention Colaiste
Leaving Cert Class 1967. We are having a get
together **on Saturday 7th October** at the Old
Ground Hotel, Ennis. If you are interested in
attending, contact Mary Horan (Campbell) at
maryhoran@yahoo.co.uk. Please let your
fellow classmates know. Teachers also very
welcome.

**The Rock Run & Walk 5k Thursday
September 21st; 6.30pm** starting from the
rock in Scoil Chríost Rí Cloughleigh
schoolyard. Register from 5pm at the school.
Adults €10 or Families €20. If you are looking
to beat your personal best or just enjoy a stroll
come and join us in the Rock Run/Walk in aid
of Scoil Chríost Rí Cloughleigh. All proceeds
are for our new school development.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 20th August, €8,189

John Burns at Rice College Ennis will
reopen Supervised Study on Monday 4th
September 2017 at 5pm. John will provide
study to students from all secondary schools
every evening and weekends from then until
late June 2018. Weekend Study commences
Saturday 9th September at 9am. Application
forms available from Rice College lobby and
from Paddy Perill's furniture shop on
Newbridge Road, Lifford. Early application is
advisable as places fill up quickly. All queries
to John on 0872766338 only and not to the
school office.

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.

**300 units of blood are required every
week.** 1000 people receive blood or a 
blood product every week. 1:4 of our
population require blood at some point in their
lives. **The Irish blood Transfusion Service is
holding a blood donor clinic in the West
County Hotel: Wed 23rd Aug from 2pm—5pm
& Mon 28th to Thurs 31st 5pm - 8pm.**

THE PIANO ROOM, Ballybeg, are pleased to
announce that they have 3 available piano
slots for this coming year. Registration and
Enrolment is open to children/Adults and will
take place this coming week. We would be
delighted to take a call from you. Please
contact: Patricia Russell 086 3680821

**For Adults interested in studying for a part-
time Leaving Certificate, The Back To
Education Initiative** are organising
information evenings, commencing at 7:30pm,
at the Adult Education Centres in Clonroad
Ennis on Wednesday 30th of August, and on
Thursday 31st of August at its centre in Bru Na
Sionna. For further information contact the
BTEI office on 065-6897652.

Yoga with Anto begins: Thurs 31st Aug @
Ennis Yoga Studios; 7pm pregnancy & 8.30pm
continuation. Mon Sept 4th @ Clonroad Bus;
Park 7pm Beginners & 8.30pm Men's class.
Full schedule Morning & Evening classes
available. Contact Anto 086 3100827

**Charity Concert in Aid of Limerick Suicide
Watch,** Classical and Traditional Music
performed by Award Winning Local Musicians,
2nd of September at 8pm, Kilnasoolagh
Church, Newmarket-on-Fergus. Tickets
Available at the Door, in Cafe Fergus, or via
Fina Wurm on 086 169 0965. General
admission: €10; Concession: €5.

**Burren Outdoor Retreat, Friday 22nd to
Sunday September 24th.** 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 Nóirin
087 9459 151.

Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Beannachtaí

Tá go leor beannachtaí le fáil sa Ghaeilge. Sa
traidisiúin bhí paidir ann do gach ócáid agus do
gach gné den saol. Seo paidir le rá agus tú ag
dul amach ag taisteal.

**Go mba ar choimrí Dé agus na Maighdine
Muire thú. Naomh Iósaef, Mac Duach agus
Mac Dara agus Naomh Peadar do do
thabhairt abhaile slán. Áiméan**

There were prayers for every occasion and for
all aspects of life. This is a prayer for a safe
journey.

**May God and the Virgin Mary protect you.
Saint Joseph, Macduach, Macdara and Saint
Peter bring you home safely. Amen**

**Beannú na gCéadfaihte, Naomh Fursa atá
againn ón seachtú haois déag.**

Go raibh cuing reachta Dé ar an ngrualainn seo,

*Go raibh fiosrú an Spioraid Naoimh ar an
gceann seo,*

Go raibh comhartha Chríost san éadan seo,

*Go raibh éisteacht an Spioraid Naoimh sna
cluasa seo,*

*Go raibh boltanú an Spioraid Naoimh sa tsrón
seo,*

Go raibh amharc mhuintir neimhe sa bhéal seo,

Go raibh obair eaglais Dé sna lámha seo,

*Go raibh leas Dé agus na gcomharsan sna cosa
seo,*

Agus gura le Dia, Athair uile, an duine seo.

Áiméan

**Blessing for Understanding and Perception
of Saint Fursey**

The arms of God around my shoulders,

The touch of the Holy Spirit upon my head,

The sign of Christ's cross upon my forehead,

The sound of the Holy Spirit in my ears,

The fragrance of the Holy Spirit in my nostrils,

The vision of heaven's company in my eyes,

*The conversation of heaven's company on my
lips,*

The work of God's Church in my hands,

The service of God and neighbour in my feet,

A home for God in my heart,

And to God, the Father of all, my entire being,

Amen

**Tá an bheannacht againn ó aimsir na réamh-
Christaíochta. (A pre-Christian blessing)**

Síocháin dhiamhair na toinne reatha chugat

Síocháin dhiamhair na leoithne boige chugat

Síocháin dhiamhair na cré socra chugat

Síocháin dhiamhair na réiltíní gliosca chugat

Síocháin dhiamhair mac na síthe chugat.

Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the infinite peace to you.

**Charismatic Renewal Service in Killaloe
Diocese.** "You will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:6-8).
Sunday 27th August 2-5pm. Clare Care
Centre Hill Road Killaloe (white building
opposite nursing home). Theme Speaker Fr
James Grace PP Killaloe. Prayer Reflection
Quiet time. All are welcome.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my
God.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to
you all the day long.

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 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the
master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;

he will become a throne of glory
for his fathers house.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
Discard not the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

R.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
Which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
You increased the strength of my soul.

R.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
And the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
Discard not the work of your hands.

R.

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

Rm11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God - how deep
his wisdom and knowledge - and how
impossible to penetrate his motives or
understand his methods! Who could ever
know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever
be his counsellor? Who could ever give him
anything or lend him anything? All that
exists comes from him; all is by him and for
him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter and on this rock I will
build my church.

And the gates of the underworld can
never hold out against it.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of
Caesarea Philippi he put this question to
his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son
of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is
John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others
Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,'
he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon
Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he
said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus

replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a
happy man! Because it was not flesh and
blood that revealed this to you but my
Father in heaven. So I now say to you:
You are Peter and on this rock I will build
my Church. And the gates of the
underworld can never hold out against it. I
will give you the keys of the kingdom of
heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall
be considered bound in heaven; whatever
you lose on earth shall be considered lost
in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples
strict orders not to tell anyone that he was
the Christ.

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 earth is replete with the fruits of
your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.