



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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The Ascension of the Lord

(Year A) 28th May, 2017

MAKING LIFE MEANINGFUL

Making Mass Meaningful

Frank Duff, who founded the Legion of Mary in Dublin in 1921, gave us these words: 'Our Christianity is our chief boast in Ireland: but it is being understood and practised only in a partial sense, that is as an individualistic religion. It is not being practised as a social religion, that is, as concerned with duty in every shape and form and exhibited towards one's fellow men, individually and corporately.' In other words, the prayer of the Christian is not a cosy exercise but must reach out to duty in every shape and form.

At the end of Mass we are told: 'The Mass is ended: go in peace to love and serve the Lord' and this indicates that the Mass is really beginning now for us, the Mass of daily life, the Mass of work, the Mass of effort, the Mass of service. Let us make a special effort to bring the strength of the Mass to our daily living.

Making Ascension Meaningful

Where Christ Jesus has gone we hope to follow. Like the apostles we too are called to help to build up the kingdom of God on earth. Our lives may be the only book of the Gospel open to people to read. Christ is telling us that he has gone to prepare a place for us. He sits at the right hand of God waiting for us. He will look at us with a human face because of the Ascension.

Making Love Meaningful

Love is loyalty through the good and the bad times. Love settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weakness. Love is content with the present, hopes for the future and does not brood over the past. If you have love in your life, it can make up for a great many things you lack. Love never comes to an end.



"We are not some casual meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary. There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know Him and to speak to others of our friendship with Him." *Pope Emeritus Benedict*

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Paddy O'Connell, Cloonbeg. **1st Anniv**

Sun:9am: Mary & Gerard Davoren, Kilfenora.

10.30am: Eamonn Moloney, McNamara Park.

Owen & Eileen Griffen, Buttermarket.

Bridget & Michael Keane, Kilrush Rd.

Bea Malone, Killeen, Corrofin.

Paul Geary, Waterford.

Claire, Flan, Paddy & Fr. Michael O'Donohue Parnell St.

Bessey MBE Okoi, Crossriver State, Nigeria. **MM**

12noon:John McCabe, Newpark, Roslevan. **MM**

Mon: 7.45am: Special Intention.

10am: Bridie Kelly, Carmody St.

7.30pm: William & Eileen Kerin, Hermitage.

Tues:7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: Laurence Cawley, Shanaway Rd.

7.30pm: Gerard Marrinan, Hermitage.

Wed:7.45am: Marty Killeen, Miltown Malbay & Circular Rd.

10am: John & Eileen Howard, Andrew Forbes.

7.30pm: Maureen & Billy Pigott, Connolly Villas & deceased Pigott & Burns families.

Thurs:7.45am: Special Intention.

10am: Seán Cleary, Miltown. **1st Anniv**

7.30pm: Martin & Kathleen Brody, late Limerick Rd.

Fri:7.45am Mass for the People.

10am: Mary Ellen, Joe, Tommie & Paul Hickey, Tullassa.

7.30pm: Michael Downey, Ennis & London.

Johnny & Mary Hehir, Connolly Villas.

Sat:10am: Patrick & Alice Dinan, Hermitage.

Tamara Shannon.

6.30pm: Bernie Killeen, Clonroadbeg. **1st Anniv**

Sun:9am: David Chapman, Ennistymon & Clancy Pk. **MM**

10.30am: Michael McGrath, Corrovorrin.

Catherine Murphy, Tobertaaiscain.

Jackie Hanrahan, St. Michael's Villas.

Sylvester Carrigg, Cahercalla Heights.

John Murphy, Gort Rd.

Noel Davies, Ballyalla.

Marcella Corey, Kilrush Rd.

Maureen Sheedy, Shanaway Rd.

John Mahoney, Waterpark View.

12noon: John Fitzpatrick, Linnane Tce. **MM**

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 4th June, 2017

Readers: Group 6

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun9.30am: Jack & Molly Burke & family, Dunsallagh.

11am: Bunny & Paddy Tuohy, Old Mill St.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 9.30am: Marie Broderick, Cloughleigh.

Brian Pope, Elephant & Castle, London.

11am: John Garrihy, Dun na hInse.

Safeguarding Awareness: We recognise all the good work with children and young people going on in our parish and thank all the volunteers that give their time and commitment in this work. We all have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse.

Hospital & Sick Calls

28th May, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Dariusz Plasek

Wednesday:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman

Please call: 065 6869098



Friary News

First Saturday 6th May. 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".

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.



Live the Word:

Some days are just bad days. But you have to know sadness in order to know happiness. What happens today will only affect tomorrow if we let it so. We can choose at the end of each day to let go of what has been, to look to tomorrow with positivity and to start again.

Rest in Peace

Kathleen Stairek, Aughanteeroe & London; **Brendan Mounsey**, Marian Ave; **John Enda Concannon**, Barna, Galway, brother of Mairtín, Abbey Court; **Anne Hoare**, Willow Park;



Taizé Prayer: Prayer using the songs of Taizé; quiet reflective time and short reading from the Scriptures. Thursday June 1st Church of Our Lady, Roslevan; 7.45pm – 8.30pm. All welcome, bring a friend.

A meeting of **St. Joseph's young priests' society** after 7.30pm Mass in St. Joseph's on Friday June 2nd.

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: Maureen Skelly, New Rd.

Sun 10am: Margaret & Paddy Quinn, Limerick Rd.

11.30am: Seamus O'Sullivan, Rosanore.

Mon 11am: Sr. Christopher Tobin, Crusheen.

Tues 11am: Margaret & Tom Crowe, & Deceased O'Rourke & Crowe families, Lahinch.

7pm: Val Hogan, Morrissey Ave. **MM**

Wed 11am Gerard Duggan, Pine Grove **1st Anniv**

Thu11am:Deceased Roughan, Eirnachbeg, Fountain. Mick McDonald, Tobertaaiscain.

Fri 11am: Joseph Coughlan, Kincora Pk.

7.30pm: Niall White, Lifford Rd.

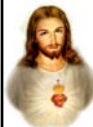
Sat 11am: Mona McKee, Brookville.

7pm: Brid Shanahan, Lifford Rd. **1st Anniv**

Jimmy & Therese Madigan, Marian Ave.

Sun 8am: Karen Cuddihy, Ivy Hill.

10am: Flannan Talty, Oak Park.



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.

Newly Baptised



We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Conor Patrick Guilfoyle; Holly Grace O'Hara; Magdalena Maria Kalinowska;**

June Clergy Collection

Will be taken up at all Masses in the parish next weekend. The parish can make a tax claim on any contributions of €250 or more in a full year. This is a great help to our parish finances.

Young Pioneers



On Saturday evening June 3rd at the 6:30pm Mass in the Cathedral together with their parents and the Christian community, the students who made confirmation this year are invited to make a promise:- to abstain from alcoholic drink until they are eighteen years and to abstain from drugs for life. You their parents will stand with them and be asked to support and encourage them to keep this promise.

We would appreciate all who wish to participate to come to the front section of the church at 6:15pm.

We invite the many youth who over the years became young pioneers to this mass too.

Once again thanking you and wishing you from all of us in the parish every blessing and happiness for the years ahead with your child's education and career.

May Devotions in honour of Our Lady

We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly during May.

- Corrovorrin Crescent; Rosary daily, 7pm.
- Gallows Hill; Rosary daily, 7pm.
- Dalcassian Pk Grotto; Rosary daily, 7pm.
- St. Michael's Villas Grotto; Rosary daily, 7pm
- Hermitage Grotto; Rosary daily, 6.30pm,
- Marian Avenue Grotto; Rosary daily, 7pm
- Ballybeg Rosary daily 8pm. Grotto beside the Water tower in Ballybeg.
- Corrovorrin Ave Mass at 7pm Mon 29th May

Devotions

May 29th at 7:30pm; Loughville, Lahinch Rd.

May 30th at 7pm; Buttermarket.

May 31st at 7pm; Dalcassian Pk.

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flowers of the rarest
bring blossoms the fairest,
from gardens and woodlands
and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling

the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!



Chorus:

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite) takes place on Sunday 4th June; 5.30pm; St. Joseph's Church. All are welcome.



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 3rd June; 2.30pm. All welcome.

This weekend we give thanks to God for the wonderful service given to our faith community by young people participating in the St. John Paul II Awards during this past year. There will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving at the 10.30 mass this Sunday during which we will bless the young people and encourage them in their continued service.

Merciful God Creator and guide
of us your family

bleed these young people
as they have faithfully fulfilled
their ministry in the parish.

Thank you for the work you have
accomplished

in the hearts and minds
of the young people who have
ministered to us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Parish Walk June 18th



Marking the year of Mercy

Last June due to a very wet Sunday afternoon we cancelled the parish walk. The theme for that walk was 'Marking the year of Mercy' by Remembering people and tragedies dating back past 100 years. This walk will now take place on Sunday 18th of June 2:30pm commencing at the (Old Jail Road- outside Madden's Furniture shop). We look forward to all participating and to a fine day.

Exam Mass

Time of year to bring our Students in second level into focus. Junior Cert, Leaving Cert and LCA students are invited to **Church of Our Lady, Roslevan; Saturday 3rd June; 6pm.** At Masses throughout the Abbey Cluster each parish extends a welcome to all in our communities to our Liturgies of that weekend and bring to bear our hopes and dreams and wellbeing of our students.



Annual Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on **Sunday 2nd July**, sharing with Ferns as we have in previous years. **Led by Bishop Fintan Monahan.** Ceremonies begin at 2:30pm. For bus transport please contact: Glynn's Coaches: 065 6828234

Mid west region of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association, Annual fundraising 5k walk. Monday 7th June; 7pm. Start & finish at Matt Talbot Centre, Chapel Lane.

John Burns will provide supervised study for Junior and Leaving Cert students throughout the upcoming State Exams. Beginning Saturday 3rd June; 9am and running every day up to Thursday 22nd June. Students from all schools welcome. Study sessions are timed around the exam schedule with good breaks. Wishing all students best wishes. Enquiries to John on 0872766338 and not to school office.

Croagh Patrick Climb in aid of Breast Cancer will take place on Sunday 2nd July. There will be buses from Ennis, Clarecastle & Shannon. Contact 087-6199007 for full details.

Come Holy Spirit, Renew the face of the earth A Vigil prayer & reflection to mark the great feast of Pentecost. **Saturday 3rd June at 8pm**, St Joseph's meeting room, 52 Kincora Pk.

The book "Seal i Láthair Dé" leis an tSiúr Eibhlín Ní Chellanáin is available in Clár as Gaelige Office, Barrack St. (opposite Clare Champion Office).

Ennis National School Parents' Association is hosting an internet safety talk by forensic psychologist Dr Maureen Griffin. The talk "Social Media: Challenges for Parents" is on Tuesday the 30th May at 7.30 in the school hall. Tickets €5. All are welcome.

Bella Hehir would like to express her heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported her recent Coffee morning in aid of the Killaloe Lourdes Fund and Clare 250 Mile Cycle. €1,005 was donated to these causes thanks to your generosity. Sincere thanks to all who supported this very worthy cause.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 21st May: €6,973

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Lá Cumarsáide Domhanda.

Inniu Lá Cumarsáide Domhanda. Ar an 24 Eanáir 2017, lá fhéile Naomh Antóin de Sales atá ina éarlamh ar iriseoirí, d'fhógair an Pápa Proinsias téama Lá Domhanda Cumarsáide na bliana 2017. Is é seo é. Ná bíodh eagla ort, mar tá mé leat (Is 43:5) ag cur dóchas agus muinín in iúl.

Is é seo ré na teicneolaíochta. Is iontach an áis í. Is féidir nuacht a scaipeadh ar fud na cruinne gan aon dua. Gach bliain ar an Domhnach roimh an Chincís, ceiliúránn an Eaglais a bhfuil bainte amach ag na meáin chumarsáide i rith na bliana reatha. Diríonn sí ar conas is féidir luachana an tsoiscéil a chur chun cinn sna meáin. Bhunaigh an Pápa Pól V1 é sa bhliain 1976 mar chomóradh bliantúil. Iarrtar orainn machnamh a dhéanamh ar dheiseanna agus dúshláin na modhanna cumarsáide. Tá sé de dhuilgias ar na meáin chumarsáide an fhírinn a chur de shíor os comhair an phobail agus is minic nach mbíonn an scéal amhlaidh.

Seo paidir le rá ar Lá Cumarsáide Domhanda: A Dhia na firinne, a thugann solas agus inspreamhadh dúinn, treoraigh lucht na meán cumarsáide. Go ndéana siad gach iarracht tacú le dínit an duine trí fhocail agus íomhánna. Tabhair géarchúis dóibh. Go dtaga an Spiorad Naomh chugainn go léir agus go ndéana sé finnétithe dinn os comhair an tsaol ar Shoiscéal ar dTiarna Íosa Criost. Áiméan.

Today is World Communications Day. On the 24 January 2107, the feast of St Anthony de Sales patron of journalists, Pope Francis proclaimed the theme for World Communications Day 2017. This year it is Fear not, for I am with you (Is 43:5) communicating hope and trust in our time. We live in the technological age. It is a wonderful facility as news can easily reach every corner of the globe. Each year it is celebrated on the Sunday before Pentecost Sunday. It emphasises how the media can promote Gospel values. The day was established by Pope Paul V1 in 1967. We are invited to reflect on the opportunities and challenges of the media. The media has an obligation to promote the truth at all times. This is not always the case. This is a prayer for today: God of truth who enlightens us, guide the media. May they endeavour to support the dignity of the person through words and images. Give them discernment. May the Holy Spirit come to us and give us the courage to be witnesses to the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



Clarecare Church gate collection will take place on the weekend of 10th/11th June before all Masses.

Feast of Pentecost

The scriptural account of Pentecost contained in the Acts of the Apostles is a passage rich in meaning, theology and one which should inspire us in the journey of faith. Fr. Ger Fitzgerald invites you to a short presentation on the story of Pentecost as found in Scripture on **Friday night, June 2nd at 8pm in the Parish Centre.**

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven

Will return as you saw him go, 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 Ac 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. "It is", he had said, "what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit."

Now having met together, they asked him, "Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy

Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth."

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there."

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

God goes up with shouts of joy;

The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

All peoples, clap your hands,

cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

R

God goes up with shouts of joy;

the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise,

sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R

God is king of all the earth.

Sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations;

God reigns on his holy throne.

R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians Ep1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of God who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations;

I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

Alleluia

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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

Behold, I am with you always,

Even to the end of the age, alleluia.