



# Ennis Parish News

Confessions in Cathedral Saturday After 10am Mass & before and after 6.30pm Mass  
St Joseph's Saturday After 11am Mass  
Parish Office open Mon to Fri 9.30-1pm & 2-5pm Sat 10.30-12noon

## Mass Times

### Sundays:

Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm; Sunday: 9am, 10.30am & 12 noon  
St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7pm; Sunday: 8, 10, 11.30am  
Cloughleigh Church:- 9.30am, 11am  
Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30pm; Sunday: 9.30, 10.30, 12.00 noon  
Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45 a.m.

### Weekdays:

Cathedral: Mon. – Fri: 7.45am; 10am & 7.30pm; 10am on Saturday  
St. Joseph's:- Monday – Saturday: 11am  
Cloughleigh Church:- Monday – Friday: 9.30am  
Friary:- Daily: 10am & 1.05pm; 10am on Saturday  
Poor Clare Monastery:- Daily at 7.45 am; Daily Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament from 4-6pm in the Chapel.

### Phone Numbers:

Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: info@ennisparish.com  
St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6840715; Friary: 6828751

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

29th January 2017

## Beatitudes – Attitudes of Being

Somewhere, Mark Twain commented that the sections of the New Testament giving him the most trouble were not those he couldn't understand but rather the sections he could.

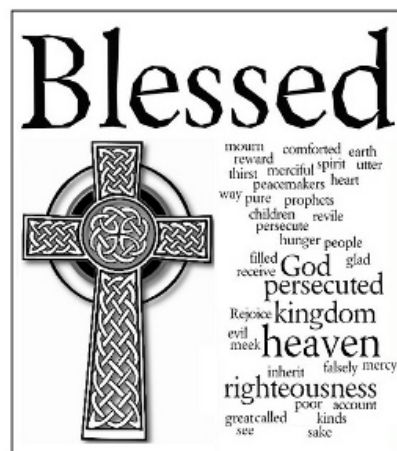
The Beatitudes are like that. They are a simple, and yet controversial, guide to life that throws down the gauntlet to popular human values.

Pope Francis described them as a “programme”, the “identity card of a Christian”. If you ask yourself how to become a good Christian; this is where you can find Jesus's answer, an answer that points to an attitude that is currently very much against the tide:

The world tells us that happiness, joy and entertainment are the best things in life. And it looks the other way when there are problems of pain in the family of faith. The world does not want to suffer, it prefers to ignore painful situations, to cover them up. Only the person who sees things as they are, and whose heart mourns, will be happy and will be comforted.

Few words, simple words, but practical for all that. Christianity is a practical religion: it is not just to be imagined, it is to be practiced.

As we enter Catholic Schools Week we are reminded that education is not just about the transmission of information – true education runs much deeper and draws out the innate goodness that is at the heart of all of us who are created in the image and likeness of God.



**We pray this week in thanksgiving for all the partners who strive to create effective Catholic Schools in our community and cultivate the attitudes of being that make our world a better place to be and live!**

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**6.30pm:** Edward Manning, Ennis. **1st Anniv**  
**Sun 29th: 9am:** Alfie McDonagh, Station View.  
**10.30am:** Nuala & Con Ryan, St. Michael's Villas.  
 Eileen Power, Cahercalla Rd.  
 Pat, Roger, Mollie, Andrew Carey.  
 George & Margaret McMahon, St Michael's.  
 Lily Cusack, Parnell St, Mary Cleere, Tubber.  
 Fr. John Meehan, Summerhill.  
**12noon:** Pat O'Brien, Inch & McNamara Pk. **MM**  
**Mon: 7.45am:** Donal Maher, Co. Laois.  
**10am:** Patk Toomey, Mc Namara Pk.  
**7.30pm:** Michael & Helen Coffey, Hermitage.  
**Tues: 7.45am** Book of Intentions.  
**10am:** Austin O'Callaghan, Clancy Park.  
**7.30pm:** James, Agnes, Seamus Blake & Fitzpatricks.  
 Michael & Bridget Singleton, Hermitage.  
**Wed: 7.45am:** Special Intention.  
**10am:** Francie O'Halloran, Collins Park.  
**7.30pm:** Vera Dunleavy, Hermitage.  
**Thurs: 7.45am:** Donor Intentions.  
**10am:** Paddy & Mary Hogan, Tobartaoscain.  
**7.30pm:** Eva, Tom & Noel Ryan, Summerhill.  
**Fri: 7.45am** Mass for the People.  
**10am:** Denis Moloney, McNamara Pk.  
**7.30pm:** Frances Arthur, Station Ct. & Parnell St. **MM**  
**Sat: 10am:** Jonathan O'Sullivan, London.  
**2pm:** Joseph McDonagh, Larchill. **1st Anniv**  
**6.30pm:** Lylie O'Connell, St. Michael's & Quin. **1st Anniv**  
**Sun 5th: 9am:** Helen Griffin, Woodlawn, Loughville.  
 Eleanor Murphy, Inch.  
**10.30am:** James Kelly, Clonroadmore.  
 Paul Brassil, St. Michael's Villas.  
 Mary Doherty, Ashbourne, Co Meath.  
 May & Miko Glynn, Knockaderra, Tulla Rd.  
 Virginia Donnellan, St Joseph's, Hermitage.  
 William (Bill) Lacey, College Grove.  
 Alexsey Cecotke, Carrig an Oir.  
**12noon:** Mass for the People.

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 5th February, 2017

Readers: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 9.30am:** Elizabeth & dec'd Hanrahans, Circular Rd.  
**11am:** Mai Molloy, Dublin & Ennis.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Sun 5th 9.30am:** Kitty McDermott, Cloughleigh Rd.

## St. Brigid's Crosses

For sale after all Masses this weekend: Cathedral; St. Joseph's, Friary and Cloughleigh. In aid of ME Association & Cathedral Organ restoration fund.

**Taizé Prayer:** Invitation to join with us for prayer using the chants of Taizé, quiet, reflective time out of busy lives. Church of Our Lady, Roslevan; Thurs Feb 2nd; 7.45pm - 8.30pm. Everyone welcome.



## Hospital & Sick Calls

29th January, 2017

### Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman

### Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

Duty Phone No: 065 6869098



## Friary News

**February 4th is the First Saturday.** The Rosary is ongoing in the Friary Church after 10am Mass. Please come and Pray with us. Everyone welcome. "Prayer is a Weapon".

The next meeting of the secular Franciscan Order will be held on Wednesday 1st February; Friary; 10am and St. Anthony's hall; 7.30pm.

## Candlemas Day

Thursday

February 2nd



*Candles are blessed on this day to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world.*

Candles (for church and home use) will be blessed at all the Masses. There has been a great tradition of people donating candles for church use. Suitable candles Boramix Beeswax size 7" x 1½ & Boramix ordinary candles size 9". Candles can be left at the Parish Office or Sacristy to be blessed on Sunday. Traditionally, this was the last day of the Christmas Season.

## 1st Saturday devotions

in honour of Our Lady of Fatima, in Cathedral next Sat.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with Confessions, Rosary & Benediction, after 10am Mass.



## 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:** Mary & Kevin O' Donohue, late Kincora Pk.  
**Sun 29th 8am:** Joe Moran, Corrovorrin Grove.  
**10am:** Paddy Joe Moloney, Glenina, Gort Rd.  
**11.30am:** Peter Burke, Lifford Rd.  
**Mon 11am:** Donor's Intention.  
**Wed 11am:** Maura Hegarty, Elm Park. **MM**  
**Thu 11am:** Catherine Behan, Kilkee.  
**Fri 7.30pm:** Bernadette & Alo Wrafter.  
**Sat 11am:** Teresa Howard, Kilrush Rd.  
**7pm:** Patrick Barrett, Lifford. **1st Anniv**  
**Sun 5th 8am:** Burns & Lipton families, L.A., U.S.A.  
**10am:** James & Ellen Mc Gann, Parnell St.  
**11.30am:** Bill Hanrahan, Ashfield Park.

### Divine Mercy Chaplet

We will continue to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet as a prayer group on this Tuesday evening at 8pm in the 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.



A meeting of "St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society" will be held after 7.30pm Mass; St. Joseph's; Friday 3rd February.

Parish Visitation team meeting Wed 1st Feb 10.45am in the Parish Centre.

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite) Sunday 5th February; 5.30pm; St. Joseph's Church. All are welcome.



## Rest in Peace



**Mary Ruddle**, Co. Down, mother of John, Silvergrove; **Frances Ball**, Connolly Villas & Steele's Tce; **Dympna O'Connell**, Oakleigh Wood; **Sarah (Sally) Farrell**, Bagenalstown, mother of Michael, Elm Pk; **Mary King**, Dysart mother of PJ, Cloughleigh & Aileen McMahon, St. Senan's Rd; **James Young**, Dublin, father of M. H. Young, O'Connell St; **Pauline Scanlan West**; daughter of Mary & T.J. Scanlan; **Thomas Hayes**, Askeaton, husband of Maeve Moylan, Bindon St; **Nanette O'Donnell**, mother of Dr. John, Gort Rd; **John Connors**, Portumna, brother in law of Sean & Ger Loughnane.

## Newly Baptised



We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:  
**Ellie Stacy Fawl**; **Rachel Mary Farrell**; **Oisín David MacNamara**;

## Live the Word:



Fear can prevent us from being persons of courage and trust. If we allow the trust in us to take over, it will carry us forward without fear.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday, 22nd January €7,413.00

## St. Blaise Feast day 3rd February.



Patron for sore throats & sick cattle. He was a physician before becoming a Bishop. The blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection & love for us & for the sick. Using two crossed & unlighted candles, blessed on the memorial of St. Blaise or on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the minister touches the throat of each person, saying: *Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop & martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat & from every other evil, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## Day of Renewal/Praise and Worship Ennis Cathedral Saturday, 4th February

Bishop Fintan of Killaloe Diocese will Celebrate the Mass and Open the Day of Renewal; 10am-5.30pm. Day includes beautiful Praise worship music, song with Helena Killoughery, Ballyea, Talks by Sebastian Sales and Nobel George, Sehon, UK. Counselling and Confessions will be available. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and biscuits will be provided.



## Sale of work in aid of Cuan an Chlair in Maria Assumpta Hall on Sat & Sun 28th, 29th January.

**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 4th Feb; 2.30pm. All welcome.

**Bus to Clonfert**, to Eddie Stone on 4th February, leaving St Joseph's carpark 9am. Contact Stephen Leahy 086 1943960.

**The Poor Clares in Galway** are hosting a Monastic Experience Day on Saturday, 4th February: 10am to 5pm. The days are designed to help young women between the ages of 21 and 40 to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life with a view to vocation discernment. To book contact: Sr. Colette: at poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com

**Cahercalla Hospice Charity Shop** - do you have any old gold or silver jewellery, broken or otherwise, one earring maybe from a pair? We can sell these items and raise funds for Palliative Care at Cahercalla. Please bring your old broken or good jewellery to the Charity Shop and mark it for Shirley Bensons attention. Thank you for supporting Cahercalla Hospice.

## Pilgrimages 2017

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje**, from Shannon 17th May. Fully inclusive for 7 nights €19. Spiritual Director Fr. Ger Fitzgerald. €100 deposit secures €19. After 1st February price of €69 applies. Contact Kathleen Lee 086 1031508

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

**Two pilgrimages to Medjugorje:** September 6-13, spiritual director Fr. Tom O'Gorman. September 13-20. Spiritual Director, Fr. Martin Blake. 100 deposit secures €659 price. After 1st Feb, price of €709 applies. Book now before 1st Feb Contact group leader: Jimmy Considine: 085 738 5385 or 065 905 9328.

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

**Scoil Chríost Rí Cloughleigh are running a weekly 'Split the Pot Draw'** to raise funds for our new school. How it works: place €2 in the envelope & write your name & number on it. Draw every Thursday in Scoil Chríost Rí. Receive half the week's taking if you are the winner. It could be you! Envelopes are available each week from the school, O'Brien's GALA Store Cloughleigh Rd, O'Brien's GALA Store Drumbiggle & Eric's Fish & Chips Childers' Road. Good luck!

**St Flannan's College will run the following Night Classes and Saturday Workshops for Adults** from February 8: Make-up, Embroidery, Flower Arranging, Acrylics Painting, Crochet, Spanish, Yoga, CPR/AED, Interior Design, Jewellery, Fondant Figures, Homoeopathy. We will also offer once-off Saturday Workshops in Cafe Cooking, Creative Writing, Patchwork, etc. Text/phone 085 1670326 for further details and bookings.

**Ennis Gospel Choir** - New Member Open Night, Thurs 3rd February, 7.30pm - 9pm; Chapter Room, Ennis Cathedral. We would love to see you! Give us a ring on 087 6886378 or just come along!

**Scoil Chríost Rí Cloughleigh clothes' collection fundraiser.** If you are throwing out any old clothes after Christmas, unwanted clothes will be recycled to raise much needed funds for our new school development. These clothes are then sent to countries in the developing world. Bags can be left in the hall adjoining Cloughleigh Church after Sunday/weekly masses or any school day until **Sunday Feb 5th**. Phone 0656820105 for info.

**Doora National School** accepting enrolments for September 2017. Please contact the school on 065 6829636 for an application form. Closing date for completed application forms is Friday, February 10th 2017.

## *Sr. Eileen's Cúinne*

Naomh Eoin Bosco (1815-1888)

Beidh Lá Fhéile Naomh Eoin Bosco á chomóradh ag an Eaglais ar an Mháirt seo chugainn. Rugadh Naomh Eoin Bosco ar 16 Lúnasa 1815 i Piedmont san Iodáil. Caitlicigh an-tugtha do Dhia ab ea a theaghlach. Fuair a athair bás nuair a bhí Eoin dhá bhliain d'aois agus bhí ar a mháthair soláthair dá triúr mac. Bhí tionchar nach beag aici orthu. De bharr na bochtaineachta, ní bhfuair sé aon scolaíocht agus chaith sé tús a shaoil mar aoire. Fuair sé a chéad oideachas ó shagart paróiste a chuaigh i bhfeidhm go mór air agus a spreag é chun bheith ina shagart. Ba mhian a chroí é cabhrú leis an aos óg agus go mór mór le páistí bochta. Bhunaigh sé Cuallacht na Sailleisínach sa bhliain 1852 chun freastal ar na hoibre sin. Bhí an - mhúinín aige as Dia agus as an Mhaighdean Mhuire. Chloígh sé gach deacracht i gcúrsaí a chuid oibre le cúnaimh Dé. Fuair se bás sa bhliain 1888. Naomhainmnigh an Pápa Pius X1 é sa bhliain 1934. *A Dhia, a roghnaigh Naomh Eoin Bosco le bheith mar athair agus oide ag an aos óg nuair a chuir sé cuallachtaí nua ar bun san Eaglais, griaosigh le lasracha na carthanachta sinne, do thoil a dhéanamh ar an saol seo. Áiméan*

**Next Tuesday is the feast of Saint John Bosco.** He was born in Piedmont in Italy in 1815. His family was very religious. His father died when he was two years old and his mother reared their three sons. She influenced John Bosco greatly. Because of poverty he received no formal education and he spent his life as a shepherd. He was educated later by a priest who influenced him and led him to priesthood. He desired to help youths especially the poor. He founded the Salesian Order in 1852 for this work. He had great faith in God and Our Lady. He overcame all difficulties in his work with the help of God. He died in 1888. He was canonised by Pope Pius X1 in 1934. *Lord, who chose Saint John Bosco to be father and teacher of youth when he founded a religious order in the Church, inspire us through a spirit of charity to do your will throughout our lives. Amen.*



Catholic Schools' Week takes place this year from January 29th-February 4th. Catholic Schools' Week is an annual all-Ireland celebration which invites schools to give expression in an exceptional way to the ethos of Catholic Education. It acknowledges the tremendous contribution that our Catholic primary and post-primary schools make, not just to Irish society, but to the mission of the Church. This year's theme 'Catholic schools: Learning with Pope Francis to care for our common home' has been informed by *Laudato Si'*, the 2015 encyclical by Pope Francis on care for our common home. We invite you to share this opportunity with our young people by asking them what they have been learning in school and showing an interest in the themes of the week.

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
To give thanks to your holy name,  
And make it our glory to praise.

### 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 Zephaniah.

Zp 2:3;3:12-13

Seek the Lord

all you, the humble of the earth,  
who obey his commands.

Seek integrity,  
seek humility:

you may perhaps find shelter  
on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave

a humble and lowly people,

and those who are left in Israel will seek  
refuge in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong,  
will tell no lies;

and the perjured tongue will no longer  
be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest  
with no one to disturb them.

### The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

*Response: How happy are the poor in  
Spirit;*

*Theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.*

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
Who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
The Lord, who sets prisoners free. R..

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
Who raises up those who are bowed down,  
The Lord, who protects the stranger  
And upholds the widow and orphan R..

It is the Lord who loves the just  
But thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. R.

## A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Cor 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when  
you were called: how many of you were wise  
in the ordinary sense of the word, how many  
were influential people, or came from noble  
families? No, it was to shame the wise that  
God chose what is foolish by human  
reckoning, and to shame what is strong that  
he chose what is weak by human reckoning;  
those whom the world thinks common and  
contemptible are the ones that God has  
chosen - those who are nothing at all to show  
up those who are everything. The human  
race has nothing to boast about to God, but  
you, God has made members of Christ Jesus  
and by God's doing he has become our  
wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and  
our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone  
wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

### The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven &  
earth for revealing the mysteries of the  
kingdom to mere children.*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill.  
There he sat down and was joined by his  
disciples. Then he began to speak. This is  
what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their  
heritage.

Happy those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst  
for what is right:  
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in  
the cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'

'Happy are you when people abuse you and  
persecute you and speak all kinds of  
calumny against you on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be  
great in heaven.'

## 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

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for  
I call on you.