



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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Fifth Sunday of Lent

(Year A)

2nd April 2017

Resurrection Living

In the musical, The Wizard of Oz, the mayor of the city speaking of the Wicked Witch, says to Dorothy, *"As the mayor of Munchkin City, in the county of the land of Oz, I welcome you most regally. But we've got to verify it legally, to see if she is morally, ethically, spiritually, physically, absolutely, positively, undeniably, and reliably dead!"*

When Martha goes out to meet Jesus, there is no doubt. Lazarus is morally, ethically, spiritually, physically, absolutely, positively, undeniably, and reliably dead.

Resurrection living replaces Fear with Faith: When Jesus finally showed up in Bethany, Lazarus was dead. There was no doubt about it, he was dead. The tomb had been sealed and the mourners had gathered. The sisters were in tears. Lazarus was dead and as Martha tells us, death stinks.

It's in the midst of this grief and despair that Jesus comes. His very presence brought peace and comfort. Even though Martha questioned why he hadn't come sooner, she still had faith and trust in her friend; and that faith removed her fears.

A preacher once said, *"God does not comfort us to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters."*

Jesus calls each of us to remove the stones, to come out and be set free so that we can live the resurrection in our own lives. Jesus calls us to replace our fear with faith, to obey his call and to move from self centered living to a life of service and commitment.



It is through the presence of our friend Jesus and our committed service and obedience that we discover for ourselves and convince our friends and family that we really are alive!

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Mary Hynes, Clare Rd. **1st Anniv**
Sun: 9am: Seamus O'Reilly, Abbey Court.
 May Mc Enery & decd family, Kilrush Rd.
 Kieran Mulcaire, Crusheen.
10.30am: Mary Keane, Clancy Pk.
 Jim Kitson, Claireen Drive.
 Kitty Smyth, Carmody St. **1st Anniv**
 Bobby & Frances O'Rourke, Dalcassian Ave.
 John O'Halloran, Ard na Greine.
 Nancy & Michael O'Sullivan, College Rd.
 Haulie & Bridget Coote, Cloughleigh Rd.
12noon: Kevin Maughan, Childers Rd. **1st Anniv**
Mon: 7.45am: John & Bridget Guilfoyle, Hermitage.
10am: Josephine & Patrick Kelly, Ard na Greine.
7.30pm: Healing Mass.
Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Aoife Devitt **1st Anniv** Thos Devitt, Inagh.
7.30pm: Michael & Mary Kate Griffin, Parnell St.
Wed: 7.45am: Bernard & Mary Coll.
10am: Bridget Kerin, Dalcassian Ave.
7.30pm: Stephen Malone, Dalcassian Drive.
Thurs: 7.45am: Donor Intentions.
10am: Pat & Nora Harnett, Limerick City.
7.30pm: Martin, Teresa & Phyllis O'Grady, Turnpike Rd.
Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.
10am: Katie & Jack Keane, Clonlara.
7.30pm: Tessie Meere, Cahercalla.
Sat: 10am: Sean Cronin, Mountain View.
6.30pm: P.J Coote, Cahercalla. **1st Anniv**
Sun : 9am: Deceased Griffin family, Tullybrack.
 Norrie Power & family, Considine Terrace.
10.30am: Des & Peggy Carroll, Corrovorrin Drive.
 Pakie & Frances Eustace, Kilrush Rd.
 Colm Casey, Beechpark.
 Ashling Kennedy, Corofin.
 Sheila Fitzgerald, Westfields.
 Patricia Callinan, Ard na Greine.
 Una & Gerry Casey, Kilrush Rd.
 Dorris & Jerry Molloy, Martina O'Rourke, late Hermitage.
12noon: Tommy Dormer, Ivy Hill. **1st Anniv**

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 9th April, 2017

Readers: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Joan Summerly, Brookville.
11am: Michael Leyden, Cloughleigh Rd.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: James Alokwe, Nigeria.
Thu 9.30am: Edward Baker, Hermitage.
Sun 9.30am: John Daly, Cloughleigh Rd.
11am: Jimmy Frawley, Lahinch Rd.

Live the Word:

You decide every moment of every day who you are and what you believe in. You get a second chance every second. Do not waste any of those precious seconds.

Hospital & Sick Calls

2nd April, 2017

Duty Phone:

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Friary Notes

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 5th April.

The monthly prayer for peace meeting promoted by the SFO will be held at the **Poor Clare's Chapel on Saturday 1st April** from 4.30-5.30pm. All are welcome to attend

Newly Baptised



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

Finley Joseph Van Der Burg, Claire Kimberly Van Der Burg, Croiadh Eileen Quinn, Rocco James Crepaldi Costigan;

32 County Holy Face of Jesus 1 hour; Public vigil at 12noon, O'Connell Sq., Ennis on Good Friday 14th April including: Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet. Contact Bernadette 086 16314553

Welcome to come and join us for Taizé Prayer at the Church of our Lady, Roslevan Thursday 6th April 7.45pm - 8.30pm All welcome.



The Passion Narrative, (the story which describes the events of Holy Week from Agony in the Garden to the Death of Christ), in St. Matthew is rich in theology, meaning and paints a breathtaking picture of Jesus that gives all hope. As we enter into Holy Week, Fr. Ger Fitzgerald will give a presentation on the Passion Narrative in St. Matthew in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 11th of April. Beginning at 8pm. All are welcome. Bring a Bible if you have one!!

Cloughleigh Connect group meeting will take place next Thursday evening April 6th @ 7pm in Cloughleigh Presbytery.



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: Joe Skelly, New Road.
Sun 8am: Zygmunt Wolczacki, Poland.
10am: Jimmy & Cecilia Casey, Old Gort Rd.
11.30am: Maureen Frawley, New Road. **MM**
Mon 11am: Michael Foley, Fergus Park.
Tues 11am: Ludwig Lehmeier, Germany.
Wed 11am: Kevin Lynch & family, Lifford Rd.
Thu 11am: Gerald Rooney, London, Roslea.
Fri 11am: John Daly, Gort Rd.
7.30pm: Martin & Kathleen Kelly, Rock Bung. Old Gort Rd.
Sat 11am: Jim Mc Loughlin, Ard na Greine.
7pm: Denis McInerney, Shannon Park.
Sun 8am: Tom & Mae Minitier, Kincora Park.
10am: Denis & Bridie Greer, Shannon Park.
11.30am: Nell & Mary Ryan, Barefield. **1st Anniv**

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.



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



Meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society after 7.30pm mass, St Joseph's Church Fri April 7th

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

Rest in Peace



Michael Hehir, Cranny, brother of Peggy O'Connor, Pearse Ave, **Tristan Rose Crowe**, Willow Park; **Michael Flynn**, Upper Market St.; **Joan Houlihan**, Ardcairn, Gort Road, Ennis, **Gary Kelly**, Ivy Hill, **Delia Keary**, Crusheen, **Sean Moroney**, Morrissey Ave, **James Alokwe**, Nigeria, brother of Paulina Ayodole, **Tricia McNamara**, mother of Fergal, Hillcrest.;
*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.*

Second National Collection for the World Meeting of Families 2018: Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families **from 21-26 August 2018.** Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway. Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard a second national collection will be held this weekend. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support for last year's collection.

Abbey Cluster
Easter Reconciliation Service
Ennis Cathedral Monday
April 10th 7:30 -8:30pm



Gathered as one you heal and make
us whole
As we eagerly await the joy of Easter

A prayer for the Adults who have prepared since last September and will be received into the church at Easter Vigil.

We pray for the elect Emma, Eva and Jan preparing for their baptism during the Easter Saturday Vigil Mass.

May God in his mercy
make them responsive to his love,
so that through the waters of baptism
they may receive pardon for all their sins
and have eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
May their faith be deepened
and may they be given new birth
in God's living waters.
Free them from the influence of evil
so that they may be a witness
to their new life in the risen Christ.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Centre Services Support Person – Part-Time, Accord - Ennis Centre
ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is now recruiting a Services Support Person who will work 15 ½ hours per week at Accord Ennis centre. The successful candidate will provide support to Marriage Preparation Facilitators and Marriage Relationship Counsellors in the delivery of a professional service to clients, in both Ennis and Nenagh Accord centres. Applicants should be proficient in the use of Word, Excel and Powerpoint and must demonstrate an ability to work on own initiative. Excellent interpersonal, communication and organisational skills required as well as a genuine interest and empathy in supporting our services. Salary will depend on experience. Please forward your C.V and covering letter to The Chairperson, ACCORD, Unit 7, Carmody Street Business Park, ENNIS, by Wednesday 12th April 2017.

Veritas is now stocking the Medjugorje messenger which replaces Medjugorje magazine.

Sean Connolly Memorial Bridge night will be played on Sunday 9th April at the bridge centre at 7.30pm. Funds on the night will be donated to Slainte an Chláir cancer centre and Cahercalla hospice. €10 covers game and refreshments. Céad míle Fáilte Róimh.

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

Lenten Reflections: A one page reflection on each Sunday Gospel called *Hearing, Happening, Hoping* can be downloaded from the Killaloe Diocesan website <http://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/diocesan-news/len-2017-hearing-happening-hoping.html>. Weeks one through five are available now. These reflections were prepared by Jane Mellett, (Dublin), Sr. Marie McNamara and Maureen Kelly (Killaloe), Fr. Séamus O'Connell and Jessie Rogers, (Maynooth),

John Burns in Rice College Ennis will provide supervised study each day throughout the upcoming Easter Holidays except Easter Sunday. Opens Sat 8th April up to and including Sunday 23rd April. Daily 9am to 5pm. Sundays 12pm to 5.30pm. Booking is not necessary. All students welcome. Enquiries to John on 0872766338 and not to the main school office.

Miltown Malbay Community Choir, The Burren Children's Choir and the vocal students of Edel O'Brien will present an evening of well loved songs in St. Columba's Church, Bindon St., Ennis; Saturday, 8th April; 7.30pm. Tickets: €10 Concessions: €5. Proceeds St. Columba's Church Building Fund.

Murphy school of Irish dancing, classes every Wednesday from 4pm in Glór, Ennis for boys and girls ages 4 years and up. Class numbers are limited. For information contact: Aoibheann Murphy TCRG (086) 0822140 or kim (086) 8038853. Facebook: Scoil Rince Ní Mhurchú

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is seeking good quality donations in our new premises at 86 Parnell Street, Ennis. We urgently need, summer clothing, bedding, children's clothes and cooking utensils. Please help us to help those in need.

Required for Clare Youth Service Community Employment Project: Clerical Assistant: Administration/Secretarial Duties - Vacancy No: 2033653/2024871. Catering Assistant: Food Preparation/Food Service - Vacancy No: 2020494. Receptionist: Administration/Reception Duties - Vacancy No: 2032990. Department of Social Protection criteria apply. Further details contact:- Tina Byrt 065-6845357 email: cysce@clareyouthservice.org

Clare Youth Theatre is delighted to present our full-scale production of 'Ballet Shoes', adapted by ourselves from the novel of the same name by Noel Streatfeild. It takes place on Sunday the 2nd of April in Glór. It is the story of three young sisters in 1920s London, who must take to the stage to support their family and a myriad of adventures ensue on their journey of discovery. A warm uplifting play for all members of the family with music and Clare Youth Theatre's signature physicalized performances. The play was adapted, directed and produced by Megan McLoughlin and Maya Stevens.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 26th March, €6,861.00

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mi Aibreáin

I mí Aibreáin bí linn a Thiarna, mí na bhfáinleog, mí na cuaiche, mí an fhásra, mí an fheír ghlais. Is iad intinní an Phápa don mhí seo ná :Go ndéana daoine óga rud go fial dá ngairm agus go gcuimhní siad dáiríre ar a saol a thíolacadh do Dhia mar shagairt nó sa bheatha rialta.

Inniu an cúigiú Domhnach den Charghas. Tá an séasúr beannaithe ag teacht chun deireadh agus an tSeachtain Mhór ag druidim níos gaire dúinn. Sa soiscéal faoi Lazarus feicimid daonnacht Íosa. Is léir gur cairde mór d'Íosa Máire, Martha agus Lazarus. Tagann an bás chucu. Leanann an brón agus an briseadh croí. Labhraíonn Martha le Íosa ag gearáin "A Thiarna, dá mbelfeá anseo ní bhfaigheadh mo dheartháir bás". (Eoin11:21). Bhí trua ag Íosa di agus ghlaigh sé de ghlór ard "A Lazarus tar amach" agus dúirt Íosa "scaoilgí é agus ligigí chun siúil é" (Eoin11:43). Go raibh muintín againn as Íosa in am an ghátair cosúil le Martha. Go raibh focail Íosa linn i gcónaí " Is mise an tAiséirí agus an Bheatha".(Eoin 11:25) *Go raibh Íosa ina réalta eolais againn inár ndeacrachtaí agus inár spriocanna go léir agus go raibh dóchas agus creideamh againn as, chomh maith le grá mór. Áiméan.*

Be with us Lord during the month of April, the month of the swallows, month of the cuckoo, month of growth, the month of green grass. The Pope's intention for this month are: That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

This is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The holy season is coming to an end and Holy Week is approaching. In today's Gospel we see the humanity of Jesus. Mary, Martha and Lazarus are friends of Jesus. When Lazarus dies they are broken hearted. Martha speaks to Jesus: "Lord, if thou had been here, my brother would not have died." (John11:21). Jesus was sorry for her and He cried out in a loud voice "Lazarus, come forth.....Untie him and let him go free" (John 11:43). May we have confidence in Jesus in our hour of need as Martha had. May the words of Jesus be always with us. "I am the Resurrection and the Life" (John11:25) *May Jesus be our guiding light in times of difficulty and in all our aspirations. May we have faith and hope in Him together with great love. Amen.*

Brian Harding's Table Quiz in aid of Clare 250 Mile Cycle the Grove, Roslevan Friday 7th April 9pm. Quizmaster Ger Sweeney. €40 for table of 4. Finger Food and Spot Prizes. Please support. 38th annual Clare 250 Mile Cycle takes place 20th & 21st May. Taking part in this event gives you an opportunity to nominate someone from your parish who has been diagnosed with cancer to go on our pilgrimage to Lourdes in September. If you are interested in taking part, please contact 065 6841600 or email: clare250mile@gmail.com."

SEED & GARDEN SHARE; Sunday, 2nd April from 2-5pm; Ennis Showgrounds, upstairs canteen. At the Seed & Garden Share, gardeners are invited to bring saved or leftover vegetable, flower, and herb seed packets to share and swap with other gardeners. Also other gardening items like tools or even books are welcome to be shared. It is advisable to bring additional bags or envelopes for sharing. No money will be changing hands, but donations to Irish Seed Savers are requested, who will be present on the day also. Beginner gardeners are invited to participate even without seeds.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God,
And plead my cause against a nation
that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue
me,
For you, O God, are my strength.

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.

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

Ezk 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*Response: With the Lord there is mercy
And fullness of redemption.*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
To the voice of my pleading.

R

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
For this we revere you.

R

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
More than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
And Israel on the Lord).

R

Because with the Lord there is mercy
And fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
From all its iniquity.

R

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

Rm 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your

interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
Who ever believes in me will never die.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jn 11:1-45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already.

When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.
If anyone believes in me, even though
he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me
will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind

man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me.

But I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me,

so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord