

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon
 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
 O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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 Jeremiah.
 Jr 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
 you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
 I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.
 Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: Violence and ruin!
 The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.
 I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.'
 Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
 imprisoned in my bones.
 The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm
 R. **For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
 For you my soul is thirsting.
 My body pines for you
 Like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
 To see your strength and your glory.
 For your love is better than life,
 My lips will speak your praise. **R**
 So I will bless you all my life,
 in your name I will lift up my hands.
 My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
 My mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**

For you have been my help;
 in the shadows of your wings I rejoice.
 My soul clings to you;
 Your right hand holds me fast. **R**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans
 Rm 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

This is the word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,
So that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
 Mt 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You

are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'
 Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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.

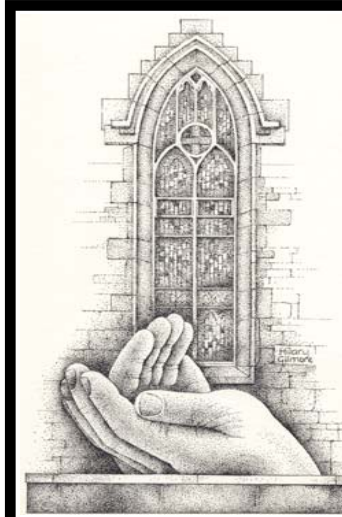
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, 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

**Blessed are the peacemakers,
 For they shall be called children of God.
 Blessed are they who are persecuted
 For the sake of righteousness,
 For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**



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

Ennis Parish News

Mass Times

Sundays:

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

Weekdays:

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

Phone Numbers:

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

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

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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A) 3rd September, 2017

CELEBRATION OF CREATION

September is the month set aside to celebrate creation ending on the feast of St Francis of Assisi.

In the first creation story in the Book of Genesis we read *"God saw everything He had made and behold it was very good"*.

All creation was conceived in the heart of God and all was created out of love. For God loves all that exists. The entire universe speaks of God's love, Humans, animals, birds, soil, water, mountains, oceans, everything is, as it were, a caress of God. From panoramic views to the tiniest living form in nature is a constant source of wonder and awe.

It is also a revelation of the Divine: The very flowers of the field and the birds in the air are imbued with God's radiant presence. Extract taken from Laudato Si Encyclical Letter from Pope Francis

Pope Francis is also asking us to recognise that all living beings by their very existence bless and give glory to God.

The beauty of creation has often been expressed in poetry.

I see His blood upon the rose and in the stars the glory of His eyes.

I see His face in every flower, Rocks are His written word.
Joseph Plunket.

Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings
 He made their glowing colours, He made their tiny wings.
Cecil Frances Alexander

Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree.
Joyce Kilmer

Listen to the earth, the warm earth, the life pulse of us all. This is a holy place where men have worked.
Alice Taylor

I learned something of the nature of God's mind of He who caresses the daily and nightly earth.
Patrick Kavanagh

Poems have a story to tell, a lesson to impart, an ideal to inspire and to enrich our lives.

A short Prayer, The Dance of the Universe.
Joyce Rupp



**Passionate Presence of God,
 Help me to enter into greater oneness with each and every part of creation, until I fully know that I am a sister or brother to all that roams and wings and swims. So that songbirds singing becomes my singing and flowers blooming tickles my soul. Urge my heartbeat to join with the heartbeat of all that lives in the universe. I long to dance your dance.**

Fáilte-Bienvenue-Willkommen-Benvenuto-Bienvenido-Witajcie-Bemvindo-
Welkom-Velkomin-Vitejte-Karibu-Croeso-Valkommen-Tervetuloa-Welcome

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Patrick Shannon, Dalcassian Pk. 1st Anniv
Sun: 9am: June & Jimmy Corey, Golf Links Rd.
10.30am: Flan Honan, College View, Clare Rd.
Mgt Smith, Cahercalla Heights.
Bernard & Mgt Carey, Lahinch Rd.
Mary Clohessy, Connolly.
Tadhg, Tim & Susan Queally, Drumcliffe.
Jimmy & Teresa Considine, Considine Tce.
Maura O'Halloran.
12noon: Ronan Kildea, Castlerock, Tulla Rd. 1st Anniv
Mon: 7.45am: Special Intention.
10am: Eileen O'Donoghue, Hermitage.
Sean Doyle, Manchester.
7.30pm: Margaret, Eddie & Joe Chandler, Hermitage & Patricia Molloy.
Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Mgt Mc Mahon, Carmody St.
7.30pm: Jimmy Fenton, Ard na Greine.
Wed: 7.45am: Special Intention.
10am: Thomas & Annie Hayes & family, Cornmarket.
7.30pm: Baby Chloe May Villanueva, Philippines.
Thurs: 7.45am: Special Intention.
10am: Aidan Frost, Castlewood Pk.
7.30pm: Frank, Agnes, Michael Murphy, Hermitage & Eric Higgins, Clancy Pk.
Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.
10am: Flanagan family, Cornmarket St.
7.30pm: Special Intention.
Sat: 10am: Frank Barrington, Parnell St & Ennistymon.
6.30pm: Liliya Borisova. 1st Anniv
Sun: 9am: Trevor Dilger, Kentucky & Hermitage. 1st Anniv
10.30am: Veroica Drinan, Ashmore, Cusack Rd.
Pauline Greer, Ashline, Kilrush Rd.
John & Michael Shannon, Loughville.
Mary & John Griffin, Beechpark.
J.J. Quinn, St Michael's Villas.
Peter Sheridan, Morrissey Ave.
Tom Malone, Ard na Gaoithe & Late Parnell St.
Michael Quinn, Cusack Rd.
12noon: Mass for the People.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 10th Sept, 2017

Readers: Group 2
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Neda Botica, West Australia.
11am: Josephine Mc Mahon, Shanaway Rd.
Mon 9.30am: Patrick Mulconry, Kildysert.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Ptk, Bridget & decd O'Loughlin, Cloughleigh.
Sun 9.30am: Batty Fitzpatrick, Cragleigh.
11am: Mary & Jimmy Neylon, Cloughleigh Rd.

Taizé Prayer



All welcome to join us for our monthly Taizé Prayer. Church of Our Lady Roslevan Thursday September 7th; 7.45pm - 8.30pm. A gentle meditative, spirit filled Time out promised.

Hospital & Sick Calls

3rd September, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald
Please call: 065 6869098
Wednesday:
Fr. Brendan Quinlivan
Please call: 065 6869098



Friary News

Franciscan Missions.
Sunday night whist drives resume on Sunday Sept 3rd; 8pm in St. Anthony's Hall. Adm: €5.

Newly Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Charlie Tim Flanagan;

Brooklyn Precious Mongans; Elisha-Rose Esosa; Bello Osagie; Jack Noel Mantle; Sadie Rose Harrington; Michael Dermot Eustace; Cillian Patrick McGuane;

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.'

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:

Sat 7pm: Maurice Greehy, St. Senan's Rd.
Sun 8am: Sarah Morrissey, Kilmurray Mc Mahon.
10am: Owen Mc Gowan, Fergus Lawn, Tulla Rd.
Mon 11am: Holy Souls.
Tue 11am: Tom Spellisey, Steele's Tce.
Thu 11am: Rena Cabey, Fergus Lawn & Kilmaley.
Fri 11am: Peter Morgan, Loughville.
Sat 11am: James O'Halloran, Limerick Rd.
7pm: Martin & Maureen Mullins, Marian Ave.
Sun 11.30am: Noel Bane, Marian Ave.

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



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.



Rest in Peace

Eileen Tuohy nee Kelly, Kincora Pk. & Parnell St.; Michael Spring, late of Abbey Street has died in Naas, Co. Kildare.



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.

The Hurler's Prayer

Grant me O Lord, a hurler's skill,
With strength of arm and speed of limb
Unerring eye for the flying ball
And courage to match what'er befall
May my stroke be steady and my aim be true
My actions manly and my misses few
No matter what way the game may go
May I rest in friendship with every foe
When the final whistle for me has blown
And I stand at last before God's judgement throne
May the great referee when he calls my name
Say, "you hurled like a man; you played the game".

Seamus Redmond

Cuan an Chláir day care centre



Located within the grounds of Cahercalla is now open Monday to Friday. Offering a friendly fun environment and a home cooked 3 course meal. Contact Hannah on 0864183535 to check eligibility criteria and enrolment process.

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.

Ennis Players Open Night Thurs 8th Sept at 8pm in the Unit. All are most welcome. Find out about Ennis Players and what we do! Enjoy coffee and a chat. Auditions for one act play "Elysium Nevada" - three people aged 50+ for November Supper Theatre. Tel. 086 3448606 for directions.

Vintage Car Show, Sunday, Sept 10th from 12 midday, Inagh village, Bake sale, tea/coffee, bouncy castle. All proceeds in aid of Sláinte an Chláir, Clare Cancer Support.

Clarecastle/Ballyea Youth Choir will resume rehearsals on Friday, 22nd Sept. at 8pm in Old School Bldg. in Clarecastle. Any youth aged from 13yrs - 18yrs that wishes to join this inspirational team of young people for this term 22nd Sept. - 31st Dec. Contact Claire Connellan; 086 155 0442 before 22nd Sept.

Clare Youth Service, Carmody Street are offering the following fun activities to the young people of Ennis (13-18 years) commencing September—fun cookery classes Sats. 11-1pm Youth Cafe Sats. 1-3pm Art projects to develop artistic skills & self-expression Thurs, 4-6pm Drama classes Personal & Social Development Programme focusing on the areas of communication skills & relationships, particularly friendships. Enquiries: 089 4354141/065 6845350

Clare Roots Society is preparing to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the tragedy at Carmody's Hotel Jan 15th 1958 and are seeking your help. Do you have any connection with the former Carmody's Hotel? Are you related to the former owners, The Carmody family or the McKenna's? Did you work at the hotel? Were you or any member of your family in the hotel on the day of the Auction Jan. 15th 1958? Did you or any family member assist in the rescue work on the day? Any information or Old Photos of the hotel if available would be much appreciated; these will be returned safely to the owner. Please contact; secretary@clareroots.org Or phone John Bradley 0863718822

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 27th August, €8,218

The Ennis Old Folks' club will resume its fortnightly meetings at 8pm on Monday, September 11th in the Ennis Community Centre on Chapel Lane. If you find the winter evenings long and wish to make new friends in a fun, relaxed atmosphere we invite you to come along for the cup of tea, chat, game of bingo, music and dancing.

SOCIAL MEDIA: CHALLENGES FOR PARENTS' This presentation for parents and guardians will be given by Dr. Maureen Griffin, forensic psychologist, Monday night 11th September at 8pm; Temple Gate Hotel. Admission: €5 on the night. Presentation will cover social networking sites, social messaging, chatting apps, video streaming sites, mobile device safety, sexting and cyber-bullying and will highlight potential dangers and offer practical advice on how to protect children online. Supported by Ennis Mental Health Association and MGMS Training Limited.

Clarecare would like to thank all who supported their recent Church gate collection, the total raised was €4066.98

Traditional Irish music classes for flute and tin whistle available in Cois na hAbhna. All ages and levels. Call Brian: 086 3987808

Traditional Irish music lessons recommencing in Gurteen Clubhouse and Ennis National School, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th September. Contact Lourda Rosegrave (TTCT) on 087-0687794 for further details.

Beginner fiddle classes for children available from mid September. For more details contact: 087-9452403)

Michael Donnellan Irish Dance Classes Ennis Tues & Thurs; Lissycasey Wednes. All ages, all levels, all welcome. Adult Dance Fun Classes also. Call Michael 087 4186 452

O'Rourke School of Irish dancing will resume classes in September. Dancers welcome on Tuesdays 6-7.30pm; Maria Assumpta Hall and Saturday mornings 10-11.30; St Anthony's Hall. Contact scoillruairc@gmail.com/086 4043359.

Irish Dance classes Wednesday September 13th Ennis community college hall 4.30pm. Contact Helan Greene: 0876231106

Liddy O'Reilly school of Speech & Drama. Enrolment in C.B.S on Wed Sept 6th from 7-8pm

EVELYN MACMAHON SCHOOL OF SPEECH AND DRAMA. Classes resuming for primary and secondary pupils. Enrolment: St. Columba's Church Hall, Bindon St.; Wed.13th Sept. 4.30pm. Tel. Evelyn MacMahon: 085 1884158

Mindful Movements with James Talty Tai Chi is low-impact, slow motion exercise increasing your strength, flexibility, balance and wellbeing, allowing you to overcome the stresses of daily living. Classes in Fame Fitness & Dance Studio Tuesday Sept. the 12th at 9.30 am to 11am.

Dressmaking lessons Tuesday, 12th Sept. 6.30-8.30pm; Gaelscoil Mhíchil Ciosog Ennis. Places limited. Information call Susanna 0851243416.

Aged 16-35? Looking for a place to share and grow in faith? Youth 2000 prayer meeting begins 8th September; at Ennis parish office; 7.30pm. Join us for Adoration, music, Reflection, chats and tea. All welcome. Queries contact Aidan O'Brien: 085-1168512.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Meán Fómhair

Cuirimis fáilte roimh mhí Mheán Fómhair, mí na torthúlachta, mí bhainte an arbhair, mí fillleadh ar scoileanna agus coláistí. *I Mi Mheáin Fómhair, bí linn a Thiarna.*

De réir an tseanfhocail dá fhad é an lá tagann an oíche. Tá deireadh le laethanta saoire. Le cúpla lá anuas tá múinteoirí agus scoláirí ag fillleadh ar ais ar scoil. Tá na coláistí faoi lán seoil cheana féin. Guimis ar son ár múinteoirí agus ár lucht teagais a thugann aire do spiorad an aosa óig agus a thugann chun foirfeachta é. Beannaigh iad ina gcuid oibre, a losa. Molaimid don aos óg aird a dhíriú ag tús na scoil bliana ar an gcomhairle seo a leanas ón mbéaloidéas. Na trí nithe nach féidir leo casadh go brách: lá ó scoil, Domhnach ón Aifreann, lá ó cheird. Ní hualach do dhúine an léann agus seo an-chomhairle ó fhile anaithnid: *I d'óige oscail do mheabhair, Is bailigh an fhoghlaim leat; Óir an glór nach dtuigeann an ceann Is cuma é ann ná as.*

Is é intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Go raibh ár bparóistí beoite ag spiorad misinéireachta, áiteanna ina gcuirtear an creideamh in iúl agus gur léir an carthanas iontu.

We welcome September, month of fruitfulness, month of harvesting, month of returning to schools and colleges. *Be with us Lord during the month of September.* According to the proverb however long the day night will come. The holidays are over. During the past few days teachers, pupils and students have returned to schools and to their studies. Let us remember them and pray for all those who work as educators and who help young people achieve their full potential. Jesus, bless them in their work! We advise students to remember the following from Irish lore: Three things you can never get back: a day absent from school, a Sunday without Mass and a day away from one's trade. Learning is no burden and it is worth listening to this anonymous poet's advice: *In your youth, open your mind, And acquire an education; For knowledge, your intellect does not understand, Is useless.*

The Pope's intention for September is: That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Bus to Lough Derg for 1 day retreat; 16th Sept. Bookings essential call Stephen: 0861943960.

Looking to practise your cúpla focal? Ciorcal Cainte (Conversation circle) Food Heaven, Market St, Inis, Dé Máirt 5 Meán Fómhair ag 11am. Bigí Linn! Tuilleadh eolais ó: anclarasgaeilge@gmail.com

INSIGHTS INTO DEMENTIA; Informing and Empowering Family Carers, Positive and practical training for family carers of loved ones with dementia. Topics covered: What is dementia?; Changing Relationships; Communication and responding to changes in behavior; Nutrition, eating well and engaging in life activities; Personal care and safety at home; Accessing information and looking after the carer. Alzheimer Society of Ireland, Cuan an Chláir, Cahercalla; Thursdays 7 to 9.30pm; 21 Sep to 26 Oct; details & bookings: Christine Carr, 01 2073834 E: christine.carr@alzheimier.ie