



# 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](mailto: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>

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 5th February 2017**

## How bright is your light?

There is a story told in India: "In one very poor district, there are no lights in the streets and in very few of the houses because of the expense of oil. But, as in all areas of India, there is a temple, frequented by the poor. The structure is primitive, with a huge brass chandelier that hangs from the roof and has spaces for one hundred small lamps. These spaces are empty until those who come to pray and worship arrive.

"Each worshipper comes from home carrying a lamp through the darkened streets and then places the lamp in the chandelier. Slowly the darkened temple begins to glow with light that builds and grows stronger. The empty places are noted and those who are missing are sought out after the service, questioned, given care or words of comfort, or challenged. Their light is necessary for all to worship.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says to his disciples, "You are the light of the world." The word "you," from the original Greek, is plural and this command has been passed down

from Jesus' immediate disciples to us disciples today.

Each of our lights is needed to brighten the world. If we do not shine brightly, our world, like that of the Indian temple, will remain darker than it could be.

We receive the light of Christ at baptism. Recall baptisms when a newly baptized child is given a candle, and we hear, "This child has been enlightened by Christ and is to walk always as a child of the light."



**How well is our light shining? Is it shining brightly for others to see, or is it dim right now, or is it unseen under a bushel basket?**

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

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Lylie O'Connell, St. Ml'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.

Mon: 7.45am: Nora & Martin Meaney, Cranny.

10am: Michael, Mgt & Michael Jnr McMahon, Lahinch Rd.

7.30pm: Willie Burke, Mill Rd.

Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: Maureen Murphy, Hermitage.

7.30pm: Kathleen Doran, Tulla & Ennis.

Charlie O'Grady, McNamara Pk.

Wed: 7.45am: Maura Garvey, Dublin.

10am: Áine Fennell & Sr. Mary Bennett, Gort Rd.

7.30pm: Bernie Dilger, Connolly Villas.

Thurs: 7.45am: Dan Greene & Mary Pyne, Kilmaley.

10am: Joe & Mgt Earley, Limerick Rd.

7.30pm: Josie & Philomena Nightingale, Hermitage.

Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.

10am: Chrissie, George & Haulie Molloy & Molly Butler,  
Old Mill St.

7.30pm: Florence O'Brien, Circular Rd. 1st Anniv

Sat: 10am: Fintan Ryan, Fergus Manor.

11am: Jerry O'Callaghan, Willow Park. MM

6.30pm: Tom McGrath, Nora & Kevin Ryan, Francis St.

Sun 12th: 9am: Christine Kelly, Elm Park.

Edward & Annie Mallon.

10.30am: May, Mick, Kitty Connellan, Ard na Greine.

Michael Hassett, Drumbiggle Rd.

Michael Griffin, Woodlawn.

Christina & Patrick Malone, Dalcassian Drive.

12noon: Mass for the People

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 12th February, 2017

Readers: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 5th 9.30am: Kitty McDermott, Cloughleigh Rd.

Mon 9.30am: Special Intention.

Tue 9.30am: Book of intentions.

Fri 9.30am: Sean McEnery, McHugh Villas.

Sun 12th 9.30am: PJ & Bridie Dilger, Hermitage.

11am: Edward & Mary Hayes, Hermitage.

### Live the Word:

The arrival of Spring brings with it hope, a freshness, a letting go of what has been and the embracing of what is to come. Gone are the dark days and now light permeates our waking hours. It is time to plan, to rejoice and to make fresh a start that has perhaps gone stale.



## Hospital & Sick Calls

5th February, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

Wednesday duty:

Fr. Brendan Quinlivan

Duty phone no: 065 6869098

## Newly Baptised



*We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:* Alfie PJ Coote; Eli George O'Dwyer; Sarah McInerney

## Mile Buíochas

We acknowledge the generosity of people in the Christmas period in supporting parish invitations.

Ecumenical Carol Service:

Dec 18th proceeds to St Vincent de Paul €2,152.58.

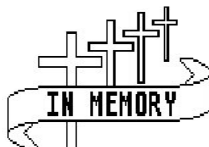
Parish Christmas cards & Triduum Masses: Proceeds to Cathedral Organ restoration fund, €5,554.50

Simon Christmas homeless appeal: €500

We also thank all who supported the giving tree food appeal and the food contributions to hampers to 300 needy families.

## Rest in Peace

Willie Perkins, Collins Park; Stephen Reynolds, Kilmihil & Fergus Park; Kathleen Hogan, Davitt Tce; John Fogarty, Fernhill; Carmel Finnerty, Portumna, mother of Mary Talty, Corrovorrin Drive; Angela Merry, formerly of Presentation Rd, Galway, Miltown Malbay & Liscannor; Raymond Galvin, Dublin & Carmody St., brother of Liam, Gort na Rí;



*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.*

Ennis Parish

Development Fund for  
Sunday 29th January,  
€7,046

## 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: 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.

Mon 11am: Eileen Griffin, Kilmaley.

Tues 11am: Paddy & Ciss Garrihy, St Michaels.

Wed 11am: Agnes, Patrick, Sean Keane, Clare Rd.

Thurs 11am: Jimmy Morgan, Shanaway.

Sat 11am: Brendan Sexton, Quin & Cavan., Michael Lillis, Cooraclare.

Sun 12th 8am: Margaret Mc Mahon, Loughville.

10am: Maura Cavanagh.

11.30am: Peter Burke, Lifford Rd.

### 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.



Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite) this Sunday 5th February; 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 4th Feb; 2.30pm. All welcome.

Bereavement visitation team meeting Thursday 9th February @ 8pm in the Presbytery.

## World Day of Prayer for the Sick



### Mass of Healing and Anointing

Saturday February 11th

St. Joseph's Church; 11am

World Day of the Sick, a celebration started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of *Our Lady of Lourdes*. People around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick on this day. Faith organizations mark this day especially to provide the sick with medicines, food, and spiritual guidance.

The KDYC (Killaloe Diocesan Youth Council) are having their annual over night on Friday 10th February in St. Flannan's College, Ennis. This event is open to all young people aged 16 to 19. There will be workshops, a short Pilgrimage, fun, planning for the year ahead and much more. For more information and permission forms, please contact; Cora Guinnane 087 2400135.

**Follow your Breath Not Your Thoughts:** Silent Meditation Sessions offered every Tues. in Roslevan Church and Parish Office Every Thurs. Both at 8pm. All Welcome.

**Ennis Singers' Club** Ennis Singers' Club next Friday, 10th February; 9pm in The Grove Restaurant, Roslevan, Ennis. Special Guest is Pádraic King of Tuam. All welcome.

**Pat, Kay and friends are holding the 19th Annual Coffee Day on Friday 17th February at Maddens, 23 Main Street, Tulla from 10am to 10pm.** All proceeds go towards sending Cancer patients to Lourdes from the area and towards Clare 250 Cancer Centre in Ruan. We will fondly remember our special friend Lavender who contributed so much during the last eighteen years to make this Coffee Day a great success. Please call and support this worthy cause.

**Sum of money found in the market area, please contact the parish office.**

**Shannon Archaeological & Historical Society** Lecture Wednesday; February 8th; 8pm; Oakwood Arms Hotel, Shannon. The Lawrence Collection—exploring the geographical spread, the period during which the images were recorded and the nature of the subject matter of the photographs taken by Robert French between 1880-1941, which now form part of the Lawrence Collection. Admission free members; €5 non-members.

**Senior Fitness classes now in Ennis!** Every fitness level welcome! Every Tuesday at 10 am at Ryanos' Fitness club (Gort Road Business Park where An Post is). Contact Roberto on 0894127757 or visit plyo74training on Facebook!

**Ennis Gospel Choir is fund raising through the Monster Bingo in the West County on Saturday 18th February.** The Double Book costs €20 and must be bought from the choir. If you want to support them, contact: Fiona Walsh 087 6886378

**Céilí in Cois na hAbhna;** Sunday Afternoon 5th February; Striolán Céilí Band. Dancing: 3-5pm.

**Alzheimer Society Burren Walk** - 11am Sunday February 12th; O'Donoghue's, Fanore.

**ICA Fergus Guild** February Meeting Thursday February 9th; Clarecare meeting Rooms 7:30pm, craft demonstration; all are welcome.

**Aries Recovery & Well-Being Education in Mental Health:** The following series of workshops will be held in the Sonas Centre (Ennis Mental Health Association) Chapel Lane Ennis. **Wed. 8th Feb. 6-9pm** "Understanding Mental Health Services" **Wed. 15th Feb. 6-9pm** "Advocacy and Empowerment" **Wed. 22nd Feb. 6-9pm** "Diagnosis and Beyond". If any or all of these workshops are of interest to you, you will be very welcome.

Thank you to all who supported the recent walk held in Toonagh for Seeking Vision; Total amount raised €2,635.

#### **World Day for Consecrated Life**

"Let your light shine before others" perhaps as a priest, contact: 086 2777139

## Pilgrimages 2017

**Pilgrimage to New York.** A special pilgrimage to New York from Knock will take place from 8th -14th May. Flying directly from Ireland West Airport to JFK, the pilgrimage offers the chance to be a part of a memorable and historic trip. Itinerary includes a Requiem Mass on Saturday 13th at Old St. Patrick's Cathedral for the re-interment of the remains of John Curry, the youngest of the Knock witnesses which will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Dolan. If you would like to find out more or make an enquiry, please contact the tour operators Joe Walsh Tours on (01) 2410800 or email: bronwvn.clinton@ioewalstours.ie

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje,** from Shannon 17th May. Fully inclusive for 7 nights €619. Spiritual Director Fr. Ger Fitzgerald. €100 deposit secures €619. After 1st February price of €669 applies. Contact Kathleen Lee 086 1031508

#### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

Saturday 11th February is the 159th anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette in Lourdes. This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage will leave Shannon on Monday June 26th, returning on Saturday July 1st. The cost this year is still €692 per person sharing. €10 discount for online booking at [www.joewalstours.ie](http://www.joewalstours.ie) Booking forms can be obtained from: Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. Telephone: (01) 2410810. A limited number of sick pilgrims will be accommodated in the Sanctuary of Lourdes at a cost of €595 Applications for sick pilgrims only to Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director, SS John & Paul Presbytery, Shannon, Co. Clare. Telephone: (061) 364133 Families or individuals often sponsor a family member, parents, or a friend on the occasion of an anniversary or Jubilee with a visit to Lourdes. Sponsorship for sick people is always welcome. For more details, see poster in Church porch and on the Killaloe Diocese website [www.killaloe-diocese.ie](http://www.killaloe-diocese.ie)

**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:** Two pilgrimages to Medjugorje September 6-13. Spiritual Directors Fr. Tom O'Gorman & Fr. Martin Blake. September 13-20, spiritual director Fr. Martin Blake. Price of €709. Contact 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.

## **Sr. Eileen's Cúinne**

Mi Feabhra

Mi Feabhra, mí na Féile Bhríde, tús an Earraigh, mí na n-uan, mí na dtrí shíon, gaoth, báisteach agus sneachta. Ceiliúrtar Lá Fhéile Bhríde ar an gcéad lá d'Fheabhra. Tá an-tóir ar chrosa Bhríde agus bhí roinnt mhaith díobh le fáil anseo in Inis i mbliana. Crochtar iad os cionn dorais an tí le súil go mbeadh ádh mór ar an teaghlach ar feadh na bliana le teacht. Is iad intiinní an Phápa do mhí Feabhra ná: **Fáilte rompu siúd atá ar an nganchuid, iad siúd go léir atá faoi anró, go háirithe na boicht, teifigh agus daoine imeallaithe, go gcuirimid fáilte rompu inár measc agus go dtugtar solás dóibh.**

Ar an Satharn seo chugainn an 11 Feabhra, ceiliúrtar Taibhsíú na Maighdine Muire do Bhernadette Soubirous, sa bhliain 1858, cailín bocht ceithre bliana déag d'aois. Níl áit ar bith ar fud an domhain ina bhfuil Críostaithe, nach bhfuil cáil ar Lourdes de bharr na sluaite, a thugann cuairt ar an Scrín bheannaithe ag iarraidh leighis dá ngalair agus grásta dá n-anam. Is paidir dheas í seo ó *Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais* ar féidir a rá chuig an Mhaighdean Mhuire: **A Mhuire ghlórmhar, mhómhar, mhaiseach, is tú mo stór, mo lón, mo thaisce is tú mo réalta eolais ag dul romham ins gach bealach, agus ar shliabh na ndeor go mba tú mo chara. Aiméan**

**A Mhuire Lourdes, guigh ar ár son. Aiméan** February, St. Brigid's month, the beginning of Spring, month of the lambs, month of three kinds of weather: wind, rain and snow. St. Brigid's Day is celebrated on the first day of February. St. Brigid's crosses are sought after and many were available recently in Ennis. They are placed over the door for good luck for the year. The Pope's Intentions for February are: **That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.**

Saturday next 11 February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. In 1858 Our Lady appeared for the first time to Bernadette Soubirous a poor girl. Many come to the Sacred Shrine each year from all over the world seeking healing from illness and for spiritual grace. The following prayer is taken from *Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais*: **Virgin Mary, glorious, gentle, beautiful, you are my beloved, my sustenance, my treasure, you are my guiding star, leading me on my way and in this valley of tears you are my friend. Amen.**

#### **Sláinte an Chláir**

#### **Cancer Support Services**

With the rugby about to kick off this weekend, we invite you to enter the 6 Nations Rugby lottery. Simply pick the team that you think will win the 6 Nations rugby tournament, leave your name and number in one of the participating outlets and be in with a chance to win €400 or a signed Irish Rugby Jersey. Entry Fee: €5 and you can enter through Ennis Parish Office; Mary Kelly Newsagent, O'Connell Street or Tom O'Donnell Sports Shop, Abbey Street. All correct entries will be entered into a lottery and the winner will be drawn on the Monday after the 6 nations ends.



Closing date for entries 11th March 2017

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God  
And bow low before the God who made us,  
For he is the Lord our God.

### PENITENTIAL RITE

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord  
C. **For we have sinned against you.**  
P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.  
C. **And grant us your salvation.**  
P. May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins, and bring us to  
everlasting life.  
C. **Amen.**

### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
peace to people of good will. We praise  
you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify  
you, we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, God, almighty  
Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the  
Father. **Amen.**

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be  
naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the  
dawn and your wound be quickly  
healed over.

Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

**The Word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Response: The good man is a light in  
the darkness for the upright*

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waiver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trust in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

### A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. 1 Cor 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not  
with any show of oratory or philosophy, but  
simply to tell you what God had  
guaranteed. During my stay with you, the  
only knowledge I claimed to have was  
about Jesus, and only about him as the  
crucified Christ. Far from relying on any  
power of my own, I came among you in  
great 'fear and trembling' and in my  
speeches and the sermons that I gave,  
there were none of the arguments that  
belong to philosophy; only a demonstration  
of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so  
that your faith should not depend on human  
philosophy but on the power of God.

### The Word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*I am the light of the world, says the  
Lord,*  
*Anyone who follows me will have the  
light of life.*  
*Alleluia*

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt  
of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless,  
what can make it salty again? It is good for  
nothing, and can only be thrown out to be  
trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city

built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No  
one lights a lamp to put it under a tub;  
they put it on the lamp-stand where it  
shines for everyone in the house. In the  
same way your light must shine in the  
sight of men, so that, seeing your good  
works, they may give the praise to your  
Father 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 them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
His wonders for the children of men  
For he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
And the hungry he fills with good  
things.