



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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Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: info@ennisparish.com

St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6840715; Friary: 6828751

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The Transfiguration of the Lord

(Year A)

6th August, 2017

The Power of the Voice

An intriguing detail of Matthew's version of the Transfiguration is that the disciples do not seem all that amazed when Jesus suddenly turns into a pulsing light show, when all of a sudden he stands in the august company of Elijah and Moses. All of this they seem to take in stride. That is, until they hear the Voice, until they hear God repeating once again the words of baptism. *"This is my Son, the Beloved; with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."* It was the Voice and not the vision that knocked the disciples to the ground. It was the Voice and not the vision that blanketed them with fear.

The Voice in today's story reassures and empowers Jesus just before he turns his face toward Jerusalem, toward the cruelty of the cross. It reassures and empowers the disciples who have just been told to deny themselves and pick up their crosses. And it reassures and empowers us as we embrace our own Christian journey, a journey which demands that we regularly wrestle, in the wilderness of temptation, in the wilderness of repentance, in the wilderness of suffering, in the wilderness of commitment.

What are the voices that murmur in your soul, in your conscience, in your memory this day? What are the voices that have called you to your truest self - cutting through fear, demolishing inadequacy? What

are the voices that have given you focus and given you courage for the living of your days?

It is not always the dazzling moments of transfiguration that connect us to God. It is the slow plodding - through the daily trenches of faithfulness that truly connect us to God. Our gospel story today ends with a very human Jesus - the glow completely gone. Once more he stands alone, his feet still dusty, his eyes still tired. Gently he touches the disciples and encourages them to rise up so that they can travel with him down into the valley - down into the reality of the way things really are. So that together we can do what needs to be done.



If voices and vision come your way, treasure them and savour them for all the joy they can bring your way. But remember. The true light of God's presence is in the trust of our hearts and in the daily faithfulness of our lives.

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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Mass for the People.

Sun: 9am: Mary & Michael Coughlan, Lissycasey.
Angela Kelly, Hazlewood & Kelly family, Kildysart.
Greaney family, Galway.
Maureen Wallace, London.

10.30am: Patrick O'Loughlin, Drumcarranmore.
Patrick & Mary Kate O'Loughlin, Kilshanny.
Peggie Naughton, Dalcassian Drive.
Maria Marshall, Hermitage.
Michael & Teresa Slattery, St. Michael's Villas.

Michael, Mary & Mgt Mulqueen, Parnell St & College Gro.
12noon: Eugene Casey, Woodstock Drive. **MM**

Mon: No 7.45am Mass

10am: Kathleen O'Malley, Clover Hill.
7.30pm: Mary & Joseph Hehir, Hermitage.

Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Pickford Family, Drumbiggie Rd.
7.30pm: Tom Kelly, Phoenix Court.

Wed: 7.45am: Donor's Intention.

10am: Tom Joe Coffey, Tobartaoscaín.
7.30pm: John Madden, Corrovorrin Ave.

Thurs: 7.45am: Martin Power, Cahercalla Rd.
10am: Seamus & Damian Higgins, Clancy Pk.
7.30pm: John Minitier, Clonroadmore.

Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.
10am: Martin, Michael, Catherine & Maura Hassett, Inch.
7.30pm: Special Intention.

Sat: 10am: Sean & Maura O'Murchadha, Cusack Rd.
Brendan Ryan, Fergus Pk.
Mary & Martin Keane Power, O'Connell St.

6.30pm: Mass for the People.
Sun: 9am: Edmund & Maura Cotter, Victoria Court.
10.30am: Paddy Forde, St Martin's, Ardlea Rd.
Pat, Mary, P.J. Neylon & Mary, Connolly Villas.
Patrick Griffin, McNamara Pk.
Mary Hennessy, College Green.

Dan & Bridget Considine, Tobartaoscaín & Turnpike Rd.
12noon: Special Intention.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 13th August, 2017

Readers: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Kath Hartnett, Boston.

Mon 9.30am: Martin & Teresa O'Rourke, Tubber & Ennis.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Thurs 9.30am: Pat Vaughan, Crusheen.

Sun 11am: Deceased Brennan, Ryan & O'Donnell families.

Hospital & Sick Calls

6th August, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Duty Phone: 065 6869098

Bank Holiday

Monday

**No 7.45am Mass
In Cathedral.**

Annual Mass

at St. Joseph's Well

**Our Lady's, Gort Road
on 15th August at 7.30pm.**

**Entrance through Our
Lady's Gates. All welcome.**

Newly Baptised



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

**Patrick McCarthy; Ezra Edson
Mante; Daire Patrick Moloney;**

Bingo

Great prizes;

Jackpot: €1,500;

**In Community Centre
Every Sunday from 8pm.**



Live the Word:

The wise person moves
from challenge to
challenge with a trusting
soul, with hope and joy and
always ready to begin again.

*The National Annual Legion of
Mary Pilgrimage to Knock*
takes place on **Sunday, 24th
September** with Bishop Fintan
Monahan as Chief Celebrant &
Homilist.

Ennis Parish Development
Fund for Sunday 30th July,
€6,527.00

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: Michael Spellissy, Drumcliffe & Quin.

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Sun 10am: Eddie Casey, Marian Ave.

11.30am: Betty O'Looney, Rathclooney, Clooney.

Mon 11am: Tom Kearney, Gordon Drive.

Tues 11am: Noel Considine, Spanish Point.

Fri 11am: Maura Finn, Oak Park.

Sat 11am: Gerry Leydon, Steele's Tce &
Michael McLoughlin, Mayo.

7pm: Padraic Barrett, Elm Park.

Sun 8am: Paddy & Breda Loughnane, Loughrea.

10am: Denis Horgan, Tobartaoscaín.

11.30am: Patrick Carmody, Kincora Pk.

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 6th August 2017**
at 5.30 p.m. in St. Joseph's Church.
All are welcome.



Rest in Peace

Christine Coughlan, Clonroadbeg;



*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.*

TROCAIRE
Working for a Just World

Total to date of the recent collection for the East Africa Hunger Crisis: €25,939.

We thank our parishioners for their very generous support. If you would like to contribute, please drop your donation into the parish office during the coming week.

Cloughleigh News

Cloughleigh School: Construction has commenced of the new school for Cloughleigh. Due to construction there is no parking allowed on the school grounds. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Residents' Meeting: Open Meeting for ALL RESIDENTS in Cloughleigh area will be held in the Community Centre, Davitt Tce., on Monday 28 August at 7:30pm. Please try and attend.

Killaloe Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The autumn pilgrimage from the Killaloe Diocese to Lourdes will leave Shannon Airport on Sun 1st Oct. returning Fri 6th Oct.: €667pp sharing with €10 discount for online bookings. Limited capacity so early booking is advisable. Contact www.joewalshstours.ie: 01 2410810 or Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director Shannon: 061 364133

We welcome the Hibernian Festival Singers from U.S.A.. They will perform this Sunday Aug 6th in the Cathedral with a short recital after the 12noon Mass.

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

Mary Considine of Hermitage would like to thank all the people who have prayed, sent Mass cards and good wishes during her recent illness. Your kindness and prayerful support are much appreciated.

Please support Down Syndrome Clare's annual flag day and charity cycle 'Tour de Munster' on Friday 11th Aug. Donations are put to good use and are gratefully appreciated.

Bus to Lough Derg on the 20th of August for a one day retreat. please contact Stephen Leahy: 0861943960.

Older Person's Award

In each parish there are people who give outstanding service to the community but sometimes get little recognition for it. The Clare Older Person's Forum is an alliance of organisations that work with older people in the community. Because they believe these local heroes should be more widely acknowledged, they have launched an annual Clare Older Person of the Year award scheme, and are asking groups in each parish to nominate a local person – aged over 55 years – as suitable for the Award. Closing date is 22nd August. Nomination forms and further details available from The Clare Older People's Council, c/o CLDC, Westgate Business Park, Kilrush Road, Ennis. Email clareopf@gmail.com. Tel. (065) 6866800.

Éire Óg's Annual Ger O'Meara Memorial Golf Classic takes place Sat 12th August at Ennis Golf Club. €120 for teams of 4. €50 to sponsor a hole. Some great prizes on offer incl overnight stay, 4-ball, & dinners. Contact Des Neylon on 087 2491960, Darren & Sean O'Meara or Brian Cooney. All are welcome, many thanks for your support.

Aware is a national organisation providing a range of free support services to individuals, families and communities concerned about depression. The demand for our services are continuing to grow and we are now recruiting volunteers to meet this demand. No previous volunteering is required. Full training will be provided. See www.aware.ie or contact 01-6617211.

Cuan an Chláir Day care centre



Located on 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 or Marion on 0872183754 for all enquiries and to check eligibility criteria.

5K COLOUR RUN will be held in Quilty on Monday 7th August at 12noon. Registration from 10.30am that morning! Lots of Local Celebs, DJ & Fitness Instructor Deirdre Glynn to get you warmed up! Proceeds to Sláinte an Chláir Cancer Care and Cystic Fibrosis Clare Branch.

FREE DIGITAL SKILLS COMPUTER CLASSES STILL RUNNING – TOPICS COVERED: Introduction to the Internet, Internet safety & security, Email, Search engines and websites, Online government services, Conducting everyday transactions, Online voice and video calls, Use of "Apps". Classes are held over 5 days (2 hours a day) and are free to anyone. If you wish to enrol please contact Pauline/Mary Ellen at CIOC, Elevation Business Park, Clonroad, Ennis, Co. Clare. Phone: 065 6841009, email: education@cioc.ie.

Milford Care Centre is offering a Bereavement Support Education Programme, commencing on the 20th September and will run over 12 consecutive Wednesday evenings with a non-residential personal development weekend on 6th - 8th October. Fees apply and some bursaries are available. This programme is aimed at anyone who is interested in learning more about the grief experience and how to support bereaved people in an informal setting. Contact Carol Byrnes (Social Work Department) at c.byrnes@milfordcc.ie or 061 485800 or Geraldine Aherne, (Education Department) at g.aherne@milfordcc.ie or 061 485800.

Mary Immaculate College Alumni Reunion 2017 - Save the Date, 7 October: Did you graduate from MIC in 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012? Then this is the event for you! MIC is welcoming back its Alumni on Saturday 7 October from 1.30pm - 5pm. This is the perfect opportunity to meet up with old friends, and reacquaint yourself with the College. Should you wish to attend, please advise us in advance alumni@mic.ul.ie and put "Class Reunion" in the subject line. More details www.friends.mic.ie

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Claochlú ár dTiarna Íosa Críost

Inniu an 6 Lúnasa ceiliúrtar Claochlú ár dTiarna Íosa Críost ar fud an domhain. Rug Íosa leis Peadar, Séamas agus Eoin deartháir Shéamais, agus sheol sé iad suas sliabh ard ar leithligh. Thug athrú ghné Chríost dearcadh dá dheisceabail ar ghlór Dé. Bhí Páis Chríost ar tí tarlú. Ina dhiaidh sin bheadh na deisceabail ina n-aonar agus contúirt ar gach taobh diobh. Shoilsigh gnúis Íosa ar nós na gréine agus d'éirigh a chuid éadaigh chomh gléigeal leis an solas. Chonacthas dóibh Maois agus Éilias ag comhrá Leis. Labhair Peadar: "A Thiarna," ar seisean le hÍosa, "is maith mar tharla anseo sinn: más maith leat é, déanfaidh mé trí bhoth san áit seo, ceann duit féin, ceann do Mhaois agus ceann d'Éilias." Sula raibh an focal as a bhéal, seo scamall solasmhar ina scáil anuas orthu, agus an glór as an scamall: "Is é seo mo Mhac muirneach dár thug mé gnaoi; éistigí leis." Matha 17 :1-5. Léirigh Sé an ghlóir atá i ndán dúinne agus do Chríostaithe dílse. Cuireann Féile an lae inniu i gcúimhne dúinn go bhfuil Dia i n-gar dúinn de shíor, go mór mór in am an chruatain. *Moladh go deo le Dia. Áiméan.*

The Transfiguration of Jesus Our Lord

Today August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration, is celebrated worldwide. Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James, and brought them up into a high mountain by themselves. The Transfiguration gave the apostles an insight into the glory of God. The Passion of Jesus was soon to follow. After that they would be alone and in danger from all sides. He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his garments became as white as the light. Moses and Elijah appeared and talked with him. Peter spoke and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, let's make three tents here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice spoke from the cloud, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him." Matthew 17:1-5. He foretold the glory that awaits each one of us and all the faithful. Today's feast reminds us that God is always with us especially in times of trouble. *May God be praised forever. Amen*

We would like to thank all who supported Dermot Cosgrove's recent fundraising walk in Greenland. Dermot is the son of Nancy and the late Frank Cosgrove Dalcassian Park and he has completed 200km solo walk in Greenland. The trek is a fundraiser for the Irish Charity Dogs for the Disabled; Dermot's sister, Claire, is a puppy walker for the charity. The total cost of keeping a dog for life is €15,000 and to date Dermot has raised over €10,000. We would like to thank all who supported him; donated to the Charity; to journalists Pat Flynn and Stuart Holly.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

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 book of Daniel

1 Dan 7:9-10.13-14

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat.

His robe was white as snow,
The hair of his head as pure as wool.

His throne was a blaze of flames,
its wheels were a burning fire.

A stream of fire poured out,
issuing from his presence.

A thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

A court was held and the books were opened.

I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
One like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age.
And was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty,
Glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and

languages became his servants.
His sovereignty in an eternal sovereignty
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

This is the word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. The lord is king, most high above all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
Let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
His throne, justice and right. **R**

The mountains melt like wax
Before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
All peoples see his glory. **R**

For you indeed are the Lord
Most high above all the earth
Exalted far above all spirits. **R**

A reading from the second letter of St. Peter.

1Pt 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoke from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

This is the word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**This is my son, the Beloved,
he enjoys my favour;
listen to him.**

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to the Matthew

Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they

were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'this is my Son; the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.