



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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Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A) 7th May, 2017

I am the Door...so that you may have life.

The Gospel passage today presents us with the famous story of the good shepherd whom the sheep know and through whom they can enter the sheepfold. It is important primarily to situate ourselves in this story. It takes place in the context of the unjust expulsion of a formerly blind beggar from the synagogue. Jesus, who had healed the man of his blindness, subsequently speaks a parable to the people wherein he declares that he is the door. This almost incendiary remark warrants reflection. We are left with an image that seems to imply that the man, having been thrown out of the synagogue, may now enter into a new form of worship by imitating Jesus and following him.

But doors are very interesting. They can either keep people in or lock them out as well as providing access. In life, there are so many people crowding around the door wishing to get into a pasture which they believe to be better or which promises greener grass. This door, ornate and decorative, promises what it can perhaps never deliver; eternal youth, good looks and financial and romantic success. There are also the people who are afraid to open the door, terrified of what may be on the other side and this too is important to acknowledge. A door when you open it, no matter how small the transition may

be, symbolises leaving behind something to go to something new. This is often very difficult for people.

This is why we need to gently link Jesus saying in the last passage to his being the Door *par excellence*... Jesus says he has come so that we can live life and have it to the full. The original translation runs along the lines that we may have a life which is "...super-abundance, profuse, extraordinary, surplus, over and above, more than sufficient..." As the song says, who could ask for anything more?



Jesus calls us to enter through him. He is the door. For many of us this may be a risk, or a chance which is difficult to take.

But there are many gentle ways we can slowly begin to push open that door; by praying, meditating on his word, spending just 5 minutes a day listening to the quiet movement of his Spirit in the silence of our hearts. All of these activities will slowly begin to push open

that door for us and in time we will be witnesses to a vista in our lives which surpasses anything we had ever imagined.

Daunting as it may be, it is the challenge of our faith to knock upon that door and slowly open it. So, as Church and as parish, let's begin to slowly push open that door, together, so that we may have life and have it in abundance.

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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30pm: Ann McMahon, Morrissey Ave. 1st Anniv
John Doohan, Kincora Park. 1st Anniv

Sun: 9am: Teresa Nugent, Cusack Rd.
Nora Coote, Cornmarket St.

10.30am: Owen J Linnane, Parnell St.
Chris Meaney, Limerick Rd.
Michael Connellan, Ard na Greine.
Marian O'Loughlin, Lifford Rd.
Joan & Patrick Barry, St. Senan's Rd.
Paschal Molloy, Hermitage.
Mulvihill family, late O'Connell St.

Anne & John Keane, Hermitage & Clare Burke, Mill Rd.

12noon: Anne Mangan, Turnpike Rd. 1st Anniv

Mon: 7.45am: Jack & Brigid Healy, Hermitage.

10am: Tom Linnane, Listowel.

7.30pm: Frank Corcoran, Highfield Park.
Mary Lyons, Ard na Greine. MM

Tues:7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: Kathleen, Paddy & Kieran O'Loughlin,
St Michael's Villas.

7.30pm: Martin & Teresa Hurley, Tiermaclane.

Wed:7.45am: Reidy family, Tiermaclane.

10am: Donor Intentions.

7.30pm: Sullivan Family, Patrick St, Clarecastle.

Thurs:7.45am: Joe McInerney, Doora.

10am: May Singleton, Hermitage.

7.30pm: Christina Whelan, College Pk. 1st Anniv

Fri:7.45am Mass for the People.

10am: Christy Daly, College View.

7.30pm: Mass for the People.

Sat:10am: Jim & Mae Quinlivan, Lower Market St.
Frank O'Dwyer, Clonroadbeg.

11am: First Holy Communion ENS

6.30pm:Mae Scanlan, Willow Pk & Scatterry. 1st Anniv

Sun: 9am: Donall MacMathuna, Ballybeg.

Ann & Brian MacMahon, Woodlawn.

10.30am: Dan O'Connor, Clonroad.

Christy Rushe, College Park.

Michael O'Brien, Summerhill.

Ann Lacey, College Green.

Patrick Honan, Kilrush Rd.

Martin Frawley, Westfields.

Paddy & Mary Broderick, Loughville.

Liam Daly, Hermitage.

12noon: Michael Flynn, Upper Market St. MM

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 14th May, 2017

Readers: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun9.30am:Patricia Mulqueen, Considine Rd. 1st Anniv

11am: Michael Nihill, Shalee Drive.

Mon 9.30am: Joe Noone, Ennis. 1st Anniv

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Marion & John O'Brien, Mullagh.

Thurs 9.30am: Eddie Mc Carthy, Drumbiggle Drive.

Fri 7.30pm: Jane Frawley, Kildysart.

Sun 9.30am: MI & Nora Linnane & family, Considine Tce.

11am: Eugene White, Mungret & Considine Rd.

Hospital & Sick Calls

7th May, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Brendan Quinlivan

Duty Phone: 065 6869098



Feast of Our Lady of
Fatima Public Square
Rosary Crusade
O'Connell Square
Ennis; Saturday 13th
May; 3pm Please join
us. For further information: Mai
Lynch Tel 065 6828473



Live the Word:

When we search for
reasons to be grateful
we find they are
endless. If we open
our eyes to see and
our ears to hear and our
hearts to feel, we will find gifts all
around us and within us.

Parish Visitation Team



will visit Woodlands,
Kilrush Road, starting
15th May. "Where 2 or
3 are gathered in My
Name, there I am in the
midst of them".

Medjugorje Prayer

Meeting Monday at 8pm

Clarecastle Day Care

Centre. All welcome.



Set of Keys lost in the vicinity

of St. Joseph's Church. If
found, please contact Parish
Office on 6824043

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock:



The annual Diocesan
Pilgrimage to Knock
this year will take
place on **Sunday 2nd
July**, sharing with
Ferns as we have in
previous years. This year
Ferns Diocese will lead the
ceremonies. **Save the date
- specific details will be
announced at a later date.**



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: John & Anne Sherlock, Ennis
Michael 1st Anniv & Mary Sweeney, Shannon Pk.

Sun 8am: Ciarán & Bridie Reidy, Dublin.

10am: Michael Lernihan, Pearse Ave. 1st Anniv

11.30am: Antoinette Kennedy, Drumbiggle Rd. MM

Mon 11am: John, Rita & Johnny Mulkerrins, Marian Ave.

Tues 11am: Deceased Mc Mahon family, Dublin.

Wed 11am: Mary Kerin.

Thu 11am: Claire & Vincent Killowry, Parnell St &
Fergus Pk.

Fri 11am: Bob Kearney, late Market St & U.S.A.

Sat 11am: First Holy Communion Gaelscoil.

7pm: Frank Gibbons, Kincora Pk.

Sun 10am: Brendan Mc Mahon, Lahinch Rd.

11.30am: Joe Conway, Corrovorrin Drive.

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the
Tridentine or 'Latin' rite) takes place on
Sunday 7th May 2017 at 5.30pm in St.
Joseph's Church.



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.

Newly Baptised



We welcome into the Christian Community
through the Sacrament of Baptism: Bernie
Christopher Ward, John Gerard
McDonagh, Faye Isabel Maher, Reuben
Joseph Patrick McDonagh, Jack Richard
Moloney, Zander David Molloy.

Rest in Peace

Kathleen Egan, Feighmane, Tulla Rd; John Molloy,
Kilcar, Co. Donegal brother-in-law of Anne Byrne,
Hermitage; John Fitzpatrick, Linnane's Tce., Kilrush
Rd; Martha Crimmins, Newmarket on Fergus,
mother of Raymond, Springfield & sister in law of
Michael Crimmins, Clonroad; David Chapman,
Ennistymon & late Clancy Pk; Jack Lynch, Cork,
brother of Anthony, Newpark & Aidan, Cahercalla;



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.

Saint Vincent de Paul

Church Door Collection takes place next weekend Sat. 13th &
Sun. 14th May 2017. Donations can be left at Parish Office or
SVP Shop 86 Parnell St. Please support, we can't do it alone.



Cloughleigh Area



Spring Clean

*Scoil Chríost Rí; Staff & Students
Ennis town Council
Ennis West Partners
Cloughleigh Residents' Association
Youth club from the Junction
An Garda Síochána
Ennis Tidy Towns*

Invite all members of the area to meet
at
Cloughleigh Community Centre
On
Thursday 18th May at 7pm
Bring brushes and shovels
(Gloves, bags and bibs will be provided)

May Devotions in honour of Our Lady

We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly during May.

- Corrovorrin Crescent; Rosary daily, 7pm.
- Gallows Hill; Rosary daily, 7pm.
- Dalcassian PK Grotto; Rosary daily, 7pm.
- St. Michael's Villas Grotto; Rosary daily, 7pm
- Hermitage Grotto; Rosary daily, 7pm
- Marian Avenue Grotto; Rosary daily, 7pm

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flowers of the rarest
bring blossoms the fairest,
from gardens and woodlands
and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!



Chorus:

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

Ennis Tidy Towns Competition

Attention all Residential Estate Committees Green Areas. Entry Forms now available at Reception Ennis Chamber of Commerce. Phone 065-6842988 Best Kept Garden Competition Entry. Forms now available at Reception Ennis Chamber of Commerce. Phone 065-6842988



St. Flannan's Parents' Association holding their meeting on Monday 8th May at 8.15 pm in Music Room beside reception. All Welcome.

Colaiste Muire Parents' association is hosting a presentation- Raising a Child in a Digital World: internet safety, screen addiction, sexting and more will be covered on Tuesday May 9th at 7.30pm in the Dánlann. All are welcome to attend.

Ennis Track Athletic Club's Open Sports Day

will take place on this Sunday, May 7th; Lee's Road Sports Facility, Drumcliffe Road, Ennis. Races will start at 12 noon sharp. Admission: €3 per adult, €3 per child (children aged 4 or under go free). Entry fee includes all race entries. Contact Gerry Hayes @ 086 3781912 or see www.ennistrackathleticclub.com

Wool required for a children's charity knitting group. Any amount, colour type will be greatly appreciated. Please drop into the Parish Office.



Computer training: Learn wordprocessing, Spreadsheets, Database, Powerpoint, email, internet. Contact 065 6824785

A free course on dealing with trauma in your life will take place Monday evenings from May 8th, 7 -8.30pm in the Sonas Centre, Chapel Lane, Ennis. All welcome. Contact Sláinte an Chláir, 087 6912396 for further info.

Ennis Singers' Club hold next session on Friday, 12th May 9.30pm in Grove Restaurant, Roslevan, Ennis. Special Guest is Mattie Murphy from Wexford, a wonderful singer and entertainer. All welcome.

The Banner Ladies' Football Club has resumed outdoor training on Tuesday evenings in the Banner Pitch on Shanaway Rd. Under 8s and under 10s train from 6pm to 7pm. Under 12s train from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Why not come along for fun and enjoyment while also learning to play Ladies Gaelic Football? For more info tel. 087 2283224.

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

Charity Bowling Night for Cuan an Chláir

Please contact your friends and form a team of 4 to support this fundraiser for Cuan. Great night of fun and laughter, Thurs 11th May from 6pm



Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Lá na nGairmeacha

Is lá speisialta san Eaglais an ceathrú Domhnach den Cháisc. Iarrtar orainn guí go dtiocfaidh méadú ar ghairmeacha chun na Sagartachta agus an Bheatha Reiligiúnach. Is é Iosa féin a dúirt linn: "Tá an fómhar fairsing ach níl ann ach meitheal bheag. Dá bhri sin guígí Máistir an fhómhair go gcuirfeadh sé meitheal uaidh isteach ina fhómhair" (Matha 9:37-38). Inár mBaisteadh ghlaigh Iosa ar gach duine againn é a leanúint. Faoi láthair sna tíortha saibhre, tá laghdú mór ar an méid daoine atá ag éisteach leis an ngloch chun bheith ina shagairt. Is é an scéal céanna é in Éirinn. De réir na staitisticí atá tugtha dúinn i dtéadlitir Chásca an Easpaig níl cuma rómhaith ar chúrsaí sa deoise seo ach oiread. Is é an Pobal a chothaíonn suim i ngairm na sagartachta. Inniu agus an tAoire Maith á cheiliúradh againn, tugaimis aird ar a bhriathra bheith aontaithe leis agus leis an Athair le go mbeadh ar ár gcumas a ghuth a aithint i saol ina bhfuil iliomad guthanna eile ár dtarraingt uaidh nuair a ghlaonn sé orthu. Go raibh sé de mhisneach ag aos óg éisteach leis an Tiarna, an tAoire Maith, nuair a ghlaonn sé orthu. Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá: *A Thiarna Iosa Críost, Slánaitheoir an domhain, go n-éirí linn ár mbeatha a chaitheamh de réir do dhilse. Go dtreoraí an Spiorad Naomh sagairt agus lucht craobhscaoilte an dea-scéil agus go gcuire Iosa meitheal uaidh isteach ina fhómhair. Aiméan.*

The fourth Sunday of Easter is a very special day. We are asked to pray for an increase of vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life. It was Jesus who said, "The harvest is great but the labourers are few. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send labourers into His harvest". (Matthew 9: 37-38). In our Baptism each is called to follow Jesus. At present in the rich countries, there is a significant decrease in the numbers answering the call to priesthood. It is the same in Ireland and in this diocese according to the statistics published in the Bishop's pastoral letter. Vocations are and should be fostered in the community.

Today as we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday let us strive to be united with Him and his Father, so that we may recognise His voice in a world where there are many voices drawing us away from Him. May the youth have the courage to listen to the voice of the Lord, the Good Shepherd, when He calls them. We can say this prayer: *Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, may we spend our lives faithful to You. May the Holy Spirit guide priests and all who preach the gospel and may the Lord of the harvest send labourers into His harvest. Amen.*

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 30th April, €7,345

The Parish welcomes the Diocesan Safeguarding Newsletter, which is available in the Church and on the Parish and Diocesan websites. Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are: Marian Coughlan-Flynn; Mary Corey; Angela Mc Mahon and they can be contacted via the Parish Office or through the priest.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

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 Acts of the Apostles Ac 2:14.36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with
the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a
loud voice: "The whole House of Israel can be
certain that God has made this Jesus whom
you crucified both Lord and Christ."

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart
and said to Peter and the apostles, "What must
we do, brothers?" "You must repent," Peter
answered "and every one of you must be
baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the
forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift
of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made
is for you and your children, and for all those
who are far away, for all those whom the Lord
our God will call to himself." He spoke to them
for a long time using many arguments, and he
urged them, "Save yourselves from this
perverse generation." They were convinced by
his arguments, and they accepted what he said
and were baptised. That very day about three
thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R: *The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. R

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. R

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. R

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. R

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter 1 Pt 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing
punishment patiently when you are punished
after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to
do, because Christ suffered for you and left an
example for you to follow the way he took. He
had not done anything wrong, and there had
been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted
and did not retaliate with insults; when he was
tortured he made no threats but he put his
trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing
our faults in his own body on the cross, so that
we might die to our faults and live for holiness;
through his wounds you have been healed.
You had gone astray like sheep but now you
have come back to the shepherd and guardian
of your souls.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!*

Reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jn 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone
who does not enter the sheepfold through the
gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and
a brigand. The one who enters through the
gate is the shepherd of the flock; the
gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his
voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and
leads them out. When he has brought out his
flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep
follow because they know his voice. They

never follow a stranger but run away from
him: they do not recognise the voice of
strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they
failed to understand what he meant by
telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come

are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of
them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will
be safe:

he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life

and have it to the full.'

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

The Good Shepherd has risen,
Who laid down his life for his sheep and
willingly died for his flock, alleluia