



# 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

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The Baptism of the Lord

8th January 2017

(Year A)

## Strengthen those who hope in you

## Psalm 31

The post Christmas period can be somewhat of an anti climax as the hustle and bustle of the festivities unwinds and the routine of ordinary living takes over from the joyous occasion, however the new year affords us with an opportunity to ponder as to what might unfold for the coming months.

For many the ongoing process of meeting the demands of daily living will be a priority. Students returning to school, public servants returning to the work place; and for others it will be the undertaking of new ventures, others will continue to battle with ongoing illness. For some an unfortunate family bereavement. All of such experiences will be addressed in humility and patience, but also in the hope that some consolation can be provided by the support structures that are available.

The church also in welcoming the new year invites us to look inwardly by shedding the anxieties of living and renew a spirit of optimism by submitting our cares to a God of mercy who shares our pilgrimage in life. Despite the global tragedies the heroic efforts of those who engage in the struggle for peace and justice must be supported.

Francis our Pope is a beacon of hope in a disturbed world and through his ministry inspires all people to reach out to those who are oppressed by poverty and injustice. Led by his example the faithful are empowered to continue to live their faith with renewed energy.

Under the direction of our new Bishop Fintan Monahan the diocese of Killaloe will continue to engage in the implementation of the Pastoral Plan "Builders of Hope". This is a call and an invitation for a more active / inclusive understanding of what this plan requires.



*"We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear our voice each day.*

*We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.*

*We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom".*

(Henri Nouwen)

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

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Mgt Counihan, Fergus Lawn. MM  
 Sun 8th: 9am: Bridie Rynne, Castlewood Pk.  
 Kevin Keane, Connolly Villas.  
 10.30am: Jim & Peggy Casey, Shanaway Rd.  
 Patrick Feeney, St. Michael's Villas.  
 Vincent Neylon, Parnell St.  
 P. J. Foudy, Ivy Hill, Gort Rd.  
 Nora Malone, Parnell St.  
 Kitty Casey, Monument Hse, O'Connell Sq.  
 David Barrett, Willow Pk.  
 12noon: Mass for the People.  
 Mon: 7.45am Maura & James Doohan, Lissycasey.  
 10am: Sheehan family, Co Kerry.  
 7.30pm: Albert Mounsey, Marian Ave.  
 Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.  
 10am: Michael, Martin, Catherine, Maura Hassett, Inch.  
 7.30pm: Colm Slattery, Moyriesk & Golf Links Rd.  
 Wed: 7.45am: Louis Galvin, Ennis.  
 10am: Stephen Cunningham, Labasheeda.  
 7.30pm: Catherine Considine, late Hermitage.  
 Thurs: 7.45am: Mary, Paddy, Seán, Lucy Kissane; &  
 Mary & Seán Feehan, Ennis, Dublin & Cork.  
 10am: Bartholomew Torpey, Shragh, Moyasta & London.  
 12.30pm: Edward McDonagh, Davitt Tce. MM  
 7.30pm: Alice Brennan, O'Connell St.  
 Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.  
 10am: Lucy Bradley, Showgrounds Rd.  
 7.30pm: Brid Vaughan, College Rd. 1st Anniv  
 Sat: 10am: Christina Griffin, Parnell St.  
 6.30pm: Sr. Maeve Brooks. 1st Anniv,  
 P.J. & Lily Brooks, College Park.  
 Tony Sharkey, Cahercalla Estate. 1st Anniv  
 Sun 15th: 9am: Samuel & Maud Cutt, College Green.  
 10.30am: Paul Shannon, Clarecastle.  
 Tony Shannon, Clancy Pk.  
 Delia Armstrong, Cahercalla.  
 Tom Kelly, College Rd.  
 Liam & Eoin Madigan, St. Michael's Villas.  
 Tina Doyle, Cloverhill, Tulla Rd.  
 Mary Brogan, College Green.  
 12noon: Mass for the People.

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 15th January, 2017

Readers: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 8th 11am: Joan Ryan, Enniskerry, Cusack Rd.  
 Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.  
 Fri 9.30am: Bridget Crosse Kinnane, Ennistymon.  
 Sun 9.30am: Mary Foley, Cloughleigh Rd.  
 11am: Kathleen Shannon, Cloughleigh Rd. MM

**Live the Word:** New beginnings allow us to make a fresh start. To let go of what we have been holding onto in order to let new experiences come into our lives. You can start small, make simple changes, be patient with yourself when you stumble, and always know you are moving toward your desired goal or destination in life.



## Hospital & Sick Calls

8th January, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Fr. John McGovern

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Tom Hogan

Duty Phone No: 065 6869098



## Friary News

The next meeting of the Secular Franciscan order will be held in the Friary at 10am and at St. Anthony's hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th January. One hour of Prayer for Peace will take place at the Poor Clare Chapel Sat 7th Jan. from 4.30pm-5.30pm.

## World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2017



Migrants leave their homes in search of a better life and face the difficult experience of migration in its various forms. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for the upcoming World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Minor migrants, vulnerable and voiceless." He asks us to come together to pray for world day of migrants and refugees.

As Christians, we are called to reach out to and pray for all migrants to emphasize the unity of the human family and the values of acceptance, hospitality and love of neighbour.

On January 15th, the 103rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees Mass will be celebrated at the 12pm Mass in the Cathedral. All are welcome to remember those who have left our shores and those who have come.



## 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: Paddy & Mary Darcy, Arbutus Hse, Lifford.  
 Sun 8th 8am: Thomas Scanlon, Newcastle West.  
 10am: Thomas (Toss) O'Sullivan, New Rd.  
 11.30am: John McNamara, Upper Kilkee.  
 Mon 11am: Special Intention.  
 Wed 11am: John McDermott, Doonbeg.  
 Thu 11am: John & Maureen Arthur, Tulla Rd.  
 Fri 11am: Dan & Bridget Greene, Corrovorrin & Mayo.  
 Sat 11am: Noreen Moroney, Morrissey Ave.  
 7pm: Brid Madigan, Ivy Hill.  
 Sun 15th 8am: Anthony Dormer, Rosanore.  
 10am: Eamon Duffy, Kincora Pk.  
 11.30am: Mgt Roche, Kincora Park. 1st Anniv

Bereavement visitation team meeting, Thurs 12th Jan.; 8pm in Cathedral House.

Unwanted Gifts: - Any unwanted Christmas gifts can be dropped to Parish Office or reception in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Wanted for family in need, tumble dryer; contact Parish Office.

Maranatha Prayer Ministry invites you to our Healing Retreat and Family Tree Mass Sunday, 15th January; 2.30pm: St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick; with Fr. Brendan Walsh, Pallotine Fathers, Thurles, with beautiful Spirit Filled Praise and Worship, Music and Song, Confessions, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Talk, Mass and Adoration and Laying on of hands for healing. Tea after in hall. All welcome.

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER MEETING: Mon 9th Jan.; 8pm: District Daycare Centre, Clarecastle:  All welcome.

## SAMARITANS

Ennis And Clare Branch of the Samaritans are holding Information Sessions at 7.30pm to 10pm; Tues. 10th & Thurs 12th January 2017 at Sunville, Kilrush Rd., Ennis for people who are interested in joining Samaritans. No formal qualifications or specialised experience are required - anybody (18 years old and over) can become a Volunteer.

## Rest in Peace

Benny Beirne, Roscommon, father of Irene Sexton, Westfields, Limerick Rd; Maura Hegarty nee McCormack, Elm Pk; Mary Fahy, Newmarket-on-Fergus, sister of Brid Mannion, Highfield;



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.

## Pilgrimages 2017

The Killaloe Diocese is organising a once off pilgrimage to Fatima for the Centenary Year 2017 and a visit to the shrine of St. Anthony in Lisbon. Pilgrimage will be direct from Shannon Airport; Easter Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. (Easter week). Cost €699 with €10 reduction for online booking to joewalshours.ie. Booking forms available from Fr Tom Ryan, pilgrimage Director Shannon 061 -364133 or Fr Brendan Quinlivan Ennis.

**MEDJUGORJE** Pilgrimage ex Shannon on 17th May. Contact Kathleen: 086 1031508.

**Two pilgrimages to Medjugorje:** September 6-13, spiritual director Fr. Tom O'Gorman. September 13-20. Spiritual Director TBA. €100 deposit secures €659 price. After 1st Feb, price of €709 applies. Book now before 1st Feb Contact group leader: 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.

**An introduction to Centering Prayer as taught by Thomas Keating, a Trappist Monk.** Centering Prayer is rooted in the Gospel and is a prayer for our times. In a busy, noisy and sometimes bewildering world, Centering offers us a path to sanity and personal transformation. It is a communion with God that seeks to go beyond concepts, words and images. Presentations during the introduction will address:

- Prayer as a Relationship
- The method of Centering Prayer
- Thoughts and Use of the Sacred Word
- Deepening the Relationship with God

Venue: Pastoral Centre, Church Rd, Nenagh  
Sat 21st January 11am-5pm  
Booking essential 067 32830

**Yoga with Anto 086 3100827** / classes resume for 6 week course/ Mon9th Clonroad Bus Pk. Beginners 7-8.30pm /Continuation 8.30-10pm / Tue10th Ennis Yoga Studio Gentle 7-8.30pm / Continuation 8.30-10pm / Thurs 12th Pregnancy 7pm / Continuation 8.30-10pm & morning classes 10am Tue Thurs Fri.

**Scoil Uí Ruairc classes resume Tue 10th Jan 6-8pm** at Maria Assumpta Hall. Beginners welcome. Sat 14th Jan 10am-12noon at Friary Hall. Contact Maureen 061-4527788 Or Mary 087 8266193

**Open Invitation to a talk by Christy Kenneally on "Life after Suicide"** at the Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis on Tuesday January 17th at 7.30pm. Christy Kenneally is well known for his work in the area of bereavement. The talk is sponsored by Clare Suicide Bereavement Support.

## Support Christian Unity

The theme for each year's 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' is prepared by the Pontifical Council and the World Council of Churches for Promoting Christian Unity. The 2017 theme is - Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us (2 Corinthians 5:14-20)

This finds its origins in Pope Francis' 2013 "The Joy of the Gospel" scriptural quote "The Love of Christ Compels Us". The Council of Churches in Germany created the prayer service. The traditional period in the northern hemisphere for *Christian Unity is January 18-25*. Those dates were proposed in 1908 to cover the original days of the feasts of the Chair of St. Peter (Jan18) and the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan 25), and therefore have a symbolic significance. *Our local service takes place in Saint Columba's Bindon Street. January 24th 7:30pm. So let's support Christian Unity.*

**Ennis StepFitt New Year 5 week programme** comprising of Step Aerobics/ Circuits commencing in the Gael Scoil Primary School Tuesday 10th January 2017 from 7-8; spaces limited, suits all ages and all levels of fitness; for more details and to book your step contact Clare on 0876855569.

**"Cancer Man 2 Man, men only meeting,** Saturday 14th January, 11am at Clare Cancer Support Centre, Kilnamona. Tel 087 6912396."

**January 8th is International Awareness Day for Human Trafficking.** Human trafficking is one of the world's most shameful ills-a heartless violation of human rights in which lives are traded, sold, exploited, abused and ruined. We invite you to pray for the victims of this crime and to keep yourself informed of events and happenings in this important area of human rights.

**Caint agus Comhrá:** Ath-bhláin faoi mhaise duit. Warm chats 'as Gaeilge' continue this January at Bia agus Caife, Dé Céadaoin agus Dé Sathairn ar 11am; or in the evening time at Temple Gate, Déardaoin ag 8pm. Fáilte i gcónaí roimh chainteoirí nua. Info: caintaguscomhra@eircom.net

**Toonagh Charity Walk** for Seeking Vision Clare Sunset Foundation; Sunday 15th Jan.; 12.30pm; Register Toonagh Hall 11.30am; Entry fee €10: 3 Routes to suit all levels of fitness 2k, 5k & 10.5k; Start & Finish at Toonagh Hall; Refreshments served after walk; Children welcome; Info Breda 0851947763.

**Getting Married in 2017? Why not consider a Pre-Marriage Course in Esker, Athenry,** in January or later? This course, from Friday night to Sunday lunch, is an approved course. There are courses in January, March, June and October of 2017. Find us on [www.redemptoristsesker.ie/what we do, or email: info@redemptoristsesker.ie](http://www.redemptoristsesker.ie/what we do, or email: info@redemptoristsesker.ie)

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Sollúntacht Eipeafáine an Tiarna  
Lá Nollag Beag

Tugtar Lá Nollag Beag agus Nollaig na mBan ar an bhféile seo chomh maith. Má fhéachaimid ar an mainséar inniu feicimid figiúirí breise ann. Tá tríúr rithe tar éis teacht ón Oirthear chun ómós a thabhairt don Leabhbh Íosa. Bhí Dia sa tóir orthu. Lig siad don réalta iad a threorú agus a mhealladh chuig ár Slánaitheoir Íosa Críost. Nuair a shroich siad an stábla chuaigh siad ar a nglúine chun urraim ar leith a thabhairt dó. Thug siad leo tabhartais an-luachmhara, ór, tuis agus miorr mar ba chuí do phearsa ard-ghradam. Tuigeadh dóibh gur saolaíodh rí nua agus go raibh ómós ar leith ag dul dó. Amhail na rithe má leanaimid réalta ár gcreideamh tíoicfaimid chuig an Rí.

Ta clabhsúr anois ar shéasúr na Nollag agus gabhaimid buíochas le Dia as an sos agus siamsa a bhí againn i rith na tréimhse. Guimid ar son aon duine a bhí faoi bhrón nó faoi bhuaire. Is iad intinn an Phápa do mhí Eanáir ná *:Go raibh Críostaithe uile dílis do theagasc an Tiarna agus go ndéana siad a ndícheall, trí urnaí agus trí charthanacht bhraíthriúil comhaontas a thabhairt ar ais idir aicmí creidimh agus trí chomhoibriú le chéile chun aghaidh ar na dúshláin atá os comhair an chine dhaonna.*

### Epiphany

This feast is also called Little Christmas and Women's Christmas. If we look at the crib today we see three more figures inside. The Three Kings have arrived from the East to honour the Infant Jesus. God was in search of them. They allowed the star to direct and to guide them to our Saviour Jesus Christ. When they reached the stable they knelt to worship Him. They offered Him precious appropriate gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They understood that a king was born who deserved great homage. Like the kings if we follow the star of our faith we will reach God.

*The Christmas season is over and we thank God for the joys and blessings of the season. We ask God's blessings on those for whom it was a struggle or were in any kind of pain. The Pope's intentions for January are: That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.*

**The Back to Education Initiative, Further Education and Training Centre,** Clonroad Campus, Clonroad Business Park, Ennis are currently recruiting for learners interested in courses in the Childcare area. This QQI Level 4 Introductory programme prepares learners for working in a crèche or other Childcare settings. Modules on the programme include Child Development and Play, Nutrition and Healthy Options and Computer Applications. Monday 6pm - 9pm & Thursday 11am - 4.30pm. Commencing 12th January. Phone:0656843633 Email: [Martina.crowleyhayes@lcteb.ie](mailto:Martina.crowleyhayes@lcteb.ie)

**ICA Fergus Guild Thursday 12th** in Clare Care meeting room; 7.30pm. All Welcome.

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

### 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 42:1-4, 6-7*

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights.

I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets.

He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;

I have taken you by the hand and formed you;

I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open

the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name.

Adore the Lord in his holy court R.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. R.

The God of glory thunders.

In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"

The Lord sat enthroned over the flood:

the Lord sits as king for ever. R.

## A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Act. 10:34-38*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:

"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him".

Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. *Mt 3:13-17*

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said, 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the beloved; my favour rests on 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

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.