



# 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)

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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Times (Year A) 8th October, 2017

## From Rejection to Rejoicing

In today's parable Jesus quotes the words of the Psalmist: *"The very stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone"* (Ps. 118:22)

There was a legend that was well known in New Testament times that in the building of the temple of Solomon most of the stones were of the same size and shape. One stone arrived, however, that was different from the others. The builders took one look at it and said, *"This will not do,"* and sent it rolling down into the valley of Kedron below.

The years passed and the great temple was nearing completion, and the builders sent a message to the stonecutters to send the chief cornerstone that the structure might be complete. The cutters replied that they had sent the stone years before. Then someone remembered the stone that was different than all the rest that somehow did not seem to belong. They realized that they had thrown away the cornerstone. They hurried into the valley to retrieve it. Finally under vines and debris they recovered it and with great effort rolled it up the hill and put it in place so that the great temple would be complete. The stone that had been rejected had become the cornerstone.

The next time you think that you don't have anything to offer or that God can't use you just remember Noah was a drunk, Abraham was too old, Moses had a stammer, Rahab was a prostitute, David had an affair and was a murderer, Elijah was suicidal, Peter denied Christ, The Disciples fell asleep while praying, the Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once, Zaccheus was too small AND Lazarus was dead!



**Now! No more excuses! God can use you to your full potential. You aren't the message, you are just the messenger.**

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

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm:

Communion Enrolment Holy Family School.

Sun: 9am: Matt Nugent, Cusack Rd.

10.30am: Fursey O'Connor, Collins Pk.

Michael, Eileen & Noreen Hogan, Corrovorrin Green.

Barbara Considine, Riverside.

12noon: Larry Brennan, Abbeylawn. MM

Mon: 7.45am: Carmel Hogan, Tulla.

10am: Aidan Tuttle, Castletawn.

7.30pm: James Bradley, Showgrounds Rd.

Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: John & Kitty Considine, Clare Rd.

7.30pm: Mgt Minihan, Phoenix Court.

Wed: 7.45am: Mass for the People.

10am: Richard & Lil Pyne, Abbey St.

7.30pm: Irene Meere, Limerick Rd.

Thurs: 7.45am: Sr. Mary Mercy Meaney, Kilkenny.

10am: Mgt Dodie Casey, London & Ennis.

7.30pm: Michael Doherty, Castlewood Pk.

Fri: 7.45am Special Intention.

10am: Michael Maughan, Stone Court.

7.30pm: Mass for the People.

Sat: 10am: Margaret Lenihan, Ennis & Cork.

6.30pm: Ellen Gill, Sandfield Pk. 1st Anniv

Sun: 9am: Maura Cotter, Victoria Court.

Maureen O'Connell, Newmarket on Fergus.

10.30am: Bernie & Martina Browne, Circular Rd.

John Joe Moroney, Cusack Rd.

Michael Naughton, Inisgrove.

Jimmy, Kitty & John Daly, Cloughleigh.

Sean Mc Donnell, Collins Pk. MM

Enrolment Mass for Communion Ennis National.

12noon: Mary Anderson, Linnane Tce. 1st Anniv

## Hospital & Sick Calls

8th October, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman

Wednesday:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

Duty phone: 065 6869098

## Newly Baptised



*We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Gabriel Joseph Hayes; Eanna Daniel McCarthy; Alex Wolfgang McMahon; Daithi Benedict Lynch;*



The annual Novena to Matt Talbot praying for all suffering or sharing in the life of addictions continues this Monday at 7.30pm in St. Senan's Church Kilrush and on Tuesday at 7pm in SS. John & Paul Church Shannon. We welcome Bishop Fintan to his first Matt Talbot Novena. Petitions/Prayers of thanksgiving can be left at the shrine or sent to the special petition email on shannonparish.ie where the Novena can also be watched live each week. Everyone welcome!

## THE GAZE OF JESUS

from *Laudato Si* by Pope Francis



Jesus lived in full harmony with creation, and others were amazed: "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?" Jesus worked with His hands, in daily contact with the matter created by God, to which he gave form by His craftsmanship. It is striking that most of His life was dedicated to this task in a simple life which awakened no admiration at all. In this way He sanctified human labour and endowed it with a special significance. He was able to invite others to the beauty that there is in the world because He himself was in constant touch with nature giving it an attention full of fondness and wonder.



## 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: Carmel & Tom McInerney, The Crescent.

Sun 8am: Theodore Carstensen, Bronx, N.Y.

11.30am: Jimmy Shannon, Shannon Pk.

Mon 11am: Anthony Kenny, Castlewood Pk. 1st Anniv

Tues 11am: Johnny, Jimmy Butler, Ennis & Shannon.

Thu 11am: James Fahy, Carron & Whitegate.

Lelia O'Brien, Ennis.

Fri 11am: Sarah Purcell, Shannon Pk.

Sat 11am: Bill Ryan, Highfield Pk.

7pm: Anne & Jim McLoughlin, Ard na Greine.

Sun 10am: Sheila Downes, Glenoir, St Senan's Rd.

11.30am: Maura Forde & family, Roslevan & Roscommon.



## 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.

## Celebration of New Life

&

### Blessing of Expectant Parents



Ennis Cathedral  
Tuesday October 24th; 8pm  
Everyone Welcome!

## Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 15th October, 2017

Readers: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Mary & Tom White & family, Cloughleigh Rd.

11am: James Reynolds, Drumquin.

Mon 9.30am: Frank Crowe, Kilrush.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 11am: Catherine O'Regan, John Paul Ave.

Communion Enrolment, Scoil Christ Ri.



**Live the Word:** We have the power everyday to attract what we want. The moment you wake set your intention for that day. Before you close your eyes at night see how that intention unfolded throughout the day. Life will always respond to our thoughts.

## October Clergy Collection

The Priests of the Parish thank most sincerely all who contributed to their recent collection. If you were away or forgot, contributions may be left at The Parish Office.

## Rest in Peace

IN MEMORY

Andrew Horan, Cork, brother of Maureen Rynne, Cusack Rd; Mary Shalloo, O'Callaghan's Mills, sister of Nancy Nagle, Claireen, Frank O'Carroll, Dublin, brother of Kay Smyth, College Grove, Patsy Woods, Cloughleigh Rd, Frances Callinan, Shannon Pk, Des McCarthy, New Road; Nora Downes, Kilmihil, mother of Bernie Downes The Crescent & Margaret McMahon, Post Office, Bank Place; Frank O'Meara, Quin

Bingo Great prizes; Jackpot: €1,500;  
In Community Centre Sunday from 8pm.



All proceeds donated to  
renovation of Community Centre



## Triduum of Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima



2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the apparition of our Lady to three children at Fatima in Portugal. During the apparitions Mary asked for prayer and for conversion. To honour these prophetic apparitions Ennis Parish is holding a special Triduum of prayer beginning on Thursday, October 19th at 7:30pm in the Cathedral.

This event will be lead by the Redemptorist congregation from Limerick and will take place over the weekend of October 19th-22nd. There will be many events including an anointing of the sick in St. Joseph's Church on Saturday October 21st at 11am.

We invite you to come, to pray and to ask for our Lady's intercession during these times of opportunity and to draw closer to our blessed Mother who shows us the way to Jesus. Timetable to be released soon.

**Bereavement visitation team meeting;** Thurs 12th October; 7 Woodlands; 3.30pm.

**MEDJUGORJE PRAYER MEETING;** Monday 9th October at 8pm. In District Daycare Centre, Clarecastle. All welcome.

**Caint agus Comhrá** invites you to informal Irish conversation mornings at 11:00. Dé Luain in Zest; Dé Céadaoin, Bia agus Caife; Dé hAoine, Peckish; Dé Sathairn, Bia agus Caife gach seachtain. Fáilte roimh chách. Information [caintaguscomhra@eircom.net](mailto:caintaguscomhra@eircom.net)

**Mid-Clare Pioneer Total Abstinence Association;** Annual Mass, Dinner & Social; Friday 13th October; Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis; Mass 8pm; Music by Stealaway; Tickets €25; Phone: Anna 065 6822365

**The Christmas Shoebox Appeal campaign** is on in Clare! You can pick up a leaflet with age labels and ideas of what to pack in shops around Ennis, the library, etc. or download a leaflet at [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie). If you would like to bring joy to a needy child in E. Europe or Africa, you can wrap and fill an adult sized shoebox with something to WASH with, WEAR—a small clothes item, WRITE—school supplies, especially copybooks and WOW—a toy or something fun or download a label at [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie). The final date to have the Christmas Shoeboxes is **10 November**. Your box can be left at Toymaster, Clare Tyres, AXA, or St. Francis Credit Union. Contact Bernie: 089 247 0741 if you have questions.

**ICA Fergus Guild** October meeting Thursday October 12th; Clarecare meeting rooms, all welcome.

October session of **Ennis Singers Club** will be held; Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October; 9pm; The Grove Restaurant, Roslevan, Ennis with Special Guest, Ennis harpist and singer Geraldine Carrigg, formerly of Clonroad. All welcome.

**Are you a Family Carer?** Would you like to increase your knowledge, look after your physical and mental health, gain support and meet others in similar situations? If so, Family Carers Ireland Clare Branch invite you to a Carers in the Home Course commencing 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. at Clarecare, Harmony Row, Ennis. The course will run for eight weeks each Wed. night from 7pm – 9pm. and is free to family carers. If interested, please contact our Ennis Office at 065 6866515 or email [mguthrie@familycarers.ie](mailto:mguthrie@familycarers.ie) or [soshea@familycarers.ie](mailto:soshea@familycarers.ie) to register.

**Ennis Community Games AGM;** Thurs 12th Oct; Cloughleigh Community Centre; 7pm. All parents & competitors are invited to attend. An executive committee will be elected and parents will also be invited to get involved in helping to run the many different sporting activities in Ennis during 2018.

**Mullaghmore Climb - Sunday 15th October - 11.30am;** Base Camp: James Howard's Field at 11.30am for 12pm Start. Bring packed lunch/water and wear suitable walking/weather gear. Walk will be guided. Organised by Doora Barefield Ladies' Football Club.

**Counselling Course:** Places still available for the Nui Maynooth Certificate In Counselling Skills starting from the Clare Education Centre on Wed 11<sup>th</sup> October. For further details contact Pauline Bradley on 087 6383988

**Youth Helps Youth Launching "The Healing Plant"** this October 14th and 15th in the Parishes of Clarecastle Ballyea, Ennis, Quin, Doora Barefield, Shannon and Kilnamona. Members from Clarecastle Ballyea Youth Choir and Celtic Ensemble are preparing for a concert in aid of the Children's Grief Centre located in Limerick reaching out to young people suffering loss supporting them through Art and Play therapy in Clare, Limerick and Tipperary.

**Sum of money found in vicinity of Tesco;** 20th September – Phone: 086-3574947 after 6pm

### MENTAL HEALTH WEEK:

Ennis Mental Health Association and Willow Counselling are organising the following events:

**Tues 10 October** World Mental Health Day 10:30am- 12:30 Coffee Morning and Launch of Mental Health Week.

11am – 12:30 Singing for fun and wellbeing with SUARA Singing Group.

**Wedn 11 October:** 11am – 12:30 STRESS REDUCING PRACTICES with Mary Lillis.

**Thurs 12 October:** 11am – 12:30 Mindful Gentle Flow Yoga with Seema. To book a place contact Seema directly on 087 6703890.

**Thurs 12 October:** 6pm – 7:15pm 'Mind Your Mental Health', with John McElhinney. Mental Health Ireland Development Officer.

*All events are free and take place at SONAS, Chapel Lane, Ennis.*

## Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Lá Náisiúnta Urnaí na bPáistí.

An Aoine seo chugainn an 13 Deireadh Fómhair Lá Náisiúnta Urnaí na bPáistí. Lá speisialta is ea é ina iarrtar orainn guí ar son leanaí inár dtír féin agus leanaí ar fud an domhain mhóir. Tá a fhios againn go bhfuil roinnt páistí in Éirinn faoi bhochtaineacht leanúnach. Is é sin le rá nach bhfuil na héadaí is bunúsaí ná an bia is cóir acu. Tá an scéal i bhfad níos measa ag páistí sa tríú domhain. Ní foláir dúinn cabhrú leo i ngach slí. Tá grá ag Dia do gach páiste agus is mian leis go mbeadh siad slán agus sona. Tá dualgas orainn gach iarracht a dhéanamh é sin a chur i gcrích.

Faoi láthair táimid ag ullmhú do Chruinniú Domhanda na dTeaghlach a bheidh ar siúl i mBaile Átha Cliath i mí Lúnasa seo chugainn. Chuige sin tá Cumann na bPáistí Miseanach le tacaíocht ó Chruinniú Domhanda na dTeaghlach ag cruthú albaim teaghlach le tabhairt chuig Cruinniú Domhanda na dTeaghlach. Is éard a bheidh ann ná bailiúchán digiteach de liníochtaí nó de shaothair ealaine éigin atá cruthaithe ag leanaí faoina dteaghlach. Tugtar cuireadh do pháistí agus déagóirí páirt a ghlacadh ann. *A Thiarna, doirt do ghrásta ar leanaí ar fud an domhan atá ag fulaingt léirscrios, bás agus crá. Bronn rath agus séan orthu. Áiméan*

**Next Friday 13 October is Children's National Day of Prayer.** It is a special day when we are invited to pray for children in our own country and all over the world. There are children in Ireland who endure hardship because of poverty. They are deprived of clothes, food and acceptable living conditions. Children in third world countries are in an even worse state. God loves every child and wants them to be safe and happy. We are obliged to make every effort to bring this about.

At present, we are preparing for the World Meeting of Families taking place in Dublin next August. With this in mind, the Society of Missionary Children, with the support of the World Meeting of Families is creating a family album to bring to the World Meeting of Families. This will be a digital collection of children's drawings, or other artwork about their families. Children and teenagers are invited to take part in this project. Let us pray for young people.

*Lord, bestow your grace on children throughout the world especially those who suffer anguish, devastation, and distress. Grant them prosperity and happiness. Amen.*

### Mission Month of October 2017:

**World Mission Sunday is in two weeks' time!** Please remember that in two weeks' time, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection, the Mission Sunday collection. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission and is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland. All of the Mission Sunday materials are available on World Missions Ireland's website – [www.wmi.ie](http://www.wmi.ie).

**Ecumenical Harvest Thanksgiving for Ennis Town, St Columba's Church**  
Friday 13th October, 7.30pm.

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
And there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,  
And all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
You are the Lord of all.

## 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 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.  
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it.  
In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.  
What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?  
I expected it to yield grapes.  
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?  
Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.  
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn.  
I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.  
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that

chosen plant.  
He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

**The word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

*R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel*

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
To plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
To the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
Devoured by the beasts of the field. **R**

God of host, turn again, we implore,  
Look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
The vine your right hand has planted. **R**

And we shall never forsake you again:  
Give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R**

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

Ph 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I call you friends, says the Lord,  
Because I have made known to you  
Everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt.21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants,

thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

**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 Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
To the soul that seeks him.**