



# ENNIS EVANGELICAL CHURCH EEC Newsletter

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## True, Not Counterfeit!

### By June O'Neill

Recently I went into a cafe and purchased a cup of coffee and a scone using a counterfeit 10 Euro note. Of course I did not know it was counterfeit until the Manager came over to my table and informed me. Apparently forged 10 Euro notes were being circulated and one ended up in my purse! I then had to pay for my snack as the false note was worthless.

When compared with an authentic 10 Euro note, the differences were very subtle but clearly seen when pointed out. It made me think about the reality of being a true child of God when there is so much false and counterfeit things in the world today.

When we are born again spiritually we are marked with a seal, the Holy Spirit, guaranteeing our inheritance, eternal life **(Ephesians 1:13-14)**. We have the real thing, safe and secure in God's love and no-one can snatch us out of His hands. **(John 10:28-29)**. Because God is truth we can fully trust Him and His word. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life" **(John 14:6)**. He will not lead us astray but direct our path **(Proverbs 3:5-6)**.

When our faith is in Jesus we have the real deal! *June*

**VIA** is up and running for the Semester. Our kick off event saw some unusual bowling styles, backwards backflip and face-plant anyone? Despite this, may because of this, a great time was had by all.



This semester we are looking at some of the core questions that deal with the meaning and relevance of the Gospel. Our prayer is that God's Word will bring life, spiritual fruit, and changed lives. May God's grace undertake our prayer! *Shane*



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### Verse of the Month

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

I John 4:4  
(NIV)

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Prayer Meeting 9.45-10.15am		1 BS 7.30pm Romans (Shane)	2	3	4	5
6 Family Service Mossy Lead Alan Teach	7 Ladies Prayer 10am @ church	8 Prayer & Praise 7.30pm Alan	9	10	11	12
13 VIA 12.30 Shane Lead Tim Teach	14 Ladies BS 10am @ church	15 BS 7.30pm Romans (Barry)	16	17	18	19
20 Service 10.30am Alan Lead Mossy Teach	21 Ladies BS 10am @ church	22 BS 7.30pm Romans (Mossy)	23	24	25	26 Men's Meeting 10am @ church
27 Lunch & Baptism Marthias Lead Mossy Teach	28 NO Ladies BS	29 BS 7.30pm Romans (Shane)	30	31		



## People News

As part of our care for planet earth, the church has switched to using delph cups instead of the disposable ones. We would encourage people to bring their own reusable mug to church, to save on the washing up!



**So lovely to see** Cliff and Ruth Owens visiting on Sunday 25th August with their two daughters, Lizzi and Kate.



**Michael Grant** brought the word of God to us on Sunday 1st September, which was also his 57th wedding anniversary!

**Pictured opposite:** Michael and Rosemary Grant on their wedding day in 1962!



Elizabeth and Edith from NI on a recent visit to Ennis. They have been visiting and praying for Ennis since the 1980's.



## Prayer Requests

**Praise the Lord for**

- † The beauty of His creation
- † The love of God that is poured into our hearts

**This month, please pray for**

- † Those who are sick
- † Those in different countries who are suffering for their faith in Jesus
- † Household salvation

**Phil 4:6 (NIV)**

...in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

## What's On

**Outreach Conference** 7-8th October, Kilkenny Presbyterian Church. Speaker: **Peter Mead: The New Covenant Community.** For info and booking email Julia at: [juliatan@eircom.net](mailto:juliatan@eircom.net)

**Focus Young Adults Weekend** 11th-13th



October at Castledaly Manor. Young adults 18+. Speaker: **Rev. Dan Peters** "Continue in what you have learnt" Studies from 2 Timothy. For info go to: [focus-conference.com](http://focus-conference.com)

**Honour, Shame, Redemption and the Irish Story.**

One day event at IBI, Dublin, Saturday 26th October 10.30am-4pm. For further info go to: [ibi.ie/events](http://ibi.ie/events)

- † Elderly parents/grandparents
- † God's blessing on the planned baptism of Christian Lang on 27th October
- Please continue to pray for**
- † Coffee on the streets
- † God's hand on the elders
- † The Romanian family that the church support (see notice board in tea room)



## Meeting Jesus—John 12:1-8

The time of Jesus' death was quickly approaching. Jesus was at Bethany having a meal. Martha served and Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead, was there. Mary showed her love for Jesus by taking a pound of very expensive oil of Spikenard and anointed the feet of Jesus.



This flask of fragrant oil could have been sold for almost a year's wage for a labourer. Spikenard oil, also referred to as Nard, was regarded as one of the most precious oils in Bible times. Mary's devotion to Jesus was sacrificial and humble. There was no hiding this offering, as the whole house was filled with the aroma of the fragrance. Mary didn't use a towel to wipe Jesus' feet, but humbled herself by using her hair. She was worshipping and honouring her Lord whom she loved.

Among those watching, was Judas Iscariot. He considered it a waste to have used

such an expensive oil to anoint Jesus' feet. Judas asked why the oil was not sold and the money given to the poor. Judas pretended to care for the poor, but really, he was a thief who took money from the money box. Very shortly he would betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.

Mary didn't care about the cost of her worship, whilst Judas did not really care for the poor. Mary was pleased to give her best, Judas considered it a waste. Jesus came to Mary's defence "Let her alone."

In about a week's time her Lord would make the agonising route down the Via Dolorosa, bloodied and beaten bearing His own cross. Those same feet, that Mary anointed, would walk that path to Golgotha and have nails driven into them.

True worship willingly gives everything to the One who willingly gives everything.

### Tell Us About it!

If you've got some news make sure you tell us about it! Call Margaret on 086 320 6858 or email EEC Postmaster.

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## ENNIS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

*Know Jesus—Make Him Known*

This church is a New Testament community of faith. Our teaching and practices are based on the Bible. We seek to serve our local community, reaching out with the love, hope and salvation found through faith in Jesus only.

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