



# ENNIS PARISH

Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral

## NEWSLETTER



**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**Luke 14:1. 7-14**

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025



*"Everyone who exalts oneself will be humbled, and the one who humbles oneself will be exalted".*  
Luke 14:11

There is a story historians tell about the funeral of Charlemagne. Charlemagne was the greatest Christian ruler of the early Middle Ages. After his death a mighty funeral procession left his castle for the cathedral at Aix. When the royal casket arrived, with a lot of pomp and circumstance, it was met by the local bishop, who barred the cathedral door.

*"Who comes?" the Bishop asked, as was the custom.*

*"Charlemagne, Lord and King of the Holy Roman Empire," proclaimed the Emperor's proud herald.*

*"Him I know not," the Bishop replied. "Who comes?"*

*The herald, a bit shaken, replied, "Charles the Great, a good and honest man of the earth."*

*"Him I know not," the Bishop said again. "Who comes?"*

*The herald, now completely crushed, responded, "Charles, a lowly sinner, who begs the gift of Christ."*

*To which the Bishop, Christ's representative, responded, "Enter! Receive Christ's gift of life!"*

*The point, of course, is that in God's eyes, we're all equally needy. Charlemagne, you and me. None of us will ever be "good enough" to force entrance into the presence of God.*

The church is not like a country club; it's more like a hospital." That's what Jesus was saying here when he gave us the direction, "... do not invite your friends ... or your rich neighbours ... invite the poor, the



crippled, the lame, and the blind...." You and I are not in the church to impress one another or to win power struggles; we are here to minister to one another in our weaknesses. We are here to be hospitable.

### Mass Times

**Cathedral-[www.ennisparish.com/webcam](http://www.ennisparish.com/webcam)**

**Radio link:106.4fm**

Monday to Friday 7.40am, 11am & 7.30pm

Saturday 11 am & Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday 8am, 9.30am & 11.30am

**St. Joseph's- [www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/stjosephs-church-webcam](http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/stjosephs-church-webcam)**

Monday to Friday 10.30am

Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm

Sunday 10am & 11.45am

**Friary-[www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscan-friary-webcam/](http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscan-friary-webcam/)**

Monday to Saturday 10am

Vigil Mass Saturday 7.30pm

Sunday 10.30am

**Christ the King Oratory Cloughleigh**

Monday to Friday 9.30am

Sunday 11am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Cathedral & Friary**

Cathedral: Monday to Friday 7pm to 7.25pm

Saturday after the Vigil Mass

Friary: Tuesday to Saturday 11-12 noon & 4-5pm

**Baptisms**

Can be booked through the Parish Office.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place

Monday to Friday in the Cathedral from 5pm until 7pm

**Phone Numbers: Cathedral:- 6824043;**

Email: [info@ennisparish.com](mailto:info@ennisparish.com)

St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797 489;

Friary:- 6828751

**Ennis Parish Web Site: <http://www.ennisparish.com>**

**Facebook : <http://www.facebook.com/ennisparish>**



# Priest on Duty Sunday 31st August 2025

Contact: Fr. Tom Ryan—Tel. 065 6869098



## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat 6.30pm:** Patrice O'Loughlin, Old Military Barracks.MM  
Joan & Patrick Barry, St. Senan's Rd.  
Special Intention.

Mary Browne, Fergus Park.

Miko & Peggy Murphy & Daughter Ann Cooney, Tulla.

**Sun 31st 8am:** Paul Hanley, Brockley, London.

**9.30am:** June & James Carey, Golf Links Cottage,  
Golf Links Rd.

**11.30am:** Seán Hayes, Clonroad.

Kitty & Seán Lynch, St. Michael's Villas.

Evelyn Walsh, Darcy's Corner.

**Mon 7.40am:** Holy Souls.

Special Intention.

**11am:** Renie & Mick Browne, Circular Rd.

**7.30pm:** Cathal Clune, Linnane's Tce., Kilrush Rd.  
Ann Flynn, Turnpike Rd.

**Tues 7.40am** Book of Intentions.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** No intention booked.

**Wed 7.40am:** Holy Souls.

**11am:** Special Intention.

Nonie Flanagan & Deceased Family, Cornmarket.

**7.30pm:** Martin Hurson, Phoenix Court & Dublin.

**Thurs 7.40am:** No intention booked.

**11am:** Maureen O'Brien, Honan's Tce.

Flan Honan, College View.

**7.30pm:** Tom & Nora Malone, Parnell St.

**Fri 7.40am:** Mass for the People.

**11am:** Anne McLoughlin, Westfields. 1st Anniv.

**7.30pm:** Jimmy Fenton, Ard na Gréine.

Mary & Joe Kelly, Showgrounds' Rd.

Teresa Ward, Dalcassian Ave.

**Sat:11am:** Frank Rice, Circular Rd.

**6.30pm:** Harry Ryan, College Green. MM.

Teresa Sheerin Ryan, Kilmaley; Tulla Rd., Ennis;

Cranny & Trim, Co. Meath.

John & Michael Shannon, Loughville.

**Sun 7th 8am:** Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families,  
Ennis & Cork.

**9.30am:** No intention booked.

**11.30am:** Margaret Smith, Cahercalla Heights.

Kathleen McGovern, 'St. Martin's', College View.

Veronica & John Drinan, 'Ashmere', Cusack Rd.

Pauline Greer, Greenhill House, Ashline.

Ronan Kildea, Castlerock, Tulla Rd.

Bridget & Joseph Molloy, Hermitage.

Special Intention.

**6.30pm:** Mass for the Polish Community.

## Sick & Retired Priests Appeal

An increasing number of our Priests need to be supported and cared for in their old age. Many are now in their late eighties and nineties; some need fulltime care, some continue to help celebrate mass and the sacraments whenever possible.

The second collection at all masses next weekend is our annual appeal to support our sick and retired priests. Some of these priests are the last surviving members of their families and have few relatives alive. Your generosity to this appeal is very much appreciated.

## First Friday September



Friday next 5th September is the First Friday of the month. Sick and housebound parishioners will receive Sacraments at home. If you know of any parishioner who is housebound and who would like to receive the Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office.

## Pilgrimage to Lourdes



Bishop Fintan will lead our Autumn Pilgrimage from 29th Sept - 4th Oct; direct from Shannon Airport. The remaining seats can be booked on: joewalshtours.ie or Tel: 01 2410800

## Newly Baptised



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

Iarla James Grennan

## St. Joseph's



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat 7pm:** Maurice Greehy, St. Senan's Rd.

**Sun 31st 10am:** Basil Minihane, Corrovorran Drive.  
Spellissy Family Drumcliffe.

**11.45am:** Helen McCabe, Newpark, Roslevan.

**Mon 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**Tues 10.30am:** Book of Intentions.

**Wed 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**Thu 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**Fri 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**Sat: 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**7pm:** Maureen Ryan, Kevin Barry Ave.MM.

Michael Meere, Corrovorran Green.

**Sun 7th 10am:** Noel Bane, Marian Ave.

**11.45am:** Mary Finnegan, St. Senan's Rd. 1st Anniv

**The Season of Creation** is celebrated each year from 1st September to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi 4th October. *This year the theme chosen is "Seed of Peace and Hope"*

It is 10 years since the Season of Creation began when the late Pope Francis wrote his encyclical, "Laudato Si". This document has guided the Catholic Church and many people of goodwill for the past ten years in our efforts to care for creation.

**Here are five ways you can celebrate this season of creation:**

1. Pray daily from September 1st - October 4th for the care of creation.
2. Conserve water, use only what is necessary, turn off taps, attend to leaks, no waste of water.
3. Recycle within your house, reduce dependence on plastic.
4. Walk, Cycle, use Public Transport when possible instead of your car.
5. Turn off and plug out, replace inefficient appliances with more efficient ones.

## Friary News

### Solemn Profession

On Sunday 14th September, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Bro. Ian Cunningham OFM will be solemnly professed as a Franciscan Friar at the 10.30am Mass in the Friary.

Please keep Bro. Ian in you prayers as he prepares for his profession as a Franciscan Friar.

**The Monthly Mass for SFO members** will take place on Wednesday 3rd September, 2025 at 10am. We will pray the office after Mass.

There will be an evening meeting in the Friary Parlour at 7.30 pm for those unable to attend the morning meeting.

### Children's Liturgy

**Play and Pray** will resume at the 10.30am Mass in the Friary next Sunday 7th September.



## Cloughleigh



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 31st 11am:** No Intention.booked.

**Mon: 9.30am:** Sr. Anthony Murrihy.

**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.

**Sun 7th 11am:** Teresa Larkin, Cusack Rd.

Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday, 24th August  
Fund €6,317.00  
Online €397.50



## A Time of New Beginnings

This week Hugh Connolly the outgoing Principal of Scoil Chríost Rí, Cloughleigh retires and hands over to Danny O'Connor who becomes the new Principal of Scoil Chríost Rí. We thank Hugh for his contribution to Education both in Holy Family and Cloughleigh Schools and especially for his generosity in sharing his gifts and love for music with so many generations of pupils, staff and parents.

This weekend marks the departure from our Parish and Abbey Pastoral Area of Fr. Iggy McCormack, as he prepares to begin his time of sabbatical following his tenure as principal of St. Flannan's College. During those years Fr. Iggy has also been of great service to the Abbey Pastoral Area. He will be especially missed by the congregation of the 7.40am Mass in the Cathedral to whom he was so faithful during his time in Ministry here.

Fr. Iggy's generous and willing spirit of service was always warmly welcomed and appreciated by his colleagues in the Pastoral Area.

We wish him every grace and blessing as he undertakes the next chapter in his priestly life.

*Go gcuire Dia an t-ádh ort i gcónaí.*

## Two Young Saints

On Sunday next 7th September, Pope Leo will Canonise Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati at a ceremony in Rome.

Though they lived a century apart, their joint canonisation highlights the universal call to holiness with Carlo recognised for his use of technology to spread faith and Frassati for his devoted service to the poor.

**Pier Giorgi Frassati (1901 - 1925)**



An activist of Social Justice, a Mountain Climber, he came from a wealthy family, known for his deep faith, commitment to the poor and a joyous spirit. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul and cared for the sick and needy in Turin.

**Carlo Acutis (1991 - 2006)**



Carlo Acutis was born in London in 1991 of Italian parents. He had a deep devotion to the Eucharist and used the Internet to be "God's influencer" and promote the Catholic Faith. He died of leukaemia in 2006 at the age of 15. He is recognised for his use of technology to spread the faith.

**Fridge Magnet of Carlo Acutis**

Available in the Parish Office €3 each or 2 for €5, proceeds going to youth faith formation.

## Why Sunday Matters.

This weekend the Irish Bishops warmly invite all Catholics to reflect on the profound gift of Sunday Mass. This Year of Jubilee offers a unique opportunity to rediscover the heart of our faith and for those who have been away, to return with renowned Joy to the celebration of the Eucharist.

[www.catholicbishops.ie/there is something about Sunday resources page.](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/there-is-something-about-sunday-resources-page)



Ennis Parish Folk Group are looking for musicians and singers to join our group. We practise Wednesday Nights and sing at the 6.30pm vigil mass Saturday. If interested call Seán on 0876388795.

**Ennis Active Retirement** will resume this Tuesday 2nd September in the Scout Hall at 11am.

**The Old Ground Hotel Ennis is hosting a Coffee Morning Fundraiser** on Saturday 13th September from 10am – 12 noon in their Town Hall Bistro supporting local lady Phil Molony who is travelling to Africa this October in aid of two charities - Coloma Primary School, Mbarara Uganda & The Outreach Palliative Care Programme Mbarra, Uganda. All monies raised will go directly to the above projects All are welcome and your support will be very much appreciated

**CLARECARE OVER 65's CLUB – ENNIS DAY CARE CENTRE** - Located in Cuan an Chláir, Cahercalla; **Now Welcoming New Members – Tuesdays & Thursdays**; Join us for a variety of activities including bingo, light exercise, music, and singing. Enjoy a hot home-cooked meal, fun, laughter, friendship – and much more! Call **086-4183535 / 065-6828901** (9:00am – 3:30pm) for more details.

**Study Theology Online, is this for you?** The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register now to begin on 20 September. Find out more on our website, [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com)

**CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND** – Family Day – We will be holding our Annual National Mass on Saturday 6th September in the Church of St James, Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath. We will begin in the chapel at 11am with Children's Adoration and Rosary where confessions will be available. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty at 12pm, followed by food and activities in the hall. A lovely day for all the family!

Email [catholicmothers@outlook.ie](mailto:catholicmothers@outlook.ie) for more information and booking.



**Clare Crusaders' Tractor Run** this Sunday at Barefield Village starting at 2pm. Tractors large and small welcome.

## Rest in Peace



**Maureen McCracken, nee McNerney**, England & late Shannon Park;

**Marie Griffin née Ruth**, Ardilea, Kilkenny, and formerly Ard Aoibhinn, Limerick Road;

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá tar éis Comaoineacha.

Féach, a Íosa cheannsa, ró-mhillis, caithim mé féin ar mo ghluíne I d'fhianaise; agus guím agus achainim ort le mór-mhian m'anama, go ndaingne óchta i mo chroí beo-smaointe creidimh, dóchais agus carthanachta agus fíor aithreachais ar son mo pheacaí, maille le rún daingean mo leasuithe, agus! i m'intinn féin agus meabhraim go domhain le dian ghrá agus dubhrón anama ar do chuig chréachta ró-luachmhara, ag coinneáil roimh m'intinn na focail úd a chuir Dáivi i do bhéal fá dtaoibh duit féin a Íosa mhaith: "Do pholl siad mo lámha agus mo chosa, chuntais siad mo chnámha uile."

Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus, before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with the most fervent desire of soul, I pray and beseech Thee to impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true contrition for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment. With deep affection and grief of soul, I ponder within myself, mentally contemplating Thy five wounds, having before my eyes the words which David the Prophet spoke concerning Thee: "They have pierced my hands and my feet, they have numbered all my bones."

**FCJ Spirituality House is delighted to offer the following, and more, this Autumn. You'd be welcome:**

- **Singing Circle by the Sea.** We return on Sept 4th (the first Thurs of the month) for our monthly singing/poetry/story circle. 7-9pm.
- **Oasis days.** Saturday retreat days, 10am–4pm on seasonal themes. Sept 21st: The Season of Creation – living in peace with Creation. Short reflections, time to walk or rest, prayerful reflections. Lunch provided. €20 donation.
- **Christian Meditation.** From Sept 30th a half hour of quiet meditation at 12 noon and 7pm on Tuesdays. Donation of €20 per term.
- **Book Club.** Starting October 1st. We will be reading 'The Tears of Things' by Richard Rohr. 7-8pm on Wednesdays, one chapter a week. Donation of €30 for 9 sessions.
- **Burren Outdoor Retreat.** Sept 5-7th. Residential or day guests. Only 110 for day guests. A mindful walk in the Burren with someone who knows it well, to introduce and reflect with creation.
- **Storytelling:** The Story of Macha and the race that changed everything. Friday evening and Saturday incl. lunch. €90. Hear the story, reflect on your own story, see what emerges.
- **Creative Writing:** Find and deepen your Creative Voice with Anne F O'Reilly. Through inspiration and challenge, explore your own writing and be inspired by others, by art and by the beautiful venue.
- **Suaimeas: A space for bereaved adults** with Sr Helen Culhane (Children's Grief Project, Limerick). Sat, Nov 1st. 10am – 12 noon. No cost. All those bereaved are welcome. Please share. Full details at [www.fcjspiritualityhouse.ie/events](http://www.fcjspiritualityhouse.ie/events). For queries call 087 447 9115 or email [info@fcjspiritualityhouse.ie](mailto:info@fcjspiritualityhouse.ie)

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
Full of mercy to all who call to you.

## 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 Ecclesiasticus. Ecc 3:17-20.28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your  
business, and you will be better loved than a  
lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should  
behave humbly, and then you will find favour  
with the Lord; for great though the power of  
the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the  
humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady,  
since an evil growth has taken root in him.

The heart of a sensible man will reflect on  
parables, an attentive ear is the sage's  
dream.

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

*In your goodness, O God,  
You prepared a home for the poor.*

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,  
they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his  
name; rejoice in the Lord,  
exult at his presence. **R.**

Father of the orphan, defender of the  
widow, such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;  
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**

You poured down, O God,  
a generous rain:

when your people were starved you gave  
them new life.

It was there that your people found a  
home, prepared in your goodness,  
O God, for the poor. **R.**

## A reading from the letter to the Hebrews Heb 12:18-19.22-24

What you have come to is nothing known  
to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a  
gloom turning to total darkness, or a  
storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great  
voice speaking which made everyone that  
heard it beg that no more should be said  
to them.

But what you have come to is Mount Zion  
and the city of the living God, the  
heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of  
angels have gathered for the festival, with  
the whole Church in which everyone is a  
'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven.

You have come to God himself, the  
supreme Judge, and been placed with  
spirits of the saints who have been made  
perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who  
brings a new covenant.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 14:1.7-14

On a Sabbath day Jesus had gone for a  
meal to the house of one of the leading  
Pharisees; and they watched him closely.  
He then told the guests a parable,  
because he had noticed how they picked  
the places of honour. He said this, 'When  
someone invites you to a wedding feast,  
do not take your seat in the place of  
honour. A more distinguished person than  
you may have been invited, and the  
person who invited you both may come  
and say, "Give up your place to this man."  
And then, to your embarrassment, you

would have to go and take the lowest place.  
No; when you are a guest, make your way  
to the lowest place and sit there, so that,  
when your host comes, he may say, "My  
friend, move up higher." In that way,  
everyone with you at the table will see you  
honoured. For everyone who exalts himself  
will be humbled, and the one who humbles  
himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a  
lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends,  
brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for  
fear they repay your courtesy by inviting  
you in return. No; when you have a party,  
invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the  
blind; that they cannot pay you back means  
that you are fortunate, because repayment  
will be made to you when the virtuous rise  
again.'

## 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

How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.