

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

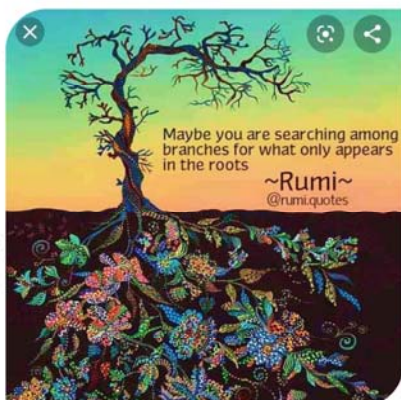
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Luke 16:1-13

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025

#### Seeking the best version of self!

**T**he one who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; if then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches" (Luke 16:1-13)



"the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes." **(Marcel Proust)**

May we hear today's message and only have eyes for Christ and Christ alone.

#### *Seeking and Finding"*

*I search for God,  
elusive, hidden God  
I long to dwell  
in the heart of Mystery.*

*I search for my true self  
more of who I already am  
knowing there's so much  
yet to be discovered.*

*I search for love,  
the unconditional love  
that enfolds me  
and asks to be shared.*

*I search for vision  
in the shadows of my soul  
impatiently awaiting  
the moment of lighting*

*I search for a quiet heart  
amid life's harried schedule  
my soul cries out  
yearning for solitude.*

*I search for compassion  
in a world gone deaf  
to the cries of the hurting  
and pleas of the powerless*

Jesus' conversation with his Disciples regarding honest stewardship of what God expected of those who would 'walk in his way' was, I imagine meant to cause his Disciples to seek the best version of themselves in the most honest ways they could live out true Discipleship.

As modern-day Disciples we might be asked to also seek the best version of self, hoping to find ourselves already at home in our skin with an attitude and actions that are consistent with Jesus understanding of Discipleship. ....

However, knowing that we are made with 'feet of clay' the seeking may need efforts of recalibration.

Noting Jesus' insistence that to be that Disciple calls to account the 'masters' or influencers in our lives. Cautioned that having more than one will lead to dilution of the value system Jesus lived and gave his life that we might make our own.

#### 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 1 0am & 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>

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## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**6.30pm:** Pat Hynes, Clare Rd.  
 Dan & Mary O'Keeffe, "Prague", Ardlea Rd.  
 Paddy Reidy, Golf Links Rd.  
 Finbar O'Toole, Friars' Close.  
 Pat & Theresa Cunningham, Marie  
 & Seán O'Leary, Connolly Villas.  
 Ann Coffey, Hermitage.

**Sun 21st 8am:** Holy Souls.

**9.30am:** Jackie Browne, Ardlea Rd.

**11.30am:** John & Mary O'Dwyer, Castlewood Pk.  
 John Martin O'Connor & Decd. Family, Connolly Villas.

**1pm:** Mass for the Ukranian Community.

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

**Mon: 7.40am:** Special Intention.

**11am:** Baby Alex Regan, Tulla.  
 John Joe Hogan, Cohegy, Kilfenora.

**7.30pm:** William Quinn, Co. Westmeath.

**Tues: 7.40am** Book of Intentions.  
 Margaret Foudy, Kilrush Rd.  
 Bridget O'Connor, Been, Inagh.

**11am:** Deceased McEnery Family, Circular Rd.  
 Spaight Family, Sixmilebridge.

**7.30pm:** No intention booked.

**Wed 7.40am:** Holy Souls.

**11am:** Ralph Martin, Ennis & California.

**7.30pm:** No intention booked.

**Thurs 7.40am:** James & Mary Shalloo,  
 O'Callaghan's Mills.

**11am:** Eileen, Pat & PJ Brennan  
 & Deceased Family, Ennistymon.

**7.30pm:** Michael, Nena, Catherine & Susan McMullin,  
 Ballyalla.

**Fri 7.40am:** Michael & Mary Whelan, Toonagh.

**11am:** Mass for the People.

**7.30pm:** Ben & Assumpta Sheehan, Turnpike  
 & Coopers' Place.  
 Nicholas Grant, Lees' Rd.

**Sat: 11am:** Mary, Pakie & Noel Ryan, Dalcassian Ave.  
 Jennifer Louise Sherlock, Toormore, Ruan.

**6.30pm:** Shane Magnier, Francis St.  
 Pauline Clune, Quin.  
 Rita Nolan, Gallows Hill.  
 Marie MM & Vincent Griffin, Ard Aoibhinn,  
 Limerick Rd.

**Sun 28th 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** Joan Dargan, Limerick Rd.  
 Bridie & Kevin Murphy, Sligo.

**11.30am:** Noreen Greene, College Park.  
 Bridie & Tony Mahony, Hermitage.  
 Tony Mulrennan, Westfields.  
 Maureen Mahony, Tulla & London.  
 Tina Barker (nee McDonald), Norfolk & Ennis.  
 Special Intention.

## Mercy Day



Mercy Day is celebrated annually on Sept 24th. Catherine McAuley founded the Sisters of Mercy in Dublin in 1831 to provide compassionate assistance to the poor.

September 24<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of the opening of the first 'House of Mercy' in 1827 in Dublin.

The first Sisters of Mercy came to Ennis 171 years ago after a Parish Mission requested the presence of the Sisters to provide education in this town for girls.

The Sisters have provided health and education as well as social services to the people of Ennis and Clare for the last 171 years.

As we celebrate Mercy Day on Wednesday, we give thanks for the Mercy presence in our parish.

We pray for the Sisters, who pray each day for us.

## Bishop Fintan



On Thursday next Bishop Fintan celebrates his 9th anniversary of his ordination as Bishop of Killaloe. Please keep Bishop Fintan in your prayers.

## Feast of Padre Pio



**Tuesday 23rd**  
 September we celebrate the Feast of St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Capuchin Friar, stigmatist, confessor and friend of all who suffer, a very popular saint of our church.

## Newly Baptised

*We welcome into the Christian*



*Community through the Sacrament of Baptism*

**Ceola Croí Clancy;**  
**Aran Ryan** Guilfoyle;  
**Lily Mary KELLY;**  
**ROSE KATE CHAMINGA.**

## St. Joseph's



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat 7pm:** Patrick Nolan, Fergus Park. MM  
 Anne Fox, Corrovorrin Green.

**Sun 21st 10am:** Teresa Moloney, Marian Ave.  
 Carl Quinn, London.

**11.45am:** David Browne, Tulla Rd.

**Mon 10.30am:** Mary McMahon & Anne Mullen, Ennis.

**Tues 10.30am:** Bridie & Desmond O'Toole, Co. Mayo.  
 Paddy O'Doherty, St. Senan's Rd.  
 O'Doherty Family, McNamara Park.  
 Special Intention.

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

**Thu 10.30am:** Maureen Scahill, Dublin & Roscommon

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

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

**7pm:** Aidan Reilly, Corrovorrin Crescent.  
 Sacrament Enrolment Mass.

**Sun 28th 10am:** Helen, Edward, Linda & Cyril  
 Cuddihy, St. Senan's Rd.  
 PJ O'Donnell, Ballyalla.  
 Sacrament Enrolment Mass.

In the coming weeks we will be inviting people to become involved in St Joseph's church community through reading, eucharistic ministers, choir, church cleaners and sacristy. Please don't leave it to others; your presence and your help will be very welcome.

*Church Volunteers*



## Lourdes Petitions



On Wednesday 24th September, the Franciscan Pilgrimage leaves for Lourdes.

On Monday 29th September, our Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage will travel.

If you would like to send a petition to the Grotto in Lourdes, please leave into either, Fr. Michael OFM, Pilgrimage Director, The Friary, Ennis

By this Tuesday at 5.30pm at the latest or to Ennis Parish Office by next Friday, 26th September for the Diocesan Pilgrimage.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



The recently canonised Saint Carlo Acutis referred to the Eucharist as the 'Highway to Heaven'.

Why not come and spend some time on the 'Highway to Heaven' in Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral Monday to Friday 5pm to 7pm?

## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 21st 11am:** Summerly Family.  
 Paddy & Josie McMahon, Shanaway Rd.

**Mon: 9.30am:** Special Intention.

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

**Wed 9.30am:** PJ & Mary Neylon, Lahinch.

**Fri 9.30am:** Special Intention.

**Sun 28th 11am:** Michael & Patrick O'Brien, Cloughleigh



## School Masses



During the month of September schools gather to pray God's Blessing on the new school year. In the coming week the following Secondary Schools will gather for Mass.

Monday & Tuesday 9.15am – St. Joseph's Church –  
Rice College;  
Wednesday 2pm – Cathedral – Coláiste Muire;  
Friday 9.30am – Cathedral – St. Flannan's College.

## Primary Schools

Wednesday 12 noon - Ennis National School;  
Prayer Service in School.  
Thursday 1pm - Ennis National School;  
Prayer Service in School.  
Thursday 11am Cathedral – Holy Family School.

## Ennis Old Folks' Group

Anyone over 60 years is welcome to join us for a night of bingo, music and a cuppa every second Tuesday Night in the Maria Assumpta Hall @ 8pm. Further enquiries to Bella 087 1090414.

## Vocations' Weekend

Do you feel called to seek God in prayer and contemplation, monastic work and community life? The Cistercian Community at St. Mary's Abbey, Glencairn invites single women aged 19-40 to our upcoming Monastic Vocations' Weekend 24th–27th October next.

Please contact our Vocations' Director, Sr. Mairéad at [vocations@glencairnabbey.org](mailto:vocations@glencairnabbey.org) Visit [www.glencairnabbey.org](http://www.glencairnabbey.org) for more details.

## Clare Crusaders' Coffee Morning

Coffee Morning in aid of Clare Crusaders in the Old Ground Hotel on Sun 28th September from 12pm to 3pm. All welcome

## REST IN PEACE

**Martin Tubridy**, Cree, brother of Vinnie Normoyle, Springfield, Josephine Dempsey, Westfields & Rita Clinton, Castlerock.

**Maeve O'Sullivan**, Clarecastle & late of O'Connell Street;

**Monica Corry**, Maiville, Kilrush Road.;

**Tommy Dullaghan**, Corrovorrin Avenue.

**Marcus Sweeney**, Fancroft, Roscrea, brother of Margaret O'Dwyer, Clonroadbeg.

**Mick Hogan**, Davitt Terrace, Cloughleigh.

**Fionna Greene**, Corofin & Ennis.

**Gráinne Pendred**, Mayo & Ennis.



## Blessing of New Life.



Calling all Expectant Parents to the next Blessing of New Life in our Pastoral Area that will take place on **Monday 6th October at 8pm in the Church of Our Lady Roslevan.**

If you or anyone you know is pregnant, please share the invitation with them

## Night Classes & Saturday Workshop

St Flannan's College Night Classes and Saturday Workshops for Adults will resume in October.

Classes include Needle Felting, Beekeeping, Wax Painting, Stained Glass, Copper Jewellery, Memoir Writing, Cake-Decorating, Mindfulness & Journalling, Paper-Making, Millinery and Heart-saver First Course.

Text/phone 083 1090039 for further details and bookings.

## Alzheimers' Society Memory Walk

Join us for the Alzheimer Society of Ireland Memory Walk at John O' Sullivan Park, Lees Road, Ennis on Sunday 21st September starting at 11am. Distance: 1.5 km and 3.5 km Meeting Point: Entrance to Woodland Walk beside Astro-turf pitch 1.5km walk suitable for buggies, 3.5 km some rough ground Please register on the Alzheimer Society website : Adults: €20 Child: €5 alternatively turn up on the day to register.

## Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Weekend Like No Other. Folclaire Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare - Friday 7th to Sunday 9th November An experience to enrich, renew and refresh your relationship. Open to all married couples. For information and booking [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)



## safeTALK

safeTALK; is taking place in the Clare Sports Partnership offices, Ennis on Wednesday, 24th of September, from 5pm to 9pm.

This free workshop prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. Book by phoning 087 4945381.

Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday, 14th September.

Fund €3,752  
Online €408.50

## Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Meán Fómhair



Cuirimis fáilte roimh mhí Mheán Fómhair, mí na torthúlachta, mí bhainte an arbhair, mí fillleadh ar scoileanna agus coláistí. *I Mí Meán Fómhair, bí linn a Thiarna.*

De réir an tseanfhocail, dá fhad é an lá tagann an oíche. Tá deireadh le laethanta saoire an tSamhraidh. Tá múinteoirí, daltaí agus mic léann dírithe ar an bhfoghlaim. Tús maith leath na hoibre. Guímis ar son ár múinteoirí agus ár lucht teagaisc a thugann aire do spiorad an aosa óig agus a thugann chun foirfeachta iad. Beannaigh iad ina gcuid oibre, a fosa. Molaimid don aos óg aird a dhíriú ag tús na scoil bhliana ar an gcomhairle seo a leanas ón mbéaloideas. Na trí nithe nach féidir leo casadh go brách: lá ó scoil, Domhnach ón Aifreann, lá ó cheird.

Ní ualach do dhuine an léann agus seo an-chomhairle ó fhile anaithnid:

*I d'óige oscail do mheabhair,  
Is bailigh an fhoghlaim leat;  
Óir an glór nach dtuigeann an ceann  
Is cuma é ann ná as.*

We welcome September, month of fruitfulness, month of harvesting, month of returning to schools and colleges. *Be with us Lord during the month of September.*

According to the proverb however long the day night will come. The holidays are over. During the past few weeks teachers, pupils and students have returned to schools and to their studies. Let us remember them and pray for all those who work as educators and who help young people achieve their full potential. Jesus, bless them in their work! We advise students to remember the following from Irish lore: Three things you can never get back: a day absent from school, a Sunday without Mass and a day away from one's trade. Learning is no burden and it is worth listening to this anonymous poet's advice:

*In your youth, open your mind,  
And acquire an education;  
For knowledge, your intellect does not  
understand Is useless.*

## Mind Matters with Type 1 Diabetes.

We're delighted to welcome Dr. Mark Davies, Clinical Psychologist from Belfast, as the keynote speaker for Mini Thriveabetes 2025, 'Mind Matters with Type 1 Diabetes'. Book your place at Ennis Meeting on Saturday, Sept 27 @10:30am-2pm. Free event.

Learn more & register:  
[thriveabetes.ie/mini-thriveabetes](http://thriveabetes.ie/mini-thriveabetes)  
Contact Gráinne  
at 087 6548320



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

## 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 Amos

(Am 8:4-7)

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy  
and try to suppress the poor people of the  
country, you who say,

"When will New Moon be over so that we can  
sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can  
market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,  
by swindling and tampering with the scales, we  
can buy up the poor for money,  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and get a price even for the sweepings of the  
wheat".

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,  
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response:

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!

May the name of the Lord be blessed  
both now and for evermore!

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High above all nations is the Lord,  
above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God,  
who has risen on high to his throne  
yet stoops from the heights to look down,  
to look down upon heaven and earth? R

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
from the dung heap he raises the poor  
to set him in the company of princes,  
yes, with the princes of his people. R

## A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy

1 Tm 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be  
prayers offered for everyone - petitions, inter-  
cessions and thanksgiving - and especially for  
kings and others in authority, so that we may  
be able to live religious and reverent lives in  
peace and quiet.

To do this is right, and will please God our  
saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and  
reach full knowledge of the truth.

For there is only one God, and there is only  
one mediator between God and humankind,  
himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed  
himself as a ransom for them all.

He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed  
time, and I have been named a herald and  
apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no  
lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the  
pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men  
to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with  
no anger or argument.

## The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,

to accept the words of your Son,

Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples, 'There was a rich  
man and he had a steward who was  
denounced to him for being wasteful with his  
property. He called for the man and said, "What  
is this I hear about you? Draw me up an  
account of your stewardship because you are  
not to be my steward any longer." Then the  
steward said to himself, "Now that my master is  
taking the stewardship from me, what am I to  
do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging?  
I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will  
do to make sure that when I am dismissed from  
office there will be some to welcome me into  
their homes."

Then he called his master's debtors  
one by one. To the first he said, "How much do  
you owe my master?" "One hundred measures  
of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here,  
take your bond; sit down straight away and  
write fifty." To another he said, "And you sir,

how much do you owe?" "One hundred  
measures of wheat," was the reply. The  
steward said, "Here, take your bond and write  
eighty."

The master praised the dishonest  
steward for his astuteness. For the children of  
this world are more astute in dealing with their  
own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money,  
tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus  
make sure that when it fails you, they will  
welcome you into the tents of eternity. The  
man who can be trusted in little things can be  
trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in  
little things can be dishonest in great. If then  
you cannot be trusted with money, that  
tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine  
riches? And if you cannot be trusted with  
what is not yours, who will give you what is  
your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two  
masters: he will either hate the first and love  
the second, or treat the first with respect and  
the second with scorn. You cannot be the  
slave both of God and of money.'

## The Gospel of the Lord

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visi-  
ble 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 ascend-  
ed 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 king-  
dom 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 for-  
giveness of sins and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead and the life of the  
world to come. Amen.

## Communion Antiphon

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.