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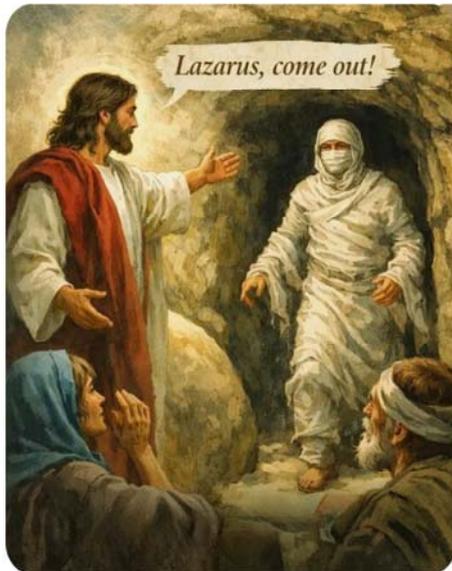
# NEWSLETTER

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR A

JOHN 11:1-45

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026



### Foretaste of Easter's promise

No doubt by design this Sunday's Gospel draws our attention to Easter's upcoming promise of the tomb's no longer restricted presence. From the outset we are introduced to Martha, Mary and Lazarus as Jesus' friends ... a good place for us to begin this Sunday and allow ourselves into that relationship that is ours with Jesus, as friends, like Martha, Mary and Lazarus, for us as BAPTISED and SENT.

Martha's grief stricken plea with Jesus, "if you had been here my brother would not have died" is transformed by Jesus' interaction as he draws on her deep set belief and faith .. "Yes, Lord, I know that you are the Christ, the Son of the God". Jesus melted by the grief and pain of Martha asked to be brought to Lazarus' tomb, asked that the **'stone be rolled away'** and calling him by name, just as we are called by name at Baptism, we see something of the fruits of belief in Jesus' promise .. A share in what will be accomplished in his death and Resurrection . Martha's new relationship with her brother Lazarus is one that is no longer restricted by the tomb ... In **John O Donohue's reflection on grief** .. He reminds us ..

*"The bright moment in grief is when the sore absence gradually changes into a well of presence. You become aware of the subtle companionship of the departed one. You know that when you are in trouble, you can turn to this presence beside you and draw on it for encouragement and blessing. The departed is now no longer restricted to any one place and can be with you any place you are. It is good to know the blessings of this presence."*

He called Lazarus from the tomb ... and to those present he said **"unbind him and let him go free"** That we might walk these days ahead awaiting the unfolding of the Easter story with awakened ears to hear and eyes to see tinged by Martha's declared belief ... "I know you are the Christ, the Son of God" That he might, for you and me roll away the stone from entombed grief allowing our loved ones unrestricted presence to us always.



### Mass Times

#### Cathedral:

Monday to Friday 7.40am, 11am & 7.30pm  
Saturday 11 am & Vigil 6.30pm  
Sunday 8am, 9.30am & 11.30am  
[www.ennisparish.com/webcam](http://www.ennisparish.com/webcam)  
Radio link:106.4fm

#### St. Joseph's:

Monday to Friday 10.30am  
Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm  
Sunday 1 0am & 11.45am

[www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/stjosephs-church-webcam](http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/stjosephs-church-webcam)

#### Friary:

Monday to Saturday 10am  
Vigil Mass Saturday 7 .30pm  
Sunday 10.30am

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

#### Christ the King - Cloughleigh

Monday to Friday 9.30am  
Sunday 11am

*Anniversary Masses and Baptisms are booked through the Parish Office: 065 6824043 (office hours).*

### 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

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

#### Presbyteries

Cathedral:- 6824043;  
Email: [info@ennisparish.com](mailto:info@ennisparish.com)  
Kincora Park:- 6829584  
Cloughleigh:- 6797489;  
Friary:- 6828751

#### Ennis Parish Web Site:

[http: www.ennisparish.com](http://www.ennisparish.com)

Facebook :

[http : facebook.com/ennisparish](http://facebook.com/ennisparish)

**Priest on Duty 22nd March, 2026**  
**Contact Fr. Ger Jones - 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Anne Flanagan, Colledge Grove. MM.  
 Frank McMahon, Drumcaranmore, Loughville.  
 Brassil Family, Ennis & Kilrush.  
 Seán & Patsy McCarthy, Hermitage.  
 Albert Hanberry, Roslevan.  
 Marty Browne, Cahercalla Estate.  
 Thomas Cronin & Tommy Jr., Ballintemple, Cork & Kilrush Rd.  
 Brid Howard, Glenina.  
 Don & Jenny Ryan, Summerhill.  
 Fergus Curran, Ballinasloe.  
 Michael O'Callaghan, Hermitage.  
 Maisie & John Bradley & Deceased Family, Limerick Rd.  
**Sun 22nd 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** Kevin & Bridie Murphy, Sligo.  
 Mary Considine, Hazelwood.  
**11.30am:** Liam Murphy, Rockmount. MM.  
 Joe McDonnell, Castletawn. MM.  
 Patrick Howard & Ann O'Sullivan,  
 St. Michael's Villas & Swords, Co. Dublin.  
 John Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.  
 Joe & Margaret (Gay) O'Sullivan, Circular Rd.  
 Patrick Kerin, Carron.  
**1pm:** Mass for the Ukranian Community.  
**5pm:** Mass for the Brazilian Community.  
**Mon 7.40am:** Holy Souls  
 Special Intention.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** Vincent & Susan Crowley, Ennis Rd. Kilrush.  
**Tues: 7.40am** Book of Intentions.  
**11am:** Mary & Edward Darcy, Scotland & Limerick.  
 Paddy & Jane Coffey, McNamara Park.  
 Colin Paul, Maiville, Kilrush Rd & Deceased Family.  
**6pm:** Ceremony of Light - Holy Family School.  
**7.30pm:** No intention booked.  
**Wed 7.40am:** No intention booked.  
**11am:** Martin Burke, Drumbiggle Rd.  
**7.30pm:** Delia & Michael Broderick, Parnell St.  
**Thurs 7.40am:** Keating & Murphy Families,  
 Cross & Newmarket-on-Fergus.  
**11am:** Paul & Brian Hogan, Ardlea Rd.  
**7.30pm:** Les Blackmore, Canterbury, England.  
 Des Cullinan, Dalcassian Park.  
 Brigid Dillon, Ard na Gréine.  
**Fri 7.40am:** Mass for the People.  
**11am:** Holy Family School Confirmation.  
**7.30pm:** Sr. Attracta Duggan, St. Xavier's Convent.  
**1st Anniv.**  
 Paddy McInerny, Dalcassian Park.  
 Tom & Josephine West, Childers' Rd., Cloughleigh.  
**Sat: 11am:** Martin Hogan, St. Flannan's Tce.  
**6.30pm:** Mary Kennedy, Francis St. & Pitfield,  
 Lissycasey. MM.  
 Michael Woods, Circular Rd.  
 Mary Hynes, Clare Rd.  
 Sr. Marie Stephens, Convent of Mercy &  
 Bridie & Albert Stephens, Clonroad.  
 Breda McMahon, Clonroadbeg.  
**Sun 29th 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** Brian Carey, Kilrush Rd. **1st Anniv.**  
**11.30am:** Jim Kitson, Claureen Drive.  
 William & Martha Costin, Hospital, Co. Limerick.  
 Nono Lynch, Dalcassian Drive.  
 John Staunton, Gallows Hill.  
 Nurse Catherine O'Leary, St. Philomena's,  
 Upper Market St.  
**2.30pm:** Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony.

**Palm Sunday**



Holy Week begins next weekend.  
 Palm will be blessed at all Masses  
 next weekend.

**Chrism Mass**

Bishop Fintan and the priests of the  
 Diocese along with our Pastoral  
 Ministers will gather in the Cathedral  
 on Spy Wednesday 1st April for the  
 Chrism Mass.  
 At this Mass the holy oils used in the  
 Diocese for the celebration of the  
 Sacraments will be blessed and both  
 the Priests and Lay Pastoral  
 Ministers will renew their  
 commitment.  
 This is a Diocesan Celebration and  
 all are welcome to the Cathedral for  
 7.30pm on Spy Wednesday.

**Our Lenten Journey—Week 5**



**Morning Prayer**

Monday to Friday 7.30am Cathedral  
 except on St. Patrick's Day.

**Daily Mass**

Seven daily Masses to choose from  
 in the parish.

7.40am	Cathedral
7.45am	Poor Clares'
9.30am	Cloughleigh
10am	Friary
10.30am	St. Joseph's
11am	Cathedral
7.30pm	Cathedral

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Monday to Friday 5pm—7pm  
 including St. Patrick's Day.

**Late Nights Monday** 8pm- 10pm  
 with a priest available for  
 Confession, Chat or Blessing.

**Stations of the Cross**

Friday at Cathedral 8pm

**Columbarium**

Joseph O'Neill from Eternum  
 Columbarium will be available in the  
 Cathedral on Monday and Tuesday  
 23rd & 24th March from 9am to 6pm  
 for those interested in reserving the  
 last few niches in the Columbarium.

To make an appointment please text  
 085 2148301

**St. Joseph's**



**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat 7pm:** Past & Present Members Downs Syndrome  
 Community Co. Clare  
**Sun 22nd 10am:** Mary, James & John Sexton,  
 Ballard, Miltown Malbay  
**11.45** Frank O'Connor, Oak Park & Kilnamona.  
 Jim Flanagan, Roslevan.  
**Mon 10.30am:** Murty Roche, Florida.  
**Tues 10.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Wed 10.30am:** Frank & Ted Neary, Dunmore, Galway.  
**Thu 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Fri 10.30am:** John Frawley, Corrovorrin Avenue.  
 Harry Ballinger, Gort Rd.  
**Sat: 10.30am:** Maureen Murphy,  
 Corrovorrin Grove. MM.  
 Sr. Mary Carmel, Mercy Sisters, Galway.  
**7pm:** Bridie & Denis Greer, Shannon Park.  
 Pat O'Brien, Shannon Park.  
**Sun 29th 10am:** Brid McMahon, Kevin Barry Ave.,  
 Seamus Mac Mathúna, Dublin & Cooraclare,  
 Bridget Hermann, New York & Cooraclare.  
**11.45am:** Christina Cullinan, The Green.  
 MJ Twomey, Roslevan.  
 Paul Glynn, Corrovorrin.

**Cloughleigh**



**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sun 22nd** Jim & Maura McMahon, Cusack Rd.  
 Patrick, Mary Ann & JJ Fitzpatrick, Circular Rd.  
 Austin Connole, Loughville.  
 Special Intention.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.

**Lenten**

**Reconciliation  
 Service**



As Lent draws to a close our Holy Week  
 Reconciliation Service with the opportunity for  
 individual Confession will take place in the Cathedral  
 on Monday of Holy Week, March 30th at 7.30pm

**Easter Chicks**

We have Easter Chicks for sale after  
 Mass. The chicks were all individually  
 knitted and contain a Cadbury's Crème  
 Egg — €3 each or 4 for €10 with  
 proceeds going to the Cathedral  
 Renovation Appeal. Also available in both the Parish  
 and Friary Offices.

**Ceremony of Light**

The children of Holy Family School will celebrate the  
 Ceremony of Light in preparation for the Confirmation  
 on Tuesday at 6pm in the Cathedral.

**Please note No Adoration on Tuesday**

Ennis Parish  
 Development Fund  
 for Sunday, 15th March

Fund €4,883  
 Online €362.50

## Feast of the Annunciation



Wednesday 25th March is the Feast of the Annunciation.

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, March 25th, at 7:00 PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr. Pat Malone from Clarecastle will be the celebrant on the night. Petitions may be left at the shrine in the church during the Novena. You are warmly invited to join us on this pilgrimage through Lent. Attending the Novena could be a meaningful Lenten resolution.

### Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony

Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony on Sunday 29th March from 2.30 to 3.30pm.

### Accord Needs You!



ACCORD

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as Marriage Preparation Programme Facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

The Marriage Preparation Programmes are fun and interactive and very popular with couples. Successful Applicants will receive free professional training during seven in person workshops at venues around the country and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes in your local area.

The closing date for receipt of application forms to be included in selection for this year is Friday 29th May next. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [marriagepreparatoin@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparatoin@accord.ie) [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

## REST IN PEACE



Aileen Patricia Kennedy, Golf Links Rd. & London;

Jimmy Cummins, Athenry & Sydney, brother of Sadie Lordan, Ennis & Declan Cummins, Corofin;

Anthony White, London & Connolly Villas, Brother of Christopher, Gearóid & Seán.

Tony (Anthony) Downes Drumbiggle Road & Kinturk, Connolly.

Tony O'Donohue, Ennis & Ardrahan.

## Funeral Arrangements

Winston Churchill arranged his own funeral. Stately hymns were sung in St. Paul's Cathedral and there was an impressive liturgy. Following the Benediction, Churchill had arranged that a bugler, high in one side of the dome of the Cathedral, would play 'Taps', the universal signal that the day is over.

When 'Taps' finished, there was a long pause and then a bugler on the other side played 'Reveille', the signal of a new day beginning!

This was Churchill's way of communicating that, while we say 'Good Night' here, it is 'Good Morning' up there!

In St. John's Gospel Jesus said:

*'I am the resurrection and the life;  
He who believes in me,  
though he was dead, yet shall he live.'*

**TRÓCAIRE**  
Working for a Just World

### A Walk in the Park

Mid West Parkinsons' are hosting a walk for Parkinsons Day in Lees' Road on Sat April 11th at 11am. Come join us and help raise awareness and funds. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### Clare Type 1 Diabetes

The next meet up of the Clare Adults with Type 1 Diabetes meet-up will take place Wednesday 25th March, at 7:30pm- 9:30pm in the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis. The topic for this meeting will be 'preparing for diabetes appointments'

The meetings are free to attend and open to any adult who would like to learn more about Type 1 Diabetes; including people living with Type 1, parents of children with Type 1 or family members.

Newcomers are always welcome, so do please come along if this will support you.

For more info

email Grainne [diabetesinclare@gmail.com](mailto:diabetesinclare@gmail.com)

### Seeds of Consolation

What can I say to you, my friend,  
In your hour of grief?

In the midst of your sorrow  
Seeds are being sown -  
Seeds of consolation,  
hope, resignation  
and even gratitude.

This winter will pass;  
Spring will again visit  
the garden of your heart.  
You will see these seeds grow,  
Blossom and bear fruit.

Then your sorrow  
will turn into joy,  
A joy no one will be able  
to take from you.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Magnificat



Móranm m'anam an Tiarna, agus rinne mo spiorad gairdeas i nDia mo Shlánaítheoir. Óir dhearc sé le fabhar ar ísle a bhanóglai; mar féach, déarfaidh na glúine uile feasta gur méanar dom. Óir rinne an Té atá cumhachtach nithe móra dom agus is naofa a ainm, agus tá a thrócaire ó ghlúin go glúin dóibh seo ar a mbíonn a eagla. Thaispeáin sé neart a láimhe: scaip sé an dream a bhí uaibhreach i smaointe a gcoif. Leag sé prionsaí óna gcathaoireacha, agus d'ardaigh sé daoine ísle; Líon sé lucht an ocrais le nithe fóna, agus chuir sé na saibhre uaidh folamh. D'fhóir sé ar Iosrael a sheirbhiseach, ag cuimhneamh dó ar a thrócaire - de réir mar gheall sé dar n-aithreacha - d'Abrahám agus dá shliocht go brách. Aiméan.

### The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day)

will take place on Thursday 26th March.

Please visit [purpleday.org](http://purpleday.org)

### Grow Mental Health

Friendly Community based peer support groups for anyone experiencing mental health issues through 12 Step Programme of connection, hope, identity by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth. Ennis Meeting- Maria Assumpta Hall. Monday 7.30pm/Tuesday 2pm. Contact Celia 086-1526966/Www.grow.ie

Ennis Flower & Garden Club present Jasmine O'Gorman, Cork, for a floral demonstration on Tuesday March 24th at Treacys' West County Hotel. Doors open at 7.30pm and demonstration commences at 8.15pm sharp. €10 non members.

Demonstrators' arrangements raffled on the night. Easter Bonnet competition. All welcome.

contact [ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com)



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God,  
And plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
For you, O God, are my strength.

## 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.**

## A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

**Ezk 37:12:14**

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

**The word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Response: With the Lord there is mercy  
And fullness of redemption.*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
To the voice of my pleading. **R**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
For this we revere you. **R**

My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
More than watchman for daybreak.  
(Let the watchman count on daybreak  
And Israel on the Lord). **R**

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
And fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
From all its iniquity. **R**

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

**Rm 8:8-11**

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him.

Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

**The word of the Lord**

## Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
I am the resurrection and the life,  
says the Lord;  
Whoever believes in me will never die.  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**Jn 11:1-45**

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.  
If anyone believes in me, even  
though he dies he will live,  
and whoever lives and believes in  
me will never die.  
Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening.

Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me.

But I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me,

so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in 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

**Everyone who lives  
and believes in me  
will not die for ever, says the Lord**