



ENNIS PARISH

Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral

NEWSLETTER



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

Luke 10: 38-42

Sunday 20th July 2025

BETWEEN MARTHA AND MARY: THE SPACE FOR GOD

In the Gospel today we have the story of Mary and Martha. Our Lord admonishes Martha as she was worried and anxious about many things. He commended Mary and said that she had chosen the better part, and that would not be taken away from her. What did our Lord mean by this? Did He chide her for her selfless service and dedication? Absolutely not. He is inviting Martha to put her trust and confidence in Him, to entrust into his providential and loving heart all that she is going through. He is inviting and exhorting her to cast all her burdens onto Him for He cares about her.

It's a radical and loving call to TRUST Him, and to entrust all her worries and cares into His hands. He also teaches Martha, that when she grows in trust she will find peace, consolation and strength in all that she goes through. She will not fall into the perils of anxiety, worry and tension. She will know that there is nothing to fear as our Lord Jesus is near. Hence, He says that Mary has chosen the better part and that it will not be taken away from her.

In Mary we see and experience what it means to trust the Lord. She stood there at the foot of the cross. She stood there when the world around her was collapsing. She stood her ground. Her faith and trust transformed her sight into insight and meaning during suffering, pain and death of her son our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

Martha's hospitality was good, truly good. But Mary's deep attentiveness revealed something even more profound: that God desires not just our work, not just our effort, but our wonder. He longs for our loving adoration and our undivided presence. The Gospel doesn't pit Martha against Mary as if one is right and the other is wrong. No. Instead, Jesus is gently inviting Martha- and inviting us- to pause and ask ourselves: In all our daily activity, are we truly making room for God's presence?

We are called to make the right choices. Any choice that pulls us away from God, instead of drawing us closer, puts our spiritual life at risk. That's not choosing the "good portion". When we choose the good portion- the part that brings us closer to God- we find fulfilment in everything we do. Look at your life today: Here's the question for each of us: Are we making space- not just in our homes, but in our hearts- for God to come in?



Are we truly making room for God's presence?

Mass Times

Cathedral-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

Monday to Friday 10.30am
Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm
Sunday 10am & 11.45am

Friary-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

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Priest on Duty 20th July 2025

Fr. Pat Malone 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Thomas O'Connell, Fountain Cross. MM.

Maureen Mahony, Tulla & Cavan. **1st Anniv.**

Mona Kelly, Kilrush Rd.

Michael O'Connor, Ros na Rí, Shanaway Rd.

Stephen (Broddy) & Kathleen McCarthy &

McCarthy & Fagan Families, Considine Tce.

John Brigdale, Clancy Park.

Patrick Mahony, Considine Rd.

Theresa & Pat Sullivan, Ennis.

Sun 20th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Brenda Flynn, Fergus Park.

Paschal Hanrahan, Gallows Hill.

Denis Harnedy, Boston.

P.J. Keane, Loughville.

11.30am: John & Nancy Howard, St. Michael's Villas.

Mary Smyth (nee Dunne), Feakle & Clare Rd.

Seán & Myra Kenny, Turnpike.

Mick, Mai & Carmel Finn, Lisdoonvarna.

Mary Coote, Turnpike Rd.

1pm: Mass for the Ukrainian Community.

6.30pm: Mass for the Polish Community.

Mon: 7.40am: Special Intention.

11am: Griffin Family, Kilrush Rd.

7.30pm: Jalina Milinskaya, Ukraine.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Brendan O'Donoghue, Castletawn.

Brian Kelly, Crusheen & Woodview, Shanaway Rd.

7.30pm: Mary Hobday (nee Baby Dinan)

& John Dinan, Kilrush Rd.

Bernard, Mary, Michael, Bernie Dilger, Connolly Villas.

Wed 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Jamie Coote, Cusack Rd.

Moloney family, Steeles' Terrace.

Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Marion Coffey, Gillingham, Kent. MM

Tola Culliney, Westbourne Court & Willow Park. **1st**

Anniv.

Tom Kelly, Phoenix Court.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Eamon Stenson, O'Callaghan's Mills & Ennis.

Sat: 11am: Brid & Martin Crowe, St. Michael's Villas.

Jane & Kevin McKeon & Alice & Francie Tierney,

Clonroad.

Mary McShea, Showgrounds' View.

6.30pm: Sean MM & Noreen Murphy, Kilrush Rd.

Bridie **1st Anniv** & Oliver Cassidy, Turnpike Rd.

Christina Coughlan, Clonroadbeg.

Mary O'Sullivan, Drumcliffe Rd.

Sun 27th 8am: Don Maher, Clonaslee, Co. Meath.

9.30am: William & Teresa Clohessy, Drumcliffe.

11.30am: Evelyn Brigdale, Drumcliffe Rd. **1st Anniv.**

David Russell, Abbeyville.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €600, €60, €50, €20 & €7.50.

Your generosity to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal is much appreciated. Thank you.

Music session & Sean-Nós Dance Workshop in Cois na hAbhna, Gort Road.

The session is on Tuesday Night 22nd July from 7pm to 9pm with guest dancer Tura Arutura. All musicians singers, dancers storytellers & listeners are welcome. Cupán tae served. The Sean Nós Workshop is on 23rd July @ 2pm -3.30 & is suitable for both adults & children. Suitable for all levels from beginner to advanced dancer.

Clare Suicide Bereavement

Support befriends and supports individuals, families and communities who are bereaved by suicide, whether recently or in the past. 'When You've Lost a Loved One to Suicide...' When you've lost a loved one to suicide, it can rip your world apart. Disbelief, sadness, loss, anger, confusion - the feelings of grief can seem harder to handle than any other bereavement.

We are a group of fully-trained volunteers providing confidential emotional support to individuals, families and communities throughout Co. Clare, who are grieving the loss of someone they loved through suicide. We befriend, listen, support and care - providing a service that is free of charge. Contact 086 056 5373 or 087 369 8315

Innovation House, Roslevan Centre, Tulla Rd. Ennis, V95 RV0D

Newly Baptised



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

Luca Steven Greene.

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Catherine Tobin, Cahercalla Estate. MM

Sun 20th 10am: Buddy Brown, Corrovorrin Crescent.

11.45am: Mary Guilfoyle, Marian Ave.

Gretta & Pete Burke, Ashline House.

Bernard & Michael Eustace, Oakleigh Wood, Tulla Rd

Nancy Tubridy, Doonbeg.

Mon 10.30am: O'Brien Family, Crusheen.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: Eilish Reidy, Dangan, Tulla.

Sr. Maureen Dunne, The Square.

Sat: 10.30am: Vincent Greene, Bedfordshire, UK & Corrovorrin Ave.

Paddy Greene, Corrovorrin Ave.

Vera O'Carroll, Corrovorrin Grove.

7pm: Augustine O'Leary, The Crescent. **1st Anniv.**

Christina Kelly, Glenina, Gort Rd.

Betty & Denis McInerney, Shannon Park.

Sun 27th 10am: No intention booked.

11.45am: May & Michael McEnery, Kilnamona.

O'Grady & McEnery families.

Carmel O'Neill, Lifford Rd.

Mary O'Keeffe, Fernhill.

Connie McCarthy, Kincora Park.

World Day of Prayer

For grandparents and the elderly will take place in Knock Shrine on Sunday 27th July to celebrate Grandparents' Day.

Croagh Patrick

Reek Sunday this year is 27th July with Mass on the summit daily from 8am to 2pm. Confessions also available on the summit from 7:30am to 2pm.

Lough Derg Pilgrimage

This year's pilgrimage is almost fully booked. Departing on Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th. The bus will leave from the Cathedral at 7am sharp. Total cost of bus and Island fee €135. Booking and payment to the Parish Office 065 6824043.

Lourdes

Two remaining pilgrimages from Shannon Airport in September.

Franciscan Pilgrimage 24th - 29th Sept;

Diocesan Pilgrimage: 29th Sept - 4th Oct.

Booking with joewalshtours.ie

Tel. 01 2410800

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11am: No intention booked.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Thu 9.30am: Halina Kiezun, Poland.

Fri 9.30am: Mary Ryan, Cusack Rd.



Cahercalla Community Care

30th Anniversary Family Fun Day, takes place on the 26th July between 2pm and 5pm. Stall holders welcome, free entry. Limited places contact 065 6824388



Friary Roof Appeal



The Franciscan Friars and our parish are grateful to all who are supporting and have contributed to the roof appeal at the Friary. Preparation work is continuing with the erection of scaffolding around the church.

Contributions for this appeal can be left at either the Friary or Parish Office. Cheques can be made payable to the Franciscan Friary Ennis. Online contributions can be sent to Ennis Parish for this appeal. The Friars appreciate your support and assure us all of a remembrance in their daily prayers.

Free training course running Fridays with Anne Hayes; recognising cardiac arrest, choking, stroke, the difference between cardiac arrest and heart attack, performing CPR, using an AED & relieving choking. For more details contact Ann at annehayes3@gmail.com

Mass for Palestine in Clarecastle Church on Thursday 24th July at 7pm. You are invited to a special mass to pray for all those who have lost their lives in Palestine and to pray for a just and lasting peace.

Rest in Peace



Sr. Martina Russell, St. Xavier's Convent, Bothar na Trócaire, Ennis;

Liam Roche, Pine Grove;

Kathleen Coughlan, Steeles' Tce;

An Br. Seán O'Dúgáin, Christian Brothers, St. Helen's, York Rd, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin & Ballymacuiggan, Ennis;

Rose King nee O'Donoghue, Causeway & Cloughleigh Rd., sister of Colette O'Donoghue, Cloughleigh;

Mary Foley (née Lorigan), College Park, Ennis & formerly of Derrybrick, Kilmurphy McMahon, Co. Clare;

Maureen Scully, Cork & Killimer, sister of Babs Halpin, Bushypark;

Marion Coffey, Gillingham, Kent, sister of Sharon Coffey.

An Bráthar Seán O'Dúgáin,
Christian Brothers, Dun Laoghaire,
Dublin & late of Ballymacuiggan, Ennis.



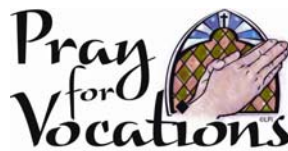
Bro Seán was born on 7th July 1926 to Terry & Margaret Duggan in Ballymacuiggan, Ennis. On the 11th July 1942 he became a novice at the Marino Training College, Dublin for the Christian Brothers.

Three years later in 1945 he began his teaching career in Thurles CBS and finished where he started as superior of Thurles CBS from 1985 –1991 where he retired from teaching. Seán taught in over 20 schools in Mount Sion, Waterford to Dublin to the Green in Tralee and back to Thurles 40 years later.

In retirement Bro. Seán lived in Portlaoise, Nass, Carrick on Suir and finally St. Helens, York Rd, Dun Laoghaire where he resided until three years ago when he moved to Manor Nursing Home, Dalkey, Dublin. 83 years to the day that he left Ennis to become a Christian Brother he went to his eternal reward on Friday 11th July 2025 in St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin.

Bro Seán was laid to rest in Blessed Edmund Rice Cemetery, Balldoyle, Dublin on Thursday 17th July 2025. The personal motto of Blessed Edmund Rice came from the Book of Job 1:21 "The Lord has given and the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." We thank and bless the same Lord for the Ministry and life of Bro Seán. May he now be blessed in the Lord's presence.

Prayers for Vocations



We pray for those called to become priests of our Diocese and for religious life, that they will become disciples and preach a message of repentance from the God of love and Mercy. May they bring the peace and healing power of the Lord to the people they will serve. Amen

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 20th July

Fund **€5,328.00**
Online **€698.50**

Sister Martina Russell
1938-2025



Sr. Martina Russell died peacefully on July 13th last in the loving & wonderful care of the staff of Mc Auley House. Limerick.

Martina was born in Culleen, Kilmaley Co Clare on November the 1938. Known as Ena to her family she was one of nine children, five girls and four boys, born to John & Isabella Russell (Neville).

Martina's primary education was in Kilmaley Primary School, Ennis Convent of Mercy Primary School & Secondary education in Coláiste Muire, Ennis. Martina entered the Convent of Mercy, Ennis on 8th of September 1957 and made her Final Profession in 1963 taking as her motto "To Jesus through Mary".

Following her Final Profession she went to Mercy Hospital, Cork where she trained as a nurse. She was a dedicated, committed & hardworking nurse with an obvious love for her work. Her nursing career began in St. Joseph's Hospital, Ennis. From St. Joseph's Hospital she moved to Raheen District Hospital in East Clare and lived in both Tulla Convent and Killaloe Convent. Here she performed the usual nursing duties including Ambulance Duty. On her appointment as Deputy Matron there, she set up a Fund Raising Group to help with the updating of the Hospital.

Having completed her time in Clare she moved to Limerick and became Nursing Director in Mc Auley House. Her funeral mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's Church on the Feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel 16th July with burial in the Mercy Plot of Drumcliffe Cemetery. Mother Catherine McAuley famously said "The poor need help today, not next week." Sr. Martina in her nursing ministry understood the importance of the "Now". She didn't put off the works of mercy. She responded with her skills, her compassion and her faith.

Fridge Magnets of Pope Francis

Pope Francis died on 21st April, Easter Monday. Thanks to Anthony Moore a beautiful image of Pope Francis was produced to honour his memory and pray for his soul. As Pope Francis was a great advocate for the poor, the proceeds were divided locally between St. Vincent de Paul and nationally with Trócaire. Each received €2,116.75

Our thanks to Anthony for producing the magnets.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help.

The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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 Genesis

Gen 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak
of Mamre while he was sitting by the
entrance of the tent during the hottest part
of the day. He looked up, and there he saw
three men standing near him. As soon as
he saw them he ran from the entrance of
the tent to meet them, and bowed to the
ground. 'My Lord', he said, 'I beg you, if I
find favour with you, kindly do not pass your
servant by. A little water shall be brought;
you shall wash your feet and lie down under
the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you
shall refresh yourselves before going
further. That is why you have come in your
servant's direction'. They replied, 'Do as
you say'.

Abraham hastened to the tent to find

Sarah. 'Hurry' he said 'knead three
bushels of flour and make loaves'. Then
running to the cattle Abraham took a fine
and tender calf and gave it to the servant,
who hurried to prepare it. Then taking
cream, milk and the calf he had prepared,
he laid all before them, and they ate while
he remained standing near them under
the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked
him. 'She is in the tent', he replied. Then
his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next
year without fail, and your wife will then
have a son.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*Response: The just will live in the
presence of the Lord.*

Lord who shall dwell on your holy
mountain?

He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue.

R.

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord.

R.

He who keeps his pledge, come what
may; who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the
innocent.

Such a man will stand firm forever.

R.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians

Col 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I
am suffering now, and in my body to do
what I can to make up all that has still to
be undergone by Christ for the sake of
his body, the Church. I became the
servant of the Church when God made
me responsible for delivering God's
message to you, the message which was
a mystery hidden for generations and
centuries and has now been revealed to
his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal
it to them and to show all the rich glory of
this mystery to pagans. The mystery is
Christ among you, your hope of glory: this
is the Christ we proclaim, this is the
wisdom in which we thoroughly train
everyone and

instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in
Christ.

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 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named
Martha welcomed him into her house. She
had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the
Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now
Martha who was distracted with all the
serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my
sister is leaving me to do the serving all by
myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the
Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said,
'you worry and fret about so many things, and
yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is
Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not
to be taken from her.'

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, the gracious, the merciful,
Has made a memorial of his wonders;
He gives food to those who fear him.