



ENNIS PARISH

Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral

NEWSLETTER



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Luke 12: 32-48

Sunday 10th August 2025

Jesus: the Good Teacher



“Jesus said to his Disciples: there is no need to be afraid, little flock, it has pleased your Father to give you the Kingdom” ... Luke 12:32-48 ...

Jesus the teacher sets about through the following discussion with the Disciples how best they might achieve this goal.. “See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit” ... ‘ready to open the door when the master returns from the wedding banquet’ .. ‘it may be in the second watch he comes, or the third’ ... as this encounter continues it becomes apparent to Peter and the Disciples that Jesus, the teacher, is placing a responsibility on them to be prepared by the way they treat others ... ordaining them to be stewards placed over the household, faithful and wise, placed over the masters household giving them their allowance of food at the proper me.

Like the Good teacher, Jesus doesn't spoil his Disciples but rather places the responsibility on them to work out how to set about receiving this gift the Kingdom, This gift the Father was pleased to give them. The secret here is Jesus as the good teacher ..

Memory as that student in school who had an older sister much smarter than me who was born to be and did become ‘the good teacher’ ... memory of coming home from school with homework I’d no desire to spend me over, asking for help ... which really meant, ‘give me the quick solution .. Or even .. Do the homework for me!!!! Which never happened, her response was always the same ... ‘I’ll help you work it out, but you need to know how we reach the conclusions’ ... this response didn’t suit this impatient, disinterested, lacking in confidence student, but turns out she was right.

It seems, Jesus and my sister read from the same teacher manual ... Jesus, once challenged by Peter in this story, wondering “Lord, do you mean this parable for us”? ... and ... Yes ... “Happy that servant if his master’s arrival finds him at his employment”

The quote from Mustafa Kemal Ataturk “A good teacher is like a candle— it consumes itself to light the way for others” ... Jesus went so far as Calvary to assure his Disciples and us of God’s desire to give us the Kingdom, he sent them, and now us, to be the stewards who will ‘give the allowance of food at the proper me to those for whom we are the nurturers of the coming of this Kingdom.



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

Phone Numbers: Cathedral:- 6824043;

Email: info@ennisparish.com

St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797 489;

Friary:- 6828751

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

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Priest on Duty - 10th August, 2025

Contact: Fr. Joy Tel. 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Mary Foley, College Park. MM.

Oliver Moylan, Golf Links Rd.

Sun 10th 8am: Mary McNamara, Clonlara.

Kathleen 1st Anniv. & Liam Slattery, McNamara Park.

9.30am: Brendan Wall, Inchbeg.

11.30am: Pat Connellan, Gallows Hill. 1st Anniv.

James Guilfoyle, Woodlands & O'Connell St.

Patrick O'Loughlin, Drumcaranmore.

Bob & Tony Meehan, Connolly & Herne Bay, UK

Daniel & Bridget Considine, Turnpike Rd &

Tobertaoscáin

Patrick, Mary Kate & Ashling O'Loughlin, Kilshanny.

5pm: Mass for the Brazilian Community.

Mon 7.40am: Paul Cahill, Inisfree, Roslevan.

Special Intention.

11am No intention booked.

7.30pm: Ellen Boland, Kilkee.

Tues 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Liam Roche, Pine Grove. MM.

John Madden, Corrovorrin Ave.

Paschal & Christina Molloy, Cloughleigh Rd.

Wed 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: Frank Cosgrove, Dalcassian Park.

Coughlan Family, Steele's Tce.

7.30pm: Sr. Martina Russell, St. Xavier's Convent,

Bóthar na Trócaire. MM.

O'Halloran & Considine Families, Considine Tce.

Thurs 7.40am: Special Intention.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Seán Mounsey, Marian Ave.

John & Margaret Maughan, Childers' Rd.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: T. Kenny, Rathflynn, Ennistymon.

7.30pm: Kathleen Lane & Deceased Lane Family,

Hermitage. 1st Anniv.

Raymond Casey, Collins Park.

Mary Mulqueen, Fountain.

Christy Meaney, Kilkee.

Sat: 11am: Kathleen Devaux, Boston.

Joe Moroney, Shanaway Rd.

Bernadette Power, Shanaway Rd.

6.30pm: Woods Family, Circular Rd.

Donor's Intentions.

Sun 17th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Eddie & Maura Cotter, Victoria Court.

11.30am: Terry Barry, Clareview, Gortmore. MM.

Mary Daffy (nee Commene), Woodgrove,

Ballymacooda, Darragh. 1st Anniv.

Brigid Haran, Kilrush Rd. 1st Anniv.

Tom Pilkington, Loughville.

Seán Shannon, Connolly Villas.

McMahon & Coulter Families, Lifford Rd.

Mary Connolly, Ard na Gréine.

Michael Fitzgerald, Corrovorrin Drive.

Paddy Naughton, Clare Rd.

6.30pm: Mass for the Polish Community.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday 15th August A Holyday Mass Times

Thursday 14th August:

7.30pm Cathedral - Vigil Mass

Friday 15th August:

7.40am Cathedral

7.45am Poor Clare Monastery

9.30am Cloughleigh

10am Friary

10.30am St. Joseph's

11am Cathedral

7.30pm Cathedral

Found: Set of keys in the Cathedral. Contact Parish Office

Knock Shrine

The National Novena at Knock Shrine begins on Wednesday 13th August and continues to Thursday 21st August, the feast of the first apparitions 1879.

Two sessions daily at 3pm and 8pm.

Lourdes Pilgrimages

September 24th — 29th

Franciscan Pilgrimage;

September 29th — October 4th

Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Fintan Monahan

Both pilgrimages direct from Shannon Airport.

To book www.joewalshstours.ie;
Tel: 012410800

Newly Baptised



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

Annie Kate Darmody;

Conail Diarmuid Donnellan;

Luca Sonny Deloughery;

Lily Sheila Deloughery;

Tadhg Patrick O'Donnell;

Conan Lee Whyte;

Seylah Jane Ikiebey Sheehan;

Sadie Brigid Barron;

Eden Marie Grace Long.

St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 7pm: Betty Mounsey, Marian Ave.

Brendan Ryan, Kincora Pk.

Sun 10th 10am: Patrick Carmody, Kincora Park.

11.45am: Eileen Downes, Steeles' Tce.

Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: Michael & Muriel McMahon, Coolmeenbeg.

Thu 10.30am: Michael, Bridget & James Murphy, Kilkerrin, Labasheeda.

Fri 10.30am: Paddy O'Hara, Ennis.

Sat: 10.30am: Bridie O'Connor, New Rd.

Michael McLoughlin, Newport, Co. Mayo.

Gerry Leyden, Steele's Tce.

Kathleen Coughlan, Steele's Tce. MM

7pm: Seán Dolan, Castlelawn, Tulla Rd.

Sun 17th 10am: Teresa Butler, Lifford.

Sun 11.45am: Gerry Jones, Orchard Lane.

Patrick Healy, St. Senan's Rd.

Farwell to Fr. Martin Blake

The coming week will see some changes to the Abbey Pastoral area leadership team as the annual Diocesan appointments come into effect. Change is always difficult for all involved, not just the clergy, but also the faithful who have developed a relationship with the priests who serve in their parish through the years.

Fr. Martin Blake will move on to pastures new with effect from the 15th August. Fr. Martin has been appointed as Co-PP of the Criocho Callan pastoral area and will reside in Kildysart.

He came, for the second time in his ministry, to Ennis three years ago when he was appointed as Co-PP. Fr. Martin has given incredible service to the Pastoral Area and his unique contribution to the life of this community will be greatly missed. Fr. Martin has made the care of the senior citizens something of a priority in his time in ministry here in Ennis and countless families have been moved and blessed by his dedication and concern. Through his work in chaplaincy to both the Ennis National and Holy Family Schools his service has been particularly meaningful to our young people and their families as he helps them to prepare for significant steps in their lives of faith.

The faith communities in all churches in the Pastoral Area will miss the prayerful and profoundly devotional way in which he leads them in prayer. Fr. Martin leaves a rich legacy from his time in the Abbey Pastoral Area and we know that his new flock will be greatly blessed by his loyalty and devotion. *Beir Bua agus Beannacht.*

Seniors' Information Event

At Carrigoran Day Centre on Friday 22nd August from 1pm to 6pm

Participants, organisations taking part include: Age Friendly; Alcoholics Anonymous; Alone; Cardiac Rehab; Citizens Information; Clarecare; Community Connect; Community Registered General Nurse; Cregg Medical; Family Carers Ireland; Glenina Reflexology, Gort Foot Clinic, Home Support; Public Health Nurse; SAGE Advocacy and many more.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Feast of St Clare

This Monday 11th August is the feast of St. Clare. We are privileged here in Ennis to have the presence of a Poor Clare Monastery with eleven sisters praying daily on our behalf.

During his holidays last month in Castel Gandolfo Pope Leo visited the local Poor Clare Monastery where he took the opportunity to pray with the nuns in their Chapel. In greeting and thanking the sisters he told them:

"It is good that the Church knows your life for it is a precious testimony."

Our Poor Clare Monastery in Ennis since 1957 was described at its opening by the late Bishop of Killaloe Joe Rodgers as "a powerhouse of prayer."

This weekend we thank Mother Abbess, Sr Bernadine and her sisters: Srs Gabrielle; Regina; Leo; Catherine; Gertie; Leo; Mary Clare; Veronica and Regina for fuelling the powerhouse of prayer every day and we pray for many more years to come.

St. Clare Pray for us.



Prayer for those waiting for Exam Results
Friday 22nd August Leaving Cert results will be out. In these days of waiting we pray for and with our students.

Loving God,
Calm the anxious hearts
of those awaiting exam results.
Grant them peace
that as the days approach for results.
Help them trust that their worth
lies not in a grade,
but in your unchanging love.
Give them courage to accept
whatever comes and
wisdom to see this moment
as just one step in their unique journey.
Surround them with your comfort and support.

Soroptimist Ennis Branch

would like to invite ladies who are interested in joining our club to a coffee morning on Saturday 30th August 2025 at the Old Ground Hotel in Ennis between 11.30a.m. and 1pm.

Our members come from diverse backgrounds and professions, united by a common goal: to create a better world for women and girls. Our calendar includes campaign work, regular meetings, speaker events, coffee mornings, charity fundraisers, Christmas and social events. Come along if interested in finding out about the club and meet current members. Alternatively, you can contact Rosalie Byrne-Muir on 087 9005023 or Mary Hanley on 087 4150036



Daniel O'Connell



250 years ago Daniel O'Connell was born in Derrymore, Co. Kerry. Best known for his election as an M.P. for Clare in 1828 and bringing about the Act of Catholic Emancipation in 1829 which gave Catholics the freedom to practise their religion. This weekend as we celebrate in our town and county the life and achievements of Daniel O'Connell, we thank God for the freedom of being able to practise and live our faith without persecution.

Columbarium

Due to demand, we are hoping to extend the Columbarium in the Cathedral. Planning Permission under Section 57 was granted in the past week to proceed with the work.

The new niches will be above the vaults of St. Conaire and St. Conall. Joseph O'Neill from Eternum will be in the Cathedral:

Sunday 17th August 12 noon to 6pm;

Monday & Tuesday 18th & 19th August
12 noon to 6pm

to meet with anyone who might have questions or who wish to reserve a niche. Please contact in advance by text or email for appointment:

085 214 8301 or 0044 7821 451 233

Email: joseph@eternumcolumbarium.com

Rest in PEACE



Marie Tierney, Old Home Barracks & Mc Namara Pk. died in England;

Maureen McVeigh nee Griffin, Ennis & Monmore, Kilrush;

Felim Cronin, Malahide & formerly Ennis;

A Note from Fr. Martin

Three years ago, I came to Ennis, I received a very warm welcome, I was welcomed with open arms and hearts.

As I take leave of Ennis and begin my next chapter in Kildysart. I would like to say a sincere thank you for letting me into your lives, your community and your parish. Every moment has been a privilege and everyday brought new opportunities for inner growth and new opportunities to be with people.

In my time in Ennis I encountered many wonderful people involved in different ministries, organisations and committees. You are the people who give of your time, talents and gifts to show your care for the community.

I would like to thank the students and staff of the local schools; you always brought me joy, and I saw your goodness, friendship and your honesty as an inspiration and joy in my life.

I made wonderful friends who made a deep impact on my life and I will never forget your presence and kindness.

I would like to thank my fellow priests and the staff of Ennis Parish for the help and support you have given me over the years.

Lastly I would like to thank each one of you for always being there for me, for the parish and for the community where you support each other with your presence and kindness.

Thank you, you will always be in my thoughts and prayers.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

I spioradáltacht Cheilteach bhí ár sinsear an -tugtha do Dhia. Bhí paidir ar leith acu do gach ócáid.

Ag dul ar aistear

*Dia idir mé agus uisce mo bháite,
Dia idir mé agus tine mo dhóite,
Dia idir mé agus bás gan chairde,
Dia idir mé agus taisme bóthair.*

Going on a journey

God between me and drowning,
God between me and fire.
God may I not die in debt,
God between me and the road accident.

D'Aingeal Coimhdeachta

*Aingeal aoibhinn, aingeal Dé,
Cabhair liom ar feadh an lae.
Bí le m'ais go sioraí dlúth
Is ná lig don diabhal mé a chur amú.
Áiméan.*

Prayer to your Angel Guardian

Beautiful Angel of God
Help me throughout the day
Be by my side
Saving me from the power of the devil.
Amen.

Paidir agus duine ag cur tús le hobair ar bith.

*Iarraimid Ort,
a Thiarna, d'anáil naofa a chur fuinn
chun sinn a stiúradh inár ngníomhartha
agus neart do ghrásta
a bhronnadh orainn,
ionas gur uaitse a thosófar ár n-uile
bhriathar agus ár n-uile ghníomh feasta,
agus gur triot a chríochnófar iad;
trí Chríost ár dTiarna. Áiméan.*

Prayer before work

Direct, O Lord, we beseech you,
all our actions by your holy inspirations,
and carry them on
by your gracious assistance,
that every prayer and work of ours
may begin always from you,
and by you be happily ended.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Heritage Week:

Ennis Friary OPW Abbey Street

The foundation of the town of Ennis began when the ruling O'Brien Clan created a stronghold on the river Fergus and brought a small household of friars to Ennis in the 13th century.

To mark Heritage Week join us for a talk by Fr. Liam Kelly OFM, Lecturer in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies in Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick.

"Reflecting on the Founder. A Franciscan speaks on Saint Francis and the Early Friars: from Umbria to Ennis".

Saturday 16th August, 4pm—5pm

Free Admission.

Limited seating available



Ennis Parish Development Fund
for Sunday, 3rd August
Fund €3,670
Online €377.50

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.

Arise, O God and defend your cause,
And forget not the cries
of those who seek 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 Wisdom

Wis 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike;

and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.

R

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

R

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

R

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Heb 11:1-2.8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: it is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and

knocks.

Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the men-servants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of 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

O Jerusalem, glorify the lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.