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NEWSLETTER

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

MATTHEW 11:25-30

Sunday 5th July 2026



Our Lord has a few things to tell us in the Gospel today

Firstly, He tells us that intellectual pride blinded some of the people of His day, “the learned and the clever”- to the presence of God in His person; the power of God in His miracles and the kindness and love of God in His words. Only the humble of heart could recognise Him then. And accept Him then.

The same is true today.

Then He tells us that faith is a gift, - Faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is a gift not store bought or found in a science Lab or somehow learned from a book. It is a gift He chose to give us and why he chose us only He knows.

Thirdly there is a legend that Jesus the carpenter in Nazareth made the best fitting yoke in all of Galilee. People came from far and wide with their oxen to be fitted with “Yokes by Jesus “but it is not only animals that have loads to haul and burdens to carry, so do people.

Jesus in His day offered to share the burdens of the weary and worn out- their sickness their pain, their hunger their failure, even the weight of all our sins. We are the body of Christ today -His mystical body.

Our voices must encourage the weary, our hands lift the load from workworn shoulders our help bandage up the world’s wounded.

God help us find the mercy the money and the strength to do it or at least to try.



“With humble hearts, we receive the gift of faith, find rest in Jesus, and share His love by helping others carry their burdens.”

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
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

Friary:

Monday to Saturday 10am

Vigil Mass Saturday 7 .30pm

Sunday 10.30am

www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscan-friary-webcam/

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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).

Cathedral & Friary:

Cathedral: Monday to Friday 7pm to 7.25pm

Saturday after the Vigil Mass

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

Baptisms

Can be booked through the Parish Office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Presbyteries

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Priest on Duty 5th July, 2026
Contact Fr. Joy Tel. 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 6.30pm: Brian Weir, Stillorgan & Newmarket-on-Fergus
 Paulette Flynn, Turnpike Rd.
 Rita Briody, Dublin.
 Jimmy Kenny, Clohanmore, Mullagh.
 Patrick Joseph Looney, Kilmihil.
 Maria, Lithuania.

Sun 5th 8am: Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families, Ennis & Cork.

9.30am: Paddy Singleton, Hermitage.

11.30am: Deirdre Houlihan, Ennis. **1st Anniv.**
 James Hegarty, 'Moorhaun House', Fountain.
 Eleanor Ford, Castlewood Park.
 Paddy Naughton, Clare Rd.
 Angela Ball, Hermitage.
 Mary V. Marsoloais, (nee Guilfoyle), USA & Ennis.

Mon: 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: Oliver Keating, Lifford Rd. & Limerick.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Joe Costello, Kilomorane.

7.30pm: Tony Butler, Gallows Hill.
 Kitty Hennessy, College Grove.
 Deceased Smyth & Flanagan Family, Cavan & Tuam.

Wed 7.40am: Peggy & Dick Greene, St. Joseph's Tce.

11am: Nora & Tommy Carroll, Gort Rd.
 Jack Carroll, Harmony Row.

7.30pm: Baby Dylan Fox Tierney, Clancy Park & Toonagh.

Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Catherine & Edward Erskine, Donegal.

7.30pm: Nancy Guinnane, Hermitage.
 Mary McInerney, Dalcassian Park.

Fri 7.40am: Paddy Skehan, Waterford.

11am: Mass for the People.

7.30pm: Imelda O'Halloran, Cahercallamore. **MM.**

Sat: 11am: Marian & Dan McNamara, College Green.
 Ellen & John Boland, Kilrush.

6.30pm: Jack Cahill, College Green. **MM.**
 Mary Foley, College Park. **1st Anniv.**
 Peggy Cox, Dalcassian Ave.
 Jackie & Joan Molloy, Marian Ave.
 Paul Hayes, Clarecastle & Ennis.
 Tommy Mahony, Tobertaoscáin.
 Frances Nagle & Mary Crowley, Cahercalla Estate.

Sun 12th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Tess & Frank Glynn, Francis St.

11.30am: Liam Roche, Pine Grove. **1st Anniv.**
 Thomas Callinan, Beechpark.
 Gerard & Lucy O'Driscoll, Summerhill.
 Tommy Dinan, Hermitage.
 Patrick, Bridget, Val & Michael Casey, Clare Rd.
 George Gallery, Rockmount.

Pilgrimage Season



Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage: KNOCK:
 This Sunday 5th July ceremonies begin at 2pm with Rosary 2.30pm, Anointing of the Sick and 3pm Concelebrated Mass at the Basilica followed by Rosary Procession and Benediction.
 To book a seat on the bus leaving from St. Joseph's at 9.30am on the morning of 5th July, contact Brigdale Coaches Tel. 086 8034092 or info@brigdalecoaches.com (preferable)

LOUGH DERG:
 This year's Parish and Diocesan pilgrimage to Lough Derg led by Bishop Fintan takes place from Monday 3rd to Wednesday 5th August. €135 covers the bus and Island fee. Booking and payment to the Parish Office.

CROAGH PATRICK:
 Reek Sunday 26th July. Mass and Confessions on the summit from 8am to 2pm on the day.

LOURDES:
 Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage 28th September - 3rd October. Details on posters in Church or Parish Office.

Columbarium

Joseph O'Neill from Eternum Columbarium will be available on Wednesday 8th July from 9am to 4pm in the Columbarium for anyone interested in reserving a niche. To book an appointment text Joseph on **085 214 8301**

Newly Baptised



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

Jayden Kevin Neil Ryan Mirga
Clodagh Ryan Murphy

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Catherine Tobin, Cahercalla Estate. **1st Anniv.**
 Gerry Hynes, Drumcliffe & Marian Ave. **1st Anniv.**
 Brian Gilligan, Greenlawn, Lissane, Clarecastle.

Sun 5th 10am: No intention booked.

11.45am: Ruairi Frawley, Enniscorthy & Marian Avenue. **MM**
 Eileen & Kevin Kelly, McHugh Villas & Blackburn, England.

Mon 10.30am: Con & Maura O'Donovan, Cork.
 Agnes & Gerry O'Dwyer, Old Gort Rd.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: Patrick & Mary Quinn, Cloonanaha, Inagh.

Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.

Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.

7pm: Jim Lordan, St. Senan's Rd., Lifford.
 Moira & Packie Kearney, Brookville.

Sun 12th 10am: Christina Forde, The Lane, Cappahard.

11.45am: Jeremiah Considine, Kincora Park.
 Martin Dormer, The Lane, Gort Rd.

Matt Talbot Prayer Society

On the first Monday of each month in the Cathedral at 7.30pm we pray for all enrolled in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society for all suffering or sharing in the life of Addiction.
 You are welcome to the 7.30pm Mass on Monday.

Prayers for the Franciscans



This week Friars from the Irish and British Province will gather in Dromantine, Newry, Co. Down for their Provincial Chapter.

At this gathering the Friars will elect a new Leadership Team and plan ahead for the next three years.

In this Jubilee Year for all Franciscans, please pray this week for our Friars as we thank them for their presence and work among us.

Fridge Magnets

Fridge magnets celebrating the lives of saints and significant people are available as gifts in both the Friary and Cathedral with proceeds going to support the Friary and Cathedral.

Our thanks to Anthony Moore for his support of this project.

Thank You

Thanks for your generous donations totalling €4,351 to the Second Collection last weekend for Peter's Euro & Diocesan Needs.

Tax Back

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners who signed up to the Parish Rebate Scheme, we received €40,418 from Revenue in recent days. We are grateful for the support which costs parishioners nothing only a signature.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
 Gerard Crowe, Knockerra.

Ennis Parish
 Development Fund
 for Sunday, 28th June
 Fund €4,579
 Online €673

Renovations at the Cathedral

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

This week work begins on the conversion of our heating system from oil to Natural Gas. This work is necessary as the current heating system is located underground and is now obsolete and unsafe to use.

We did look at alternative heating in the world of Climate Change, but as the Cathedral is a protected structure, choices are limited. So the decision to convert to natural gas brings all our buildings in the Cathedral Grounds into the Natural Gas Network.

The second phase of the works involves the drainage of the grounds of the Cathedral. In recent years flooding was ever present with heavy rains as the piping underground had collapsed. This will now be replaced to eliminate the flooding.

Final phase of works involves the replacement of the flag stones in front of the Cathedral. This work is also deemed necessary as many of the flags have broken and are a hazard. The replacement will bring the Bishop Willie Walsh Plaza in line with the street and enhance the whole area.

The work is scheduled to last for twenty weeks and will be carried out in phases. We do apologise for the inconvenience this will cause, but we hope to keep it to a minimum. We ask you for your understanding .

Parking in the Cathedral Grounds

For safety, there will be no parking in the grounds from this Monday 6th July. Please use alternative parking in the area or maybe consider walking as an option.

Costings

These works will cost the parish over €700,000. Our Cathedral Renovation Appeal has been preparing for this in recent times and are grateful to the many people who make once off contributions which we are confident will help pay for these works.

The Contractor for the project is M. Fitzgibbon & Co.

Europe

On Wednesday 1st July, Ireland took over the Presidency of the EU. At this significant time in Europe and the world, it is good to remember in a special way the Patrons of Europe, three of whose feasts fall in the coming weeks:

11th July St Benedict;
23rd July St. Bridget of Sweden;
9th August: Edith Stein,
St. Theresa Benedict of the Cross;
The remaining European Patrons are
14th February SS Cyril & Methodius;
29th April St. Catherine of Sienna



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

THEN JESUS SAID, "COME TO ME,
ALL OF YOU WHO ARE WEARY
AND CARRY HEAVY BURDENS,
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST."
- MATTHEW 11:28 NLT -

'Come to me all you who labour and are over-burdened and I will give you rest,' says the Lord.

For everyone there is a burden to carry, and not just our own, but the burdens of others on top of our own. These burdens take many forms – some of the possible crosses we carry can be put in the following way:

A for anger at someone or something;
B for brokenness we experience within;
C for criticism from others;
D for disappointments;
E for emotional disturbance;
F for family or fear;
G for guilt for the past;
H for hurts and humiliations;
I for illness or insults;
J for jealousies;
K for kin issues;
L for loneliness;
M for moods;
N for needs;
O for obsessions;
P for problems;
Q for quarrels;
R for restlessness of spirit;
S for sorrow;
T for trials or temptations;
U for upsets;
V for vexation;
W for wrongful words or worries;
Y for yearnings.

These burdens can often serve as obstacles but perhaps too, depending on how we deal with them, they may serve as stepping stones to the Lord and to the ultimate freedom He offers.

Furthermore, am I aware of any of these burdens in the lives of others and do I make any effort to alleviate or ease them?

There is something worth considering too – have you or I been the source or cause of any of the above in the lives of others? Do I seek to make amends and carry my fair share where necessary?

The Lord Himself offers Himself as the ultimate solution to all our problems, the answer to all our questions, the relief to all our worry and fear, and most importantly to all He Himself is the forgiver of all our guilt and shame we feel for our sins.

The Lord helps us to carry our burdens if we let Him. But so often we forget to invite Him into a specific situation that we feel we ought to be handling ourselves! How often I have to relearn the say 'Let go and Let God!'

Lourdes 2026

Our Killaloe Diocesan Website and Social Media Feeds are available for viewing of this Year's Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which returned home last Monday..

Our thanks to Bishop Fintan, Fr. Brendan Quinlivan, Fr. Jibin and Maria McNamara who produced and edited the videos.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Machnamh

Leagann an Eaglais an-bhéim ar, go bhfuil Críost i láthair ina bhriathar, mar is é Críost a labhraíonn gach uair a léitear an scríoptúr sa litúirge. Tugann léacht an Bhiobla an sean agus an nua le chéile dúinn, an bhri ba chiall leis céadair agus faoi mar is féidir sin a chur in oiriúint do thosca an lae inniu, nó fiú do cheisteanna fós le teacht. Ní teagmháil aigne, inleachtach lom amháin atá anseo, mar tá Críost i láthair lena Spiorad, lena ghrásta.

Agus, ar ndóigh, tá sé i láthair i modh faoi leith san Eocairist, i mbriseadh an aráin, gníomh a thugann chun cuimhne dúinn na brionna iomadúla a bhí le briseadh an aráin d' fosa féin lena bheatha agus tar éis aiséirí dó.

The Church places great emphasis on the presence of Christ in his word, as it is Christ who speaks every time scripture is read in the liturgy. The Bible reading brings together the old and the new, the meaning it meant for the first time and how this can be adapted to today's circumstances, or even questions still to come. This is not just a touch of mind, a bare intellectual, because Christ is present with his Spirit, with his grace.

And, of course, He is present in a particular method in the Eucharist, in the breaking of the bread, an act that reminds us of the many meanings of break the bread for Jesus himself, with his life and after His resurrection.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

13th–16th August Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Youth Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome.

To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.

Good Luck to Clare!

All eyes are focused on Croke Park this Sunday Afternoon as Clare take on our neighbours in the All Ireland Hurling Semi Final. We wish every success to the Clare Team.



An Clár Abú Up the Banner!

Rest in Peace

Niall Barry, St. Michael's Villas;

Anne Marie Lane, Barnageeha, Darragh & Pearse Ave., Ennis.

Alice Kelleher, Mahonburg, Inch, sister of Ann Tierney, Woodstock, Shanaway Rd.



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God,
We have received in the midst
of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
Reaches the ends of the earth;
Your right hand is filled with saving
justice.

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 the prophet Zechariah. Zc 9: 9-10

The Lord says this:

"Rejoice heart and soul,
daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of
Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
He is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the
nations;
his empire will stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the
earth."

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*R: I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.*

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name forever.
I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name forever. **R**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures **R**

All your creatures shall thank you,
O Lord,
and all your friends shall repeat
your blessing
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your might, O God **R**

The Lord is faithful in all his words
And loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
And raises all who are bowed down. **R**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. Rm 8: 9. 11-13

Your interests 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.

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.

So then, my brothers, there is no
necessity for us to obey our unspiritual
selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do
live in that way, you are doomed to die;
but if by the Spirit you put an end to the
misdeeds of the body, you will live.

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 Matthew. Mt 11.25-30

Jesus exclaimed, "I bless you, Father, Lord
of heaven and of earth, for hiding these
things from the learned and the clever and
revealing them to mere children. Yes, Fa-
ther, for that is what it pleased you to do.
Everything has been entrusted to me by my
Father; and no one knows the Son except
the Father, just as no one knows the Father
except the Son and those to whom the Son
chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who labour
and are over burdened, and I will give you
rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and
you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my
yoke is easy, and my burden light."

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 suf-
fered 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 spo-
ken 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

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in
him.**