

Ennis Parish News

Mass Times

Sundays:

Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm; Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am

St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7pm; Sunday: 10am, 11.45am

Cloughleigh Church:- 8.00am, 11am

Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30pm; Sunday: 10.30am, 12.00 noon

Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45 a.m.

Weekdays:

Cathedral: Mon. – Fri: 7.40am; 10am & 7.30pm; 10am on Saturday

St. Joseph's:- Monday – Saturday: 11am

Cloughleigh Church:- Monday – Friday: 9.30am

Friary:- Daily: 10am & 1.05pm; 10am on Saturday

Poor Clare Monastery:- Daily at 7.45 am; Daily Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament from 4-6pm in the Chapel.

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Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ennis.parish>



Confessions in Cathedral Saturday After 10am Mass & before and after 6.30pm Mass

St Joseph's Saturday After 11am Mass

Parish Office open Mon to Fri 9.30-1pm & 2-5pm Sat 10.30-12noon

Second Sunday of Easter (Year C) 28th April, 2019

“Do Not Doubt, Just Believe”

The Lord said to Thomas, “*Do not doubt, but believe.*”

We know that line well. Too well, in fact, since Jesus didn't say anything to Thomas about doubt.

In today's Gospel, when Jesus and Thomas meet in the upper room, Jesus offers to let Thomas touch his hands, feet and side and then says, “*Doubt no longer, rather believe.*” Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!'

See, despite what millions of sermons have told you, doubting Thomas didn't really doubt, but rather he was believing because in John's Gospel today, belief is about a relationship. A relationship Thomas had with Jesus.

When Jesus died on the cross, so too did his relationship with Thomas. Thomas believed in Jesus, he gave him his heart and his hope, and that belief couldn't live beyond His death.

Unless, of course that Jesus really did live again, but that was so hard to fathom, so Thomas wanted proof before he handed his heart over to be hurt again. He really wanted confirmation that he could trust what was happening before him.

What Jesus longs for in this encounter with Thomas is similar to what He wants from all of us, that we all might believe in Him by handing over our hearts and our hopes that He might bring them to the fullness of joy.

That's what Thomas wanted, he just needed to see it, touch it, experience it, before he was willing to risk a relationship with Jesus again.

We all have doubts like that from time to time, that's a normal part of living, so we shouldn't begrudge Thomas for having his doubts, when we have had them ourselves from time to time.



Lord, I believe in your presence with me and within me. Strengthen my belief.

*Fáilte-Bienvenue-Willkommen-Benvenuto-Bienvenido-Witajcie-Bemvindo-
Welkom-Velkomin-Vitejte-Karibu-Croeso-Valkommen-Tervetuloa-Welcome*

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Jim Ball, Connolly Villas. 1st Anniv
Barbara Considine, Riverside.
Sun 28th: 9.30am: Marie Deegan, Ashfield.
John Feeney, St Michael's Villas & Stockport.
Monsignor Ignatius Murphy, Kilkee.
Theresa & William Clohessy, Drumcliffe.
Patrick & Kathleen Coffey, Tipperary & Mayo.
Jimmy & Mary Arthur, Golf Links Road.
11.30am: Sr. Mary Corry, Belfast.
Mary Carroll, Kilrush Rd. 1st Anniv
Tony Lillis, Edenvale &
Patrick & Dolly Lillis, O'Connell St.
Enid O'Loughlin, Corrovorrin Grove.
Christopher Keane, Fergus Park.
Joe O'Sullivan, Hermitage.
Irish Kidney Association
Mass of Remembrance & Thanksgiving.
2.30pm: Divine Mercy.
Mon 7.40am: Special Intention.
10am: Kieran Mulkere, Crusheen.
7.30pm: Mary Moroney, Cnoc Mhuire, Gort Rd.
Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
10am: Bridie & Michael O'Donoghue, Limerick Rd.
Francis Anthony Mc Donnell, Philippines & Ennis.
7.30pm: John & Rachael O'Loughlin & Family.
Wed 7.40am: Special Intention.
10am: Michael Coote, Commarket St.
7.30pm: Jimmy Kelly, Kilrush Rd.
Callinan & White Families, Half Way House, Clare Rd.
Thurs 7.40am: Callinan Families, Drumcliffe.
10am: Holy Souls.
7.30pm: Special Intention.
Fri 7.40am Mass for the People.
10am: Josef Pavelka.
7.30pm: John Staunton, Gallows Hill. MM
Gerry Browne, College Rd. MM
Sat 10am: Patrick Keane, McNamara Park.
11am: Holy Communion After School Programme.
6.30pm: Joe Arthur, Gort Rd.
John Fitzpatrick, Linnane's Tce.
Noel & Pat McCullagh, Tulla Road.
Mary & Paddy Honan, Kilrush Rd.
Sun 5th 9.30am: Chris Meaney, Limerick Rd.
James Naughton, Dalcassian Drive.
Marian O'Loughlin, Lifford Road.
11.30am: James Kelly, Collins Park.
Anne Mangan, Turnpike Rd.
Ruth Hanley, Wills Grove.
4pm: Thomas Mc Donagh, Clancy Pk.

Roster for Cathedral: Sunday 5th May, 2019

Readers: Group 3
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Mass & Anointing for people with disabilities
& chronic illnesses, Ennis Cathedral

Wednesday
16th May 2pm.
Celebrant & Homilist: Bishop Fintan Monahan.
All are welcome

Hospital & Sick Calls

28th April, 2019

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

Please call: 065 6869098



Newly Baptised

*We welcome into the
Christian Community
through the Sacrament
of Baptism: Cian Seán Daly*

Friary News

Next meeting of Secular
Franciscan Order on Wednesday
1st May at 10am & 7.30pm.
Mass will be celebrated at St.
Anthony's Hall at 7.30pm

Fr Ted to the rescue.

Fr Ted's house in the Burren will
be open to the public on Sunday
5th of May from 4.00pm to 8.00
pm. Fr Jack, Mrs Doyle and more
will be attendance for people who
wish to relive the experience of
the famous television
programme. There will be music,
poetry, songs. Tea and scones will
be served. Entry is €10 with
all funds going to the RNLI
Lifeboats.

Relics of Padre Pio come to
Inagh Church on Saturday 4th
May 3.30pm to 4.30pm, starting
with Holy Rosary followed by
story of Padre Pio and Holy Mass
for healing of our family tree.

Call for Volunteers: Are you a
tradesperson aged between 20
and 68 years?. If so, The Ray of
Sunshine Foundation is seeking
your help. A group of volunteers
will travel to Kenya in January,
2020 to build classrooms in
Mombasa. Duration of stay 11
days. Cost €3000 which covers
flights, accommodation,
insurance and all the materials
for the build. Visit
rayofsunshine.ie or contact Olive
on 087/6994599

**Annual Charismatic Summer
Camp** takes place at Fanore
Beach from Sun. July 7th to Sat,
mid-day July 13th. Programme
includes daily Mass,
Reconciliation, Anointing,
Adoration, Rosary, Supervised
play time for children, teachings
etc. Now would be a good time to
book a mobile home/ caravan or
B& B All welcome.



St. Joseph's

Mass intentions for scheduled Masses in St.
Joseph's Church should be booked through the
Parish Office. For all other events call Fr John
0656822166.

Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Molly Moroney, Corrovorrin Ave.
Denis McNerney, Shannon Park.
Sun 28th 10am: Eileen & PJ O'Loughlin, Kevin Barry Ave.
11.45am: Joe Conway, Corrovorrin.
Mon 11am: Martin Cotter, St. Senan's Rd. & John &
Kathleen McMahon, Dublin.
Tues 11am: Ann Downes, Kilmihil.
Thu 11am: Mary & Mickey O'Gorman, Marian Ave.
Fri 11am: Eileen Leydon, London.
7pm: Teresa & Jimmy Madigan, Marian Ave.
Sat 11am: Ann McMahon, Morrissey Ave.
7pm: Frank Gibbons, Kincora Park.
Sun 5th 10am: Jimmy & Celia Casey, Old Gort Rd.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 28th 11am: Flan Cassidy & family, Cusack Rd.
Eugene White, Mungret & Considine Rd.
Mon 9.30am: John Lynch, Mullagh.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Fri 9.30am: Mary Sullivan, Mullagh.
Sun 5th 8am: Patricia Mulqueen, Considine Rd.
11am: Bernadette Moloney, Cloughleigh Rd. 1st Anniv

May Devotions in honour of Our Lady

We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one
decade), particularly during May.

- Corrovorrin Crescent; Rosary daily, 7pm.
- Gallows Hill; Rosary daily, 7pm.
- Dalcassian Pk Grotto; Rosary daily, 7pm.
- St. Michael's Villas Grotto; Rosary daily, 7.30pm.
- Hermitage Grotto; Rosary daily, 6.30pm
- Marian Avenue Grotto; Rosary daily, 7pm

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flowers of the rarest
bring blossoms the fairest,
from gardens and woodlands
and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!



Chorus:

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

Wanted: Donations for Cuan Shop, located on the
grounds of the Cathedral. Clothes, Bric a Brac.

Lost in Ennis Town centre Tuesday 23rd April set of
house keys on a Medjugorje keyring. Contact parish
Office.

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 28th 2.30pm

Ennis Cathedral

Led by Bishop Fintan Monahan,

Devotions, Confessions, Mass and
Benediction



The Feast of Divine Mercy is a feast day formally established by St John Paul II in May 2000. The Divine Mercy Devotion is inspired by the experiences and writings of a Polish nun, Sister Faustina, who died at 33 years of age in 1938 and was canonised in April 2000. It embraces priests, religious and laity united in their commitment to live mercy in relating to their brothers and sisters, to make the mystery of Divine Mercy known and to invoke God's mercy for sinners. Novena of Divine Mercy starts Good Friday.

Easter Gratitude

Now that Lent is complete and we are living the Easter Story, a word of thanks and gratitude to so many people in the Parish involved in the celebration of the Liturgies of Holy Week.

Particular thanks to our Sacristans, Co-Ordinators of Readers and Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Collectors, Counters, Choir, Musicians, Organists, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Cleaners, Maintenance teams, Caretakers, Envelope distributors, Office staff, Finbar Coakley who supplied the Palm, Volunteers who took part in the Outdoor stations of the cross, Catering team. To all we say a thank you for your help and co-operation in making our parish active and alive.



Annual Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Sunday 23rd June 2019. Led by Bishop Fintan Monahan. 2:30p.m. – Anointing of the Sick 3p.m. – Concelebrated Mass. Knock is Celebrating 140 years this year 1879-2019.

Priests' Collection

A word of thanks and gratitude to all who supported the Priests' Easter collection last weekend. As the first of only four appeals in the year, we are most grateful for your support. If you were away or forgot, your contribution would still be appreciated.

First Friday of May

Friday next 3rd May is the First Friday of the month. The sick and housebound will receive sacraments at home. If you are aware of any housebound parishioners who would like to receive the sacraments, please contact the Parish Office.

Trócaire

Trócaire boxes can now be returned. Thanks to all who have done so already. The hardest part of the Trócaire Lenten campaign is getting the Trócaire box from the kitchen shelf to the Church. If you see a Trócaire box in a house you might be so kind to suggest that you would return it to the Church or parish office.

Altar Servers

We thank the boys and girls, who expressed an interest in serving Mass in the Cathedral. The first of three training sessions will take place in the Cathedral on Wednesday next 1st May at 4.30pm until 5.15pm.

Lourdes Sick Pilgrimage Appeal

Next weekend at all Masses in the Parish the second collection is to support sick and disabled people to travel in June. This annual appeal enables the Diocese to bring 55 sick people to the Shrine of Mary and give them the opportunity to pray, accept and experience. This is made possible by the generosity of volunteer nurses, doctors and helpers. Our thanks to the parishioners who give to this appeal. Our thanks to individuals and organisations who sponsor or part sponsor a sick pilgrim to go to Lourdes.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes; led by Bishop Fintan Monahan who warmly invites you to join him in Lourdes from the 25th June to 30th June. The cost this year is €725 per person sharing. €20 discount for online booking at www.joewalshstours.ie

Booking forms can be obtained from: Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. Telephone: (01) 2410810

A limited number of sick pilgrims will be accommodated in the Sanctuary of Lourdes at a cost of €626. Applications for sick pilgrims only to Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director, Cathedral House Station Road Ennis Co. Clare. Telephone: (065) 6824043. For more details, see poster in Church porch and on the Killaloe Diocese website www.killaloediocese.ie

Pilgrimage to Fatima, led by Fr. Ger Fitzgerald. Departing from Dublin Sept 19th–26th. €829 per person sharing, coach transfer Ennis to Dublin & return included. For further details & booking form contact Fr. Ger fitz.ger@gmail.com or Paul Fitzhenry 085 7688696.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach Thrócaire Dé .

Inniu ceiliúrtar Domhnach Thrócaire Dé. Is é Naomh Eoin Pól II a bhunaigh an fhéile seo i mí na Bealtaine 2000. Spreagadh deabhóid Trócaire Dé trí scríbhinní Siúr Faustina, bean rialta ón bPolainn a fuair bás sa bhliain 1938 agus í in aois tríocha trí bhliain. Ní haon rud nua an teachtaireacht maidir le Trócaire Dé. Ach meabhraíonn sé dúinn gur mhúin an Eaglais i gcónaí sa Scriptoráil agus sa traidisiún go bhfuil Dia trócaireach agus go bhfuil maithiúnas ar fáil do gach peaca. Tá a thrócaire i bhfad níos mó ná aon pheaca. Nil le déanamh againn ach teacht os comhair Dé go humhail agus muinín a bheith againn as a thrócaire. Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá inniu: *A Thobair na Beatha, Trócaire Dé glanrúnda, imchluadaigh an domhan uile agus doir Tú féin anuas orainn. Áiméan*

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. It was instituted by St John Paul II in May 2000. The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina a Polish nun who died in 1938 aged thirty three years. The message of God's Divine Mercy is nothing new. The Church has always taught through Scripture and through tradition that God is merciful and that forgiveness is available for all sins. His mercy is much greater than any sin. We ought to come before God humbly and with confidence in his Divine Mercy. We can say this prayer today;

O fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

First Holy Communion 2019



Sat 4th May: Parish Afterschool Programme

Sat 11th May: Ennis National School
Scoil Chríost Rí
Gaelscoil

Sat 18th May: Holy Family School
CBS

Rest in Peace

Josef Sivak, Woodhaven, Kilrush Rd,
Maryann Guiney nee Dooley, Connolly &
Park Ave, William (Willie) Kelly, Lester,
England & formerly 40 Marian Ave.



*Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near;
still loved, still missed and very dear.*

Meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society after 7pm Mass in St. Joseph's on Friday May 3rd 2019

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

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 Acts of the Apostles Acts 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon.

No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past.

People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

R

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

R

O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light.

R

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse Apo 1:9-13.17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure.

I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like the Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One.

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld.

Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jn 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.