

Ennis Parish News



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

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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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 22nd September, 2019

Amos

Amos was a prophet. He began his working life as a shepherd. Like many people he was disturbed by the conditions in his country. The ordinary people were suffering, ground down by an oppressive class system. The rich were becoming richer at the expense of the poor. But, unlike most people, he decided to do something about it.

So he left the land and went out to challenge the unjust. Amos's gift was the gift of oratory. He could speak powerfully using images from his experience on the land. "Let justice surge like water, and goodness like an unending stream."

His people had sworn to be faithful to the treaty they had entered into with God. Amos believed it was a contradiction to promise fidelity to God on one hand and on the other hand deal unjustly with one another. He believed that God did not want a worship separated from honest human dealings.

His words are very relevant today when all around the world, including our own backyard,

people claim to be religious and at the same time look for ways to lie and cheat and do violence to one another.

Our political leaders are not immune from such self-serving ends. We even turn a blind eye to the slick methods that are used in business and even commend people on their cleverness in striking deals that may not be Christ-like and focused on the needs of others.

Let us pray for our leaders and all those in authority so that we can get on with our lives in peace, tranquillity and holiness. We are also reminded that leaders are not mediators between God and the community, only Christ fills this role.



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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Pat Hynes, Clare Rd. 1st Anniv
Bill McCannon, Market St.
David King, Doora.
John O'Brien, Turnpike Rd. MM
Mary & John Griffin, Beechpark.
Martin Crowe & Conroy family, St. Michael's Vls.
Sun 22nd: 9.30am: Mass for the People.
11.30am: Jason Wood, Connolly Villas.
Kathleen McGovern, College View, Clare Rd.
Charlie, Bridie & Seán McEnery, Circular Rd.
John McInerney, Limerick & Nenagh.
Michael & Molly Meehan, Summerhill.

Deceased members of the 22nd Infantry Battalion & Defence Force members from Clare.

Mon: 7.40am: Margaret Foudy, Kilrush Rd.
Bridget O'Connor, Inagh.
10am: Eugene & Seamus Curley, Limerick Rd.
Ralph Martin, California.
Nancy & Austin Mooney, Cornmarket St.
7.30pm: Claire, Flan, Fr. Michael, Paddy,
& Christy Donohue, Parnell St.
Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
10am: Kit & Jack Carroll, Harmony Row.
James Lynch, St. Flannan's Tce.
11am: Colaiste Muire New Year Opening Mass.
7.30pm: Special Intention.
Wed: 7.40am: Special Intention.
10am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Paddy & Ciss Hanrahan, St. Michael's Villas.
Thurs: 7.40am: Special Intention.
10am: Special Intention.
1.30pm: Holy Family Snr School New Year Opening Mass.
7.30pm: Micheál & Peggy Roche, St. Michael's Villas.
Patrick, Elizabeth & Amelia Cahill, Cahercalla.
Fri: 7.40am Holy Souls.
10am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Norman Timmons, Shanaway Road. MM
Sat: 10am: Noreen Greene, College Pk.
Bernie Power, Shanaway Rd. MM
6.30pm: Mass for the People.
Sun 29th: 9.30am: Kitty Kelly, College Rd.
Patricia Brogan, Lower Finlea, Killaloe.
11.30am: Mary & Pakie Ryan, Dalcassian Ave.
Mary Burke, Park Ave.
Joseph Keane, Summerhill.
James Cahill, Lisheen, Ballynacally.

Roster for Cathedral: Sunday 29th September, 2019

Readers: Group 6
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 22nd 11am: Batty Fitzpatrick, Cragleigh.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Fri 9.30am: Moyra Lynch, Mullagh.

We will continue to pray St. Anthony's novena prayer in Cloughleigh every Tuesday Morning at the 9:30 mass. All welcome.

Lough Derg Pilgrimage: We join in prayer with 30 Pupils from Rice College who travel on Pilgrimage to Lough Derg this week.

Hospital & Sick Calls

22nd September, 2019

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Joy

Duty Phone: 065 6869098

Newly Baptised



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

Jodie Marie Callinan;
Aidan John O'Regan;
Ian Tony Crowe;

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following donations of: €1,000; €200; €170; €100; €50; €10. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

The estimated costs of this work to date is €180,000.

All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.

A special word of thanks to the Cathedral Choir for their donation of €1,000 and Bella Hehir who organised the bun and cake sale last weekend which raised €550 for the appeal.

St Vincent de Paul

We celebrate the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul on Friday. He is the patron of all charitable work. This is an opportunity to thank all members of the conference in Ennis and the many people who support the great work that is carried out in our Parish by the society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Rest in Peace

Joan Murphy (nee Fleming), Ballynacally & late Marian Ave sister of Anne Leamy, Marian Avenue & Teresa O'Loughlin, Avondale; Brid O'Hara, Foxrock, Dublin sister of PJ Finucane, Shanaway Rd; Michael Tierney, Cahercalla Rd; John Cotter, New York & Loughville; Con Butler, Roseville, Clonroad, Mary Wall, Willow Pk & Darragh; Margaret McCarthy, Woodlawn, Lahinch Road;



*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.*



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: Maria Fox, Golf Links Rd.
Sun 22nd 10am: Anne Fox & Pat McInerney, Corrovorin Green.
11.45am: Teresa Moloney, Marrian Ave.
Mon 11am: Carl Quinn, London.
Tues 11am: Mary McMahon & Ann Mullen, Ennis & London.
Wed 11am: Mago & Tom Lynch, Shannon Pk.
Annie & Martin Mullen, Mayo,
Mary Kate & Paddy Lynch, Kilmaley.
Sat 11am: Joe & Maura Mc Donagh, Meadow Court.
7pm: P.J. O'Donnell, Ballyalla.
Sun 28th 11.45am: Kay & Seán Horgan, Kincora Pk.

Sacramental Visitation

Fr. Joy will visit those in his care with the sacraments on this Friday Sept 27th instead of the first Friday of October.

Annual Novena to Padre Pio



September 21st- 23rd Ennis Friary.
Mass every evening at 7:30pm.

Sept 21st: Bishop John Fleming, Bishop of Killala Diocese will celebrate mass

Sept 22nd: Archbishop Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland will lead us in prayer.

Sept 23rd: Bishop Fintan Monahan, will close our Novena of prayer to St. Pio.

This mass will be followed by an individual blessing with a relic of St. Pio.

Welcoming New Catholics

Perhaps you have considered becoming a Catholic or you know someone who may be considering this but just don't know how.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – the RCIA – is for people who want to become a Catholic.

We invite you to explore this opportunity by coming to our RCIA sessions in our Parish. So please contact Ennis Parish on 065 6824043 or info@ennisparish.com and we will return to you with more information.

After the preparation candidates will formally receive the sacraments at Easter 2020.

Altar Servers

We invite all Cathedral altar servers to a short meeting and practice on this Wednesday 25th Sept from 3.30pm until 4pm in the Cathedral. We thank our altar servers and their parents who support them in this very important ministry.

St. Michael's Holy Well Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Jerry Carey on Monday the 30th September; 6.30pm. Pilgrims gather at 6pm at the top of the farmers' access road next to N18 By-Pass Bridge, Quin Road, Ennis, for onward pilgrim walk to St. Michael's Holy Well, Kilbreckan. Please join us in the footsteps of our ancestors on this ancient pilgrim path. All welcome.

Make Way Day:

Recognise that people with disabilities have the same right to use and enjoy public spaces that we all share. On Thursday, 26th September, members of the public are encouraged to draw attention to the challenges posed by everyday obstructions within our towns. We are inviting the public to take pictures of obstacles encountered (parked cars on footpaths, bikes chained to railings, sandwich boards and overhanging branches) and to post pictures to social media. Include #makewayday #makewayClare and to tag @makewayday and @disabilityfed in the post. Obstructions requiring intervention by Clare County Council will be referred to the relevant Council department for review and response.

Holy Family School Fundraiser "Cash for Clobber"; Please drop to school reception until 18th October during school hours. We would be delighted to take donations of all types of clothing, including: bags, shoes, hats, belts, bedlinens & towels ..in bags.

Cloughleigh Samba Band are recruiting new members. This is a fun opportunity to learn music. Contact Anna 0863548107 for more information.

Ennis west judo resumes Thursday Sept 26th; 6.30pm; Cloughleigh Community Centre. Contact Joe: 0879157615.

St. Flannan's Parent Association Meeting; Monday September 23rd; 8pm. We invite all Parents/Guardians to come along & have their voices heard.

Feast day of Our Lady of Mercy

On this day in 1827 venerable Catherine McAuley opened her first convent and it has been celebrated as Mercy Day ever since. At a parish mission held here in Ennis in 1853 conducted by the Jesuits, a meeting of parishioners passed a resolution that the Sisters of Mercy be invited to establish a convent in the town to provide education for the children of Ennis. Dean John Kenny was the parish priest at the time and he invited the Sisters of Mercy from Limerick to come to Ennis and in May 1854 five sisters from Limerick arrived in Ennis and settled in Row House off Arthur's Row at the top of O'Connell St. Ennis has been blessed to have a Mercy presence for the past 165 years and as the Sisters celebrate Mercy Day on Tuesday, we thank the present community of sisters for their presence, prayer and ministry in our community and parish.



Petitions for the Grotto at Lourdes

The Autumn pilgrimage from the diocese of Killaloe will depart Shannon airport on Sun 29th Sept. if you would like a petition to be brought to the grotto on your behalf. Please put it in an envelope marked "Petition" and leave it into the parish office before next Friday Evening. Please do not include money with the petition as the envelopes are unopened when placed at the grotto.

Parish After School Sacramental Preparation

There is an excellent after school programme available for the preparation of children who are not attending a Catholic School in Ennis Parish, whose parents wish them to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation. These classes full of lively and interesting material will begin soon. So please drop in to the parish office and pick up a registration form. **Registration will close on Friday September 27th.** Thank you to our many volunteers who organize and teach these programmes every week.



Ramblers' Guided Walk with Clare Walks Ltd; September 26th; 11am—12:30pm; starting at from The Piper's Inn, Ogonnelloe. Walk is approx. 7km and follows quiet roads and footpath. The first 2km is uphill but the remaining 5km is downhill or flat, finishing at the Piper's Inn for the customary tea and scones. All walks are free with an optional donation which goes towards the future maintenance of both the East and Mid Clare Ways.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Lá Fhéile Muire na Trócaire

Ceiliúrtar Lá Fhéile Muire na Trócaire ar an Mháirt 24 Meán Fómhair. Lá mór comóraidh is ea é do Shiúrachá na Trócaire in Éirinn agus ar fud an domhain. Guímis ar a son agus iad ag saothrú agus ag moladh Dé lá i ndiaidh lae. Guímis freisin ar son a gcomhpháirtithe agus aon duine a bhí bainteach riamh le Siúrachá na Trócaire.

*Go raibh siad dílis dá ngairm. Áiméan
A Mhaighdean ghlórmhar, a Mháthair Dé,
A bhean ab uaisle de gach cine
Is atá díoghbháilte i ngach moladh,
Déan idirghuí ar ár son
I bhfianaise do Mhic ghrámhar féin,
Le súil go bhfaighimis an ghlóir shíoraí i
d'aice. Áiméan.*



The feast of Our Lady of Mercy is celebrated on Tuesday the 24 September. It is a great day of celebrations for Sisters of Mercy in Ireland and all over the world. We pray for them and for all those associated with them that they may be faithful to their calling.

*Glorious Virgin, Mother of God,
Noble woman of every race
Is convincing in every suggestion,
Please intercede on our behalf
Given your own loving Son,
With the hope to obtain eternal glory in to
close. Amen.*

Season of Creation Prayer

"God our Father, Awaken within us a renewed appreciation for the wonder of creation. Help us, in these times to care for our world, so beautiful, so immense and yet so fragile. Allow us some quiet moment to surrender to the whisper of your love in the gentle breeze and in the warmth of the sun. may the essence of your presence, shimmering through creation fill our entire being, spirit, soul and body, through Christ our Lord."

This month's Parkinson's meeting: Friday 27th Sept; Carrigoran Wellness Centre 10am - 1pm. All are welcome. Further information contact 087 4174014.

Mike Mahony Set Dancing classes, Cois na hAbhna, 25th September @ 8.30pm

The Art of Mindful Listening; an 8 week Introduction to Counselling Skills & Personal Development starting in Ennis on Wednesday Evenings in October - Contact Pauline Bradley: 087 6383988.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 15th September, €6,838.00

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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 prophet Amos

(Am 8:4-7)

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy
and try to suppress the poor people of the
country, you who say,

"When will New Moon be over so that we can
sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can
market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the
shekel, by swindling and tampering with the
scales, we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweepings of the
wheat".

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
'Never will I forget a single thing you have
done.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!

May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!

R

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? R

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dung heap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. R

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy

1 Tm 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be
prayers offered for everyone - petitions,
intercessions and thanksgiving - and
especially for kings and others in authority, so
that we may be able to live religious and
reverent lives in peace and quiet.

To do this is right, and will please God our
saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and
reach full knowledge of the truth.

For there is only one God, and there is only
one mediator between God and humankind,
himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed
himself as a ransom for them all.

He is the evidence of this, sent at the
appointed time, and I have been named a
herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the
truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the
truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to
lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no
anger or argument.

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 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples, "There was a rich
man and he had a steward who was
denounced to him for being wasteful with his
property. He called for the man and said,
"What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an
account of your stewardship because you are
not to be my steward any longer." Then the
steward said to himself, "Now that my master
is taking the stewardship from me, what am I
to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go
begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know
what I will do to make sure that when I am
dismissed from office there will be some to
welcome me into their homes."

Then he called his master's debtors
one by one. To the first he said, "How much
do you owe my master?" "One hundred
measures of oil," was the reply. The steward
said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight
away and write fifty." To another he said, "And

you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One
hundred measures of wheat," was the reply.
The steward said, "Here, take your bond and
write eighty."

The master praised the dishonest
steward for his astuteness. For the children
of this world are more astute in dealing with
their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money,
tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus
make sure that when it fails you, they will
welcome you into the tents of eternity. The
man who can be trusted in little things can be
trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in
little things can be dishonest in great. If then
you cannot be trusted with money, that
tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine
riches? And if you cannot be trusted with
what is not yours, who will give you what is
your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two
masters: he will either hate the first and love
the second, or treat the first with respect and
the second with scorn. You cannot be the
slave both of God and of money.'

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

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.