

# 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.

### Phone Numbers:

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

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

First Sunday of Advent (Year C) 1st December, 2019

## History, Mystery, Majesty

We all know what a Family Tree is!

It is from, and within our family, that we first came to know who we are, and to know what love is. In a family we find a home where we feel safe and protected.

But we belong to another family as well—God's family and, as brothers and sisters of Jesus; His family tree is also ours.

During these four weeks of Advent we, the family of Faith, trace Jesus' family, and ours, through the Jesse Tree in the Cathedral. On our Jesse Tree we place symbols of our ancestors in Faith and of some of the big events in their lives. The continuity of God's love, patience and grace across the centuries to the most unlikely people in the midst of their failures, and God's promise of a Saviour, is the story re-told in the Jesse Tree. This story climaxes in the Incarnation, but we, as Christians need to listen to the Old Testament Story for what it teaches us about God and ourselves.

During this Advent Season, as the different symbols are hung on our Jesse Tree, let us allow the roots of Faith to take hold and grow in our lives.

When we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the new shoot from the stump of the Jesse, with hope-filled anticipation we await the completion of God's promise.

We also acknowledge Jesus' threefold coming....in History at Bethlehem, in Mystery through word and sacrament and His coming in Majesty at the end of time. As we look to our celebration of Christmas, we pray that we will remember that, in Jesus, God's Son, we have received the most wonderful gift of all.

## The Jesse Tree

"A shoot will spring forth from the stump of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots."  
Isaiah 11:1



**Jesus is the Reason for the Season**

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Tony Sweeney, Honeywell. MM  
Julie & Tossy Guilfoyle, Hermitage & Marian Ave.  
**Sun 1st Dec: 9.30am:** Ned Monahan, Bramble Lane.  
Mary Traynor Cappahard.  
John Davoren, Kilcorney, Kilfenora.  
**11.30am:** Kitty, Michael & Mathew McEnery, Gort Rd.  
**Mon: 7.40am:** Con & Patrick McInerney, Doora.  
**10am:** Mary & John O'Looney, Kilfenora.  
**7.30pm:** Patrick & Lily Greene, Clonroad.  
**Tues: 7.40am:** Book of Intentions.  
**10am:** Tommy Clancy, Shanaway Rd.  
Patrick & Mary Howley, Mayo.  
**7.30pm:** Cathy Chin, London & Ennis.  
McEnery family, Hermitage.  
Noreen & Alan Seery, Davitt Tce.  
Lorraine Dunleavy, Hermitage.  
**Wed: 7.40am:** Maisie Murrhly, Mullagh.  
**10am:** Michael Quinn & Family, Cahercalla.  
**7.30pm:** Marian Rice Carmody, Kilkishen;  
Denis & Josephine Rice; Maureen Rice McAllister;  
Malone family, Francis St.  
**Thurs: 7.40am:** Special Intention.  
**10am:** Barry family, Inagh.  
**7.30pm:** Mary O'Loughlin, St. Michael's Villas.  
John & Bridget Guerin, St. Flannan's Tce.  
Ann Kelly, Kilcock;  
Patricia, Christopher & Robert Gormley, Dalcassian Pk.  
**Fri: 7.40am:** Mass for the People.  
**10am:** John & Darragh O'Halloran, Ard na Gréine.  
**7.30pm:** Paddy Neylon, Old Gort Rd. MM  
**Sat: 10am:** Patrick & Brid Coughlan.  
Seán, Maeve & Deirdre Casey, Cusack Rd.  
**6.30pm:** George & Kathleen Dinan, Hermitage.  
Martin Fawl, Pairc na Coille.  
Margaret Counihan, Fergus Lawn.  
Vincent O'Connor, Inisfree, Circular Rd.  
Margaret, Jim, Johnny, Jimmy, Con  
& Claire Butler, Clonroad.  
**Sun 8th: 9.30am:** Michael Moloney, McNamara Park.  
Frank & Florrie Burns, St. Jarlath's, Clare Rd.  
Griffin Family, St. Gerard's, Ardlea Rd.  
**11.30am:** Paschal Molloy, Cloughleigh;  
Dermot Molloy, Cahercalla Est.  
Peggy Malone, Dalcassian Drive.  
Peggy Connolly, College Park. MM  
White family, Hermitage.  
Kitty Hanrahan & Dan Herbert, Dalcassian Dr.  
Mary & Joe Nevin, Loughville & Mary O'Neill, Dysart.

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 8th December, 2019

Readers: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



### Hospital & Sick Calls

1st December, 2019

Duty Phone: 065 6869098



### Friary Notes

Next meeting of the  
**Secular Franciscan  
Order** on Wed 4th  
December at 10am & 7.30pm.  
**Hour of prayer for peace** at  
Poor Clare Chapel on Sat 7th at  
4.30pm.

### Newly Baptised

*We welcome into the  
Christian Community  
through the Sacrament of  
Baptism: John Éamonn  
Malone; Mary Joanne Sandra  
Cauley; Lourda Christina  
Florence Greene; Paudie  
Gerard McGuane;*

Our thanks to Patrick & Dee  
Considine, New York, for their very  
generous gift to Ennis Parish of  
Chalice and Vestments in memory  
of their late mother **Nora Moore  
(nee Crowley)**, New Jersey & Brick  
Lodge, Old Military Barracks,  
Kilrush Rd. who died recently in  
USA.

### 1st Saturday devotions

in honour of Our Lady of  
Fatima, in Cathedral next  
Sat. Adoration of the  
Most Blessed Sacrament with  
Confessions, Rosary and  
Benediction, after 10am Mass.



### Blood Donation Clinic

3000 units of blood are  
required every week. 1000  
people receive blood or a blood  
product every week. 1:4 of our  
population require blood at some  
point in their lives. The Irish  
Blood Transfusion Service will be  
holding a blood donor clinic in the  
West County Hotel: Mon 2nd Dec  
from 2-5pm, Tues 3rd, Wed 4th,  
Thurs 5th, Mon 9th from 5-8pm.

## 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:

**Sat 7pm:** Jimmy & Bridget Burke, Miltown Malbay.  
**Sun 1st Dec 10am:** Martin & Paul Byrnes, Gort Rd.  
Patricia Molloy, Clancy Park.  
**11.45am:** Shaun & Vera Moloney, Tulla Rd.  
**Mon 11am:** Anna Reidy, Corofin. **1st Anniv**  
**Tues 11am:** Mary Kelleher, Rosanore, Gort Rd.  
**Wed 11am:** Micéal O'Loughlin, Corrovorrin Grove.  
**Thu 11am:** Michael & Mary Doherty & Daughters,  
McNamara Park.  
**Fri 11am:** Thomas Keating, Inagh.  
**7pm:** Maura Beakey, Cahercalla Est. **1st Anniv**  
**Sat 11am:** Stephen Madden;  
Bridget & Martin O'Regan, Kincora Park.  
**7pm:** Anne McNamara, Turnpike Rd.  
**Sun 8th 10am:** Noel Moloney, Marian Ave.  
**11.45:** Mary Ellen Quinn, Kincora Park.  
Br Alphonsous McGrath,  
Christian Brothers' Monastery. MM

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the  
Tridentine or 'Latin' rite) takes place  
**Sunday 1st December; 5.30pm; St.  
Joseph's Church.** All are welcome.



### Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the  
following donation of: €50. We thank the many people  
who have made once off contributions to this appeal.  
The estimated cost of this work to date is €180,000.  
*All contributions for this work are very much  
appreciated.*

### First Friday of December

Next Friday is the first Friday in the month of  
December. Sick and housebound Parishioners will  
received Sacraments at home and if you wish to  
receive the Sacraments please contact the Parish  
Office or any of the Priests.

### Rest in Peace

**John Whelan**, Clondrum, Mullagh & Dalcassian Park;  
**Bessie Loughnane**, Birr, Co. Offaly, mother of Mick  
Loughnane, Doora & formerly St. Flannan's College;  
**Seán Duffy**, Castleconnell, Limerick & Ennis; **Robin  
(Mark) Lacey**, College Green & Cleggan, Galway;  
**Patrick Brennan**, McHugh Villas; **James (Jimmy)  
Greaney**, Swinford, father of Marian Irwin, Willsgrove,  
Cahercalla;



### Dates for your diary:

- Reconciliation Service in Cathedral Monday 16th December. All welcome.
- Ecumenical Carol Service in the Cathedral on Sunday 15th December; 7pm. All welcome.

**Next Sunday, December 1st;** 11am mass, Cloughleigh Oratory welcomes **Norah Casey**  
of RTE's Dragon's Den. Norah is the first of our Advent speakers and has a wonderful  
message of hope, especially for those who have suffered the pain of bereavement.  
All welcome.

**We continue our weekly novena prayer to St. Anthony every Tuesday Morning at  
9:30am in Cloughleigh Oratory All welcome to seek the intercession of this powerful saint.**

## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 8am:** Leyden Family, Carmody St. & Cloughleigh.  
**11am:** Martin Joseph McNulty, Hermitage.  
Adelene & Cyril Cosgrove, Clancy Pk.  
**Mon 9.30am:** Kathleen Fallon, Roscommon.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Thurs 9.30am:** Pat Murrhly, Mullagh.  
**Fri 9.30am:** Nora & Mickey Houlihan.  
**Sun 8am:** Louis, Dr Tom, Louis P Galvin, Cloughleigh Rd.  
**11am:** Mary & Tom Darcy, Castlerock, Tulla Rd.



## Ennis Parish Christmas Project

**Triduum Mass Cards** (*Triduum of Masses offered on Christmas Day*) and **Parish Christmas Cards** are now available from Parish Office.

**Proceeds from cards towards:** *Cathedral Restoration Fund.*



## Sr. Nancy O'Farrell RIP



Sr. Nancy O'Farrell, St. Xavier's Convent, Bothar na Trocaire, Ennis, Co. Clare, died peacefully on Tues 19th November 2019, in the compassionate care of the doctors and staff of Ennis Hospital, after a very short illness, borne with serenity and acceptance.

Nancy (Anne) O'Farrell, the second of eight children, was born to Mary Josephine Davitt and Denis O'Farrell on 13 January 1929, in Carrownakelly, Killaloe, Co. Clare. She attended her local primary school and completed second level education at St. Senan's Secondary School, Killaloe, after which she joined the Mercy community at St. Xavier's, Ennis on 23 September 1947; she made profession of perpetual vows on 03 August 1953. She was known for many years as Sr. Mary Lua.

Having qualified in Carysfort College as a primary teacher, Nancy taught in Ennis for just three years before joining the pioneer group of seven sisters who left Ennis in 1959 to open Mary Immaculate Queen Grade School in Lemoore, California, where she spent 31 years in the ministry of education. When she returned to Ireland in 1990, Nancy was very happy to take up a teaching post in the Mercy Primary School, Oughterard, Co. Galway, from which she retired six years later and returned to her beloved home territory of Killaloe, until health concerns brought her back to St. Xavier's just two short years ago.

### An Advent Giving Jesse Tree is situated in the Cathedral at the side of the Altar.

Any of the following can be donated: Tea, coffee, sugar, Tayto, selection boxes, minerals, biscuits, soup, jam, baked beans, cornflakes, custard, peas, crackers, shampoo, toilet rolls, tinned food. By donating any of these food items, you will be helping organisations who work with our town's needy this Christmas. **Items can be left under the tree or delivered to the Parish Office.**

Clare Cancer Support will have our annual coffee morning bake sale at Maria Assumpta Hall, Ennis on Sunday December 8th from 10am to 1.30pm. Thank you for your support.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### An Chéad Domhnach den Aidhbhaint

Inniu an chéad Domhnach den Aidhbhaint agus is féidir linn smaoineamh air mar thréimhse fheithimh, faire, ullmhúcháin, solas a fheiceáil agus machnamh go ciúin ar an Té atá ag teacht. Tá bliain úr na hEaglaise ag tosú arís agus ár n-aird dírithe ar chomhlíonadh phlean Dé nuair a thiocfaidh a ríocht. Tréimhse cheithre seachtaine díreach roimh an Nollaig atá ann. Is séasúr é a chabhraíonn linn ullmhú mar is cóir don Fhéile Mhór. Réitítear agus beannaítear fleasc don Aidhbhaint an Domhnach seo. Tá nós na fleisce go forleathan ar fud na hEorpa leis na cianta. Déantar í as cuileann agus duilleoga síorghlása i riocht fáinne agus bíonn cúig choinneal uirthi, ceann do gach seachtain den Aidhbhaint agus ceann don Nollaig. Baineann an cruth ciorclach leis an tsíoraíocht toisc nach mbíonn tús ná deireadh leis. Lastar coinneal amháin gach Domhnach le linn an tséasúir. Le linn na hAidhbhaint ba chóir dúinn iarracht a dhéanamh chun bealach an Tiarna a réiteach agus cúl a thabhairt dár bpeacaí ionas go mbeimid in ann fáille a chur roimhe nuair a thiocfaidh Sé. Guímis: *A Dhia, a Athair uilechumhachtaigh, impímid ort as ucht do thrócaire, bí taobh linn i gcónaí le cabhair an Spioraid Naomh. Go dtuga Féile tréimhse na hAidhbhainte lúcháir, sonas agus síocháin dúinn féin, dár muintir agus don tír eile. Sin é ár nguí chugat trí Chríost ár dTiarna. Áiméan.*

Today is the first Sunday in Advent and we can reflect on it as a time of waiting, watching, preparation, light and quiet reflection on the Person who is to come. A new Liturgical year has begun and we reflect on the fulfilment of God's Plan, the coming of His kingdom. It is a period of four weeks prior to Christmas. It is a season which helps us to prepare for the great feast of Christmas. The Advent Wreath is prepared and blessed on the first Sunday of Advent. This is a long standing custom in Europe. It is made from holly and evergreen leaves in the form of a circle with four candles representing each week. The circle reminds us of eternity which has no beginning or end. One candle is lit for each Sunday in Advent. During Advent we ought to follow the way of the Lord and repent of our sins so that we can welcome Jesus when He comes. We pray: *Almighty God in your mercy, be with us always with the help of the Holy Spirit. May the season of Advent be a time of joy, happiness, peace for each of us, our people and the country. We make our prayer through Christ. Our Lord, Amen.*

**Afternoon of Prayer for Advent** in St Anthony's Hall (Beside Friary) Francis Street Ennis V95 W583; Sunday 1st December. Start 1.30pm and finish with Mass; Celebrant: Fr Peadar O'Loughlin and Healing Service. Speaker Brendan Walsh (Lay Evangelist), Tralee. Rosary; Praise and Worship; Music; Talk Theme: 'Words of Hope Isaiah 40'.

**Festival of Christmas Trees** in St. Columba's Church, Bindon St. December: 13th, 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd & 23rd. Open Fri & Sat 11am—6pm; Sunday 1pm—6pm. Festive refreshment available, free admission. All welcome.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday, 24th November: €6,560.00

### Review of safeguarding in Killaloe Diocese.

The Diocese of Killaloe has invited the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (NBSCCCI) to conduct a review of safeguarding practice. This is the second phase of such a review, the previous one being carried out in Spring of 2014 by the National Board. This review will take place in January 2020. If you have any views about Safeguarding in the Diocese of Killaloe, we invite you to come forward to the Diocese or to the NBSCCCI at (01 5053124). If you wish to report a child safeguarding concern please contact Ms Cleo Yates, Director for Safeguarding / Designated Liaison Person (DLP) 087 3553024 or Fr. Pat Malone, Deputy Designated Liaison Person 086 8096074 or An Garda Síochana or Tusla. Further information can be found on the [www.killaloe-diocese.ie](http://www.killaloe-diocese.ie)

**The Ennis Junior Choir will sing at their first mass on Sunday 8th December at 9.30am. Everyone is very welcome to attend this special mass.**

**Taizé Prayer:** A welcome to Taizé Prayer; Church of Our Lady, Roslevan; Thursday 5th December; 7.45pm - 8.30pm. All are welcome.



**St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society:** Meeting Friday 6th December after 7pm Mass; St. Joseph's Church.

**Samaritans Ennis** are currently recruiting new listening volunteers. Everybody is welcome to apply. For information please log on to [volunteer.samaritans.org](http://volunteer.samaritans.org), phone/text 085 176 3491 or email: [samaritansrecruitmentennis@gmail.com](mailto:samaritansrecruitmentennis@gmail.com).

To celebrate the **Cuimhneamh An Chláir 10th anniversary**, the charity is inviting the public to a special event; Sunday December 1st; 4pm; Waterpark House, Drumbiggle Road, Ennis. This free event will be hosted by Paula Carroll (Clare FM) and will include memories, music, craic and refreshments. **ALL WELCOME.**

### Prayer card for Vocations

This weekend we make available a prayer card asking parishioners to pray daily for vocations.

### Congratulations to all recipients of the Pope John Paul II awards.

### 'Do This in Memory' - Holy Communion Programme

Preparing the Church for Mass: The sacristan is a very important person in the church. He or she opens and closes the building, makes sure that it is warm and welcoming, prepares the altar, lights the candles, puts out the books and things needed for the Mass and makes sure that there are enough candles, wine and altar breads for Mass. In most parishes there are people who look after the cleaning of the church. They also make sure that there are flowers to decorate the altar. They may put up the crib at Christmas and decorate the church building for special occasions.

*Excerpt from 'Learning About the Mass with Kath and Quemen'*



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted;  
let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

## 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.**

## A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Is 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,  
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.  
In the days to come the mountain of the  
Temple of the Lord shall tower above the  
mountains and be lifted higher than the  
hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples  
without number will come to it; and they  
will say:

"Come, let us go up to the  
mountain of the Lord, to the  
Temple of the God of Jacob  
that he may teach us his ways  
so that we may walk in his paths;  
since the Law will go out from  
Zion,  
and the oracle of the Lord from  
Jerusalem."

He will wield authority over the nations  
and adjudicate between many peoples;  
these will hammer their swords into  
ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,  
there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the  
light of the Lord.

**The word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Response: I rejoiced when I heard them  
say: 'Let us go to God's house.'*

I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.  
For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of  
Judgement of the house of David. **R**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
'Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!' **R**

For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: "Peace upon you!"  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for you good. **R**

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans Rm 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must  
wake up now: our salvation is even nearer  
than it was when we were converted.

The night is almost over, it will be daylight  
soon - let us give up all the things we  
prefer to do under the cover of the dark;  
let us arm ourselves and appear in the  
light.  
Let us live decently as people do in the  
daytime: no drunken orgies, no  
promiscuity or licentiousness, and no  
wrangling or jealousy.  
Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

## The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy*

*And give us your saving help.*

**Alleluia!**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in  
Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of  
Man comes. For in those days before the  
Flood people were eating, drinking, taking  
wives, taking husbands, right up to the  
day Noah went into the ark, and they  
suspected nothing till the Flood came and  
swept all away. It will be like this when the

Son of Man comes. Then of two men in  
the fields one is taken, one left; of two  
women at the millstone grinding, one is  
taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do  
not know the day when your master is  
coming. You may be quite sure of this  
that if the householder had known at  
what time of the night the burglar would  
come, he would have stayed awake and  
would not have allowed anyone to break  
through the wall of his house. Therefore,  
you too must stand ready because the  
Son of Man is coming at an hour you do  
not expect.'

## 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 will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.**