



# Ennis Parish News

## Mass Times

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

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

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:

Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: [info@ennisparish.com](mailto:info@ennisparish.com)  
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Ennis Parish Web Site: <http://www.ennisparish.com>

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

Second Sunday of Advent

(Year A)

8th December, 2019

## Listen To The Stirrings Within

Today we are given a wonderful poem from the writings of the prophet Isaiah in the first reading. The church uses this poem to describe the difference Jesus has made to the world.

Let us reflect on the difference we make to the world, and ask ourselves; do we accept our invitation, to take up the work of Jesus and continue it in our corner ?

We have all seen tree stumps, in varying stages of decay, in paddocks, beside streams, and on barren hillsides. Sometimes when we stop to look, we see a shoot; new life emerging from the old, the abandoned.

Is it possible, that we as disciples see ourselves as stumps? We've done our bit. This dead wood can't become green again.

Or is it urging us to find another more life-giving way of being and doing.



The other image from Isaiah is a kind of dream, a fantasy. The animals of forest and plain come together in peace and companionship.

Wolf and lamb, lion and kid with the weak offering hospitality to the strong; the cow and the bear shall be neighbours; the calf and the lion cub will browse together.

The use of animals as metaphors, invites us to think about our relationships. These images point to reconciliation and the need for healing, and to a way forward that perhaps is not through power, but through playfulness, or a creativity that allows all to participate as equals.

Let Advent be a call to our inner child to recapture the spontaneity, trust and truthfulness that are the gift of the Child Jesus.

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat: 6.30pm:** George & Kathleen Dinan, Hermitage.  
Martin Fawl, Pairc na Coille.  
Margaret Counihan, Fergus Lawn.  
Margaret, Jim, Johnny, Jimmy, Con & Claire Butler, Clonroad.  
Vincent O'Connor, Inisfree, Circular Rd.

**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 Estate.  
Peggy Malone, Dalcassian Drive.  
Kitty Hanrahan & Dan Herbert, Dalcassian Dr.  
White Family, Hermitage.  
Peggy Connolly, College Park. **MM**

Mary & Joe Nevin, Loughville & Mary O'Neill, Dysart.

**Mon: 7.40am:** Special Intention.  
**10am:** Special Intention.  
**7.30pm:** Dolores Gaffney, Dublin.  
Anne Pound, Essex.

**Tues: 7.40am:** Book of Intentions.  
**10am:** Special Intention.  
**7.30pm:** PJ Quinn, Hermitage & England.  
Eileen & Patrick Morrissey, Cornmarket St.

**Wed: 7.40am:** Louis Pyne, Abbey St.  
**10am:** Joseph & Caroline Ensko & family, Connolly Vls.  
**7.30pm:** Loreto Ryan, Shallee Drive. **1st Anniv**

**Thurs: 7.40am:** Thomas & Elizabeth Nugent, Scarriff  
**10am:** Holy Souls.  
**7.30pm:** Ella Burke, Phoenix Court & Mill Rd.  
Paddy Molloy, Dalcassian Park.  
Frank Kearse, Connolly Villas.

**Fri: 7.40am:** Mass for the People.  
**10am:** Special Intention.  
**7.30pm:** Don Farrell, Cahercalla Estate.

**Sat: 10am:** Frank Fox & family, Cornmarket St.  
Paddy, Maura & Peter Keane, Kilrush Rd.  
Paddy Hynes, Corofin.  
Nora Moore (nee Crowley), New Jersey & Brick Lodge, Old Military Barracks. **MM**

**6.30pm:** Tony Woods, Rockmount Grove.  
Liam Slattery, St. Michael's Villas.  
Ignatius McCarthy, Tulla Rd.  
Nellie & Denis Wylde, Clonroad.  
Dr. Donough Moylan, Bindon St. **1st Anniv**

**Sun 15th: 9.30am:** Gertrude Vaughan, Market St.  
John & Bridget Daly, Parnell St & Collins Park.  
Donal O'Brien, Turnpike Rd.  
Jim Whyms, Cusack Rd.  
Peggy Kearney, Summerhill.

**11.30am:** Peggy Corry, Loughville.  
Donal Cahill, Hazelgrove, Roslevan.  
Marie O'Loughlin, Castlewood Park.  
PJ & Rita Coulter & Family, Ennis & Dublin.  
McMahon family, Lifford Rd.  
Bobby & Frances O'Rourke, Dalcassian Ave  
Mulvihill Family, O'Connell St & Kilkishen.  
Eileen & Jack O'Donovan, Turnpike Rd.  
Nellie Ryan, Murroe, Limerick.

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 15th December, 2019

Readers: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



### Hospital & Sick Calls

8th December, 2019

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

Duty Phone: 065 6869098



### Friary Notes

**The Annual Collection for the Heating Fund for the Friary and the Poor Clare Monastery** will be held at the weekend Masses of the 14th - 15th December. Thank you for your constant generosity in the past.

### Newly Baptised



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

Mary Vivienne Ginnane;

Rory Roman Keane;

Victoria Sofia Timoney;

**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 Siochana or Tusla. Further information can be found on the [www.killaloe-diocese.ie](http://www.killaloe-diocese.ie)

### SAMARITANS

Samaritans Ennis are currently recruiting new listening volunteers. Everybody is welcome to apply. Information log on to [samaritans.volunteer.ie](http://samaritans.volunteer.ie), phone/text 085 176 3491 or email [samaritansrecruitmentennis@gm ail.com](mailto:samaritansrecruitmentennis@gm ail.com).

## 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:** Anne McNamara, Turnpike Rd.  
**Sun 8th 10am:** Noel Moloney, Marian Ave.  
**11.45am:** Mary Ellen Quinn, Kincora Park.  
Bro. Alphonsus McGrath, Christian Brothers' Monastery. **MM**

**Mon 11am:** Eileen Queally, Surrey, UK.  
**Tues 11am:** John McCarthy, Cree & London.  
**Wed 11am:** Maureen & James O'Keefe, Lifford Rd.  
**Thu 11am:** Peter Cosgrove, Kincora Park.  
**Fri 11am:** Eileen Leydon, London.  
**Sat 11am:** Patrick Kearney, Kincora Park.  
**7pm:** Maura Plunkett Ryan, Kincora Park.  
**Sun 10am:** Catherine & MI Griffin, Maurice's Mills.  
**11.45am** Chris & Kathleen Kearney, Kincora Pk.

### Rest in Peace

Maura Griffin (nee Sexton), Lissycasey., Baby Marcus Edmond Kershaw Kelly, Westbourne Court; Mary Hayes, Loughville; Martin Langan, Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo, brother of Seamus, Limerick Rd.; Martin Fitzpatrick, The Green, Lifford; Honesto Roque, father of Joy Hensey, Ballyalla;



*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.*

## 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.**



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 8th 8am:** Louis, Dr. Tom, & Louis P Galvin, Cloughleigh Rd.  
**11am:** Mary & Tom Darcy, Castlerock, Tulla Rd.  
**Mon 9.30am:** Pakie, Kitty & Dan Murrhy, Mullagh.  
**Tue 9.30am:** .Book of Intentions.  
**Thurs 9.30am:** Kitty Downes, Miltown Malbay.  
**Fri 9.30am:** Donor's Intention.  
**Sun 15th 11am:** Kathleen Shannon, Cloughleigh Rd.

### Christmas by Candlelight in Cloughleigh Oratory.

A short prayer service of carols and readings will take place in Cloughleigh Oratory on December 20th at 8:00pm. All are welcome to what will be a beautiful ceremony as we light the Oratory with candles, to await the birth of Jesus.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 1st December, €6,386.00



## Advent / Christmas Parish Events



**Bambinelli Sunday (Baby Jesus Sunday): A Beautiful Advent Tradition.** Every year on one of the Sundays of Advent, families bring the figure of the Baby Jesus to St. Peter's Square in Rome for the Pope to bless. It is called "*Bambinelli Sunday*." Many homes in our parish still give a central place to the crib among their Christmas Decorations. **On Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th December we invite you to bring the Baby Jesus from your home to any mass in Ennis Parish and they will be blessed by the celebrant.**

One of the great highlights of Advent preparation in Ennis is the **Annual Ecumenical Carol Service** which will take place on Sunday next at 7pm in the Cathedral. The combined choirs of all Ennis Churches and the newly formed Ennis Junior Cathedral Choir will lead us in Christmas Carols and prayers.

**Reconciliation Service:** On Monday 16th December as we continue our Advent journey of preparation there will be a Reconciliation Service at 7.30pm in the Cathedral for all parishes of the Abbey Pastoral Area. 14 Priests will be available for individual confessions or a chat. An ideal opportunity to prepare for Christmas.

**Our thanks to the Volunteers who prepared and decorated The Jesse Tree.**



**Items to help the needy can be placed near the tree or handed into the Parish Office.**



### Blood Donation Clinic

There will be a blood donation clinic in the West County Hotel on this Monday from 5pm to 8pm. The giving of blood is painless and harmless and your blood may help save a life. Please consider becoming a new blood donor and a life giver.

**Medjugorje Prayer Meeting** 9th December; Clarecastle, Daycare Centre, 8pm. All Welcome.



**Annual Brass Band Concert**, Fri 13th Dec @ 8pm, Holy Family Hall. Adm €5 kids free.

**Maranatha prayer Ministry** invites you to our Christmas Healing Retreat at St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle at 2.30pm through the Ministry of Rev. Fr. Joseph Mary, Monks of Moyross, Limerick on Sunday 15th December, Mass at 5pm. All welcome.

**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.

**Festival of Cribs** in St. Bridget's Church Liscannor, Sat, Sun & Mon 16th December 10am to 6pm daily. An ideal Advent experience

**Visit "The Christmas Village"** from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in Abbey Street Car Park with a Christmas Market selling festive crafts & food, a vintage carousel, Santa's Grotto & other festive entertainment. Follow ChristmasInEnnis on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram or visit [www.clarecoco.ie](http://www.clarecoco.ie).

**Clare Haven Services** invite you to a Candlelight Walk on Tues. 10th Dec; 6.30pm. Walk with them from Ennis Garda Station to Ennis Courthouse in remembrance of women who have tragically died through violence in Ireland. (Assemble at Garda Station at 6.15pm.)

**Guide dogs for the blind** raised €1288. Thank you. Clare Fitzgerald won the hamper. Volunteers needed for Christmas markets on Dec 14th/15th in West County Hotel. Contact Claire 087 1373453

**Christmas Carols** by Imelda King Kennedy CD's €20 each. Donations to SVP, available at Ennis Book Shop & Co Boutique.

### Lourdes 2020



The 64th Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday **26th June to Wednesday 1st July**; €725 full board with €20 discount for online booking to: [joewalstours.ie](http://joewalstours.ie) The gift of a Pilgrimage to Lourdes for a family member this Christmas is often the solution for family members wondering what might be a suitable gift for their parents, family member or friend.

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

Arriving in the Church : Usually when we come into God's house we bow our heads or go down on one knee. This is call 'genuflection'. It shows respect and love for Jesus. We genuflect or bow in front of the tabernacle, the special place where Jesus is present at all times. The front of the tabernacle may be behind the altar or to one side of it. There will be a red light near the tabernacle, called the sanctuary lamp. This light tells us that Jesus the Blessed Sacrament is present inside. The Blessed Sacrament is another name for Jesus.

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



## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Dara Domhnach den Aibhaint

Cuirimis fáilte roimh Mhí na Nollag, Mí thús na hAidbhinne, Mí Bhreith ár Slánaitheora, Mí lár an Gheimhridh. Mí dheireadh na bliana. A Íosa, bí linn i rith na míosa seo. Is é intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Go nglaca gach tír na bearta cuí chun tús áite a thabhairt don aos óg, go háirithe iad siúd atá ag fulaingt.

Ní fada uainn féasta Bhreith Ár dTiarna. Is léir agus is cinnte gur tréimhse dhian ullmhúcháin saolta í dúinn go léir. Caithfidimid ullmhúcháin spioradálta a dhéanamh freisin. Sna heaglaisí feicfidh tú Crann leise, crann ginealaigh Íosa Chríost, agus samhail chomhartha na ndaoine a chuaigh roimhe ó Ádhamh agus Éabha go dtí Muire Máthair Íosa. Ba é leise duine díobh siúd mar gurbh é athair Daibhéad é a chónaigh i mBeithil. Bhí an cine danna ag feitheamh ar theacht an fhuascailteora. Ba é Íseáia an Fáidh ba mhó a bhí acu. Is aige a bhí na tuairiscí ba líonmhaire agus ba thábhachtaí. Thug sé solás dóibh i dtaobh an fhuascailteora úd a bhí geallta. Mhínigh sé don phobal faoi mar a chuirfeadh sé an t-olc, an éagóir agus an t-eascairdeas ar chúl. Scaipfeadh sé an dorchadas agus chuirfeadh sé i réim ríoga síochána agus sonas do chách. Iarraimid ar ár Slánaitheoir arís teacht i gcabhair orainn le solás agus síocháin. Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá i rith na hAidbhinne:

**Tar chugainn, a Thiarna, Íosa Críost. Áiméan**

**Second Sunday of Advent:** December, month of Advent, month of the Birth of our Saviour, last month of the year. Lord, be with us during this month. The Pope's intention of this month is: That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

Christmas is near. It is a time of feverish preparation and buying for most. We ought to make spiritual preparation also. In the churches, you will see the Jesse Tree, the genealogy of Jesus and the symbols of persons from Adam and Eve to Mary the mother of Jesus. Jesse was one of them as he was the father of David who lived in Bethlehem. People were awaiting the coming of the Saviour. Isaiah was their most famous prophet. He foretold the most important events. He brought them comfort and hope in the promised redeemer. He explained that the Saviour would end injustice and enmity. He would dispel darkness and proclaim a kingdom of peace and grace for everyone. Let us ask our Saviour during Advent to come to our aid and bring joy and peace:

**Come to us, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Bingo Great prizes;  
Jackpot: €1,500;  
In Community Centre Sunday  
from 8pm.**



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

O People of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his  
voice heard in the joy of your heart.

### 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 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,  
a scion thrusts from his roots:  
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,  
a spirit of wisdom and insight,  
a spirit of counsel and power,  
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the  
Lord.

(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)

He does not judge by appearances,  
he gives no verdict of hearsay,  
but judges the wretched with integrity,  
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of  
the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,  
his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,  
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,  
the panther lies down with the kid,  
calf and lion cub feed together  
with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends,  
their young lie down together.

The lion eats straw like the ox.

The infant plays over the cobras hole;  
into the vipers lair

the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm,  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the country is filled with the knowledge of  
the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse  
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.  
It will be sought out by the nations  
and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: In his days justice shall flourish  
And peace till the moon fails.

O God, give your judgement to the King,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice

and your poor in right judgement. R.

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds. R.

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. R.

May his name be blessed forever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name. R.

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans Rm 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the  
scriptures was meant to teach us something  
about hope from the examples scripture gives  
of how people who did not give up were  
helped by God. And may he who helps us  
when we refuse to give up, help you all to be  
tolerant with each other, following the  
example of Christ Jesus, so that united in  
mind and voice you may give glory to the  
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to  
treat each other in the same friendly way as  
Christ treated you. The reason Christ became  
the servant of circumcised Jews was not only  
so that God could faithfully carry out the  
promises made to the patriarchs, it was also  
to get the pagans to give glory to God for his  
mercy, as scripture says in one place: For  
this I shall praise you among the pagans and  
sing your name.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Prepare a way for the Lord,*

*Make his paths straight*

*And all mankind shall see the salvation of  
God.*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he  
preached in the wilderness of Judaea and  
this was his message: 'Repent, for the  
kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. This  
was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of  
when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of  
camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist,  
and his food was locusts and wild honey.  
Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the

whole Jordan district made their way to him,  
and as they were baptised by him in the  
river Jordan they confessed their sins. But  
when he saw a number of Pharisees and  
Sadducees coming for baptism he said to  
them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to  
fly from the retribution that is coming? But if  
you are repentant, produce the appropriate  
fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves,  
"We have Abraham for our father," because,  
I tell you, God can raise children for  
Abraham from these stones. Even now the  
axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that  
any tree which fails to produce good fruit will  
be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise  
you in water for repentance, but the one  
who follows me is more powerful than I am,  
and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will  
baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His  
winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear  
his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into  
the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire  
that will never go out.'

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

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the  
heights, and behold the joy which comes  
to you from God.