

# Ennis Parish News



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

St Joseph's Saturday After 10.30am 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; 11am & 7.30pm; 11am on Saturday

St. Joseph's:- Monday – Saturday: 10.30am

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)

St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6797489; Friary: 6828751

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

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The Presentation of the Lord (Year A) 2nd February, 2020

## *For mine eyes have seen.....*



Rembrandt was a genius at painting, at just 25 years old, while still living in Leiden, he created a famous painting "Simeon in the Temple" in 1669. The subject must have fascinated Rembrandt, because he crafted at least two paintings and several drawings of the scene.

Mary and Joseph had taken Jesus to the temple to present him to God. The devout Simeon, helped by the Holy Spirit, saw that the infant might very well be the awaited Messiah. He took the child in his arms and praised God.

In Luke's gospel Simeon also speaks of "a light to enlighten the Gentiles". Rembrandt used that by depicting the child as the source of light.

In the painting against a dark background, the aged characters of Simeon and Anna emerge. Simeon has taken the baby in his arms. Anna is standing at his shoulder looking down at the child. Simeon appears to be about to speak those words of the Nunc Dimittis: For mine eyes have seen.... and yet Simeon is not looking at the child. He appears to be blind, perhaps reflecting the artist's own growing blindness. He seems to be lost in looking at something that we cannot see, looking to God, looking to the future, seeing what was in store for this child.

Simeon saw with faith, not by what Jesus looked like. We are called to walk by faith and not by sight. Faith is "Being sure of that which we do not see." God calls us to have our eyes of faith opened by him. To see others, not by our sight which might lead us to criticise or dislike, but by faith to see them as children of God, loved by Him.

As we leave the Church today, we will have seen and tasted the promised future. Taking bread and wine to our lips, we will have held the Christ child. With words and songs we will have proclaimed his presence.

We can go in peace now..... *For mine eyes have seen.*

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Al Wrafter, Tullamore & Bernadette Wrafter, (nee Dunne), Ennis. Daniel Curtin, Cahercalla Drive. Francie O'Halloran, Collins Park. Michael & Bridget Singleton, Hermitage. James (Jim) O'Sullivan, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.

**8pm:** Gaelscoil Mhichil Ciosóg - Do this in Memory Mass.

**Sun 2nd: 9.30am:** James Kelly, Clonroadmore. Teresa Ryan, Gallows Hill.

**11.30am:** Mary Keane, Hermitage. MM. John Fogarty, Fernhill, Gort Rd. Tom McGrath, Francis St. Nora & Kevin Ryan, Greendale, Clonroad. Maurice O'Brien, Inch. Teresa Kelly, Fergus Park.

**Mon: 7.40am:** Nora & Martin Meaney, Cranny. Stella Munby, Salisbury, England.

**11am:** Denis Moloney, McNamara Park. Paddy & Mary Hogan, Tobertaoscairn.

**7.30pm:** Eva, Tom, Noel & Mary Ryan, Summerhill.

**Tues: 7.40am:** Book of Intentions.

**11am:** Jonathan O'Sullivan, London. Frey Barry, Boston.

**2pm:** Joseph McDonagh, Ballygriffey, Larchill.

**7.30pm:** James, Agnes & Seamus Blake & Fitzpatrick family, Limerick Rd.

**Wed: 7.40am:** Special Intention.

**11am:** Special Intention.

**7.30pm:** William Burke, Mill Rd.

**Thurs: 7.40am:** Maura Garvey, Dublin. Earlie family, Limerick Rd.

**11am:** Pat & Nora Harnett, Limerick Rd. Michael Sheedy, College View. Teresa Purtill, College Green.

**7.30pm:** Kathleen Doran, Tulla & Charlie O'Grady, McNamara Park.

**Fri: 7.40am** Mass for the People.

**11am:** Lylie O'Connell, St. Michael's Villas. John Mulqueen, Ballygriffey, Ruan.

**7.30pm:** Bernie Dilger, Connolly Villas.

**Sat: 11am:** Daniel, Ellen & John Kelly, Marie & John McCarthy, Theresa Carroll & Tom O'Sullivan. Bernadette Corry, Enniscorthy & Cree. MM

**6.30pm:** Maureen Murphy, Hermitage. Pauline Pender, Riverside, Clonroad. Michael Hassett, Drumbiggle Rd. James & Mary Teresa Quinlivan, Lissycassey.

**Sun 9th: 9.30am:** Helen Griffin, Woodlawn, Loughville. Virginia Donnellan, St. Joseph's, Hermitage. Mary, Mick & Kitty Connellan, Ard na Gréine & Sr. Clare Connellan, Ennis & Texas. May & Miko Glynn, Knockaderra. Christina Kelly, Elm Park. Eleanor Murphy, Magowna, Inch.

**11.30am:** Ann Keogh, Hazelwood, Clonroadmore. MM William (Bill) Leacy, College Grove. Mary Brogan, College Green. Rita Hurley, Turnpike.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday, 26th January **€6,674.00**  
Diocesan needs Appeal **€3,363.00**  
Thank you for your generosity to these appeals

Hospital & Sick Calls  
2nd February, 2020  
Priest on Duty:  
Please call: 065 6869098

### Friary News

The next meeting of the Secular Franciscan Order at 10am & 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th February.

### Newly Baptised

*We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:*  
**Darragh Patrick Hayes,**  
**Keelin Brigid Moloney**  
**Grace Angela Loonam**  
**Ciara Frances O'Brien**



### Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following donations of: €300, €100, €10 & €5. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.  
*All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.*

### The General Election

As we prepare to vote on Saturday next to elect our Public Representatives, we pray for our Politicians.



### "Beatitudes of the Politicians":

Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his/her role.  
Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility.  
Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his/her own interest.  
Blessed be the politician who remains consistent.  
Blessed be the politician who works for unity.  
Blessed be the politician who works for radical change.  
Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening.  
Blessed be the politician who is without fear.  
*(Cardinal Nguyen Thuan of Vietnaman)*

## 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:

**Sun 10am:** Michael Hogan, Station Rd., Lahinch. MM.  
**11.45:** Peter Burke, Lifford Rd. Margaret Waters, Tullycraige.  
**Mon 10.30am:** John & Catherine Behan, Kilkee.  
**Tues 10.30am:** Special Intention.  
**Fri 7pm:** Margaret Ziemann, Corrovorrin Dr. 1st Anniv.  
**Sat 10.30am:** Michael & Teresa McMahan, Coore.  
**7pm:** Susan Brohan, Considine Rd. Vicky Keane, Corrovorrin Drive.  
**Sun 9th 10am:** Maura Cavanagh, Pine Grove.  
**11.45:** Peadar & Marie O'Keeffe, Drumcliffe Rd.

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite) takes place Sunday 2nd February; 5.30pm; St. Joseph's Church. All are welcome.



Meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society after 7pm Mass on Friday 7th February in St. Joseph's

### Taizé Prayer

All welcome to join us for Taizé Prayer, Thursday 6th Feb, 7.45pm - 8.30pm Church of Our Lady, Roslevan.

### Alzheimer Society - " Burren Walk "

Just two weeks to go to the Alzheimer Society " Burren Walk " which takes place in Fanore on Sunday the 16th of February. Sponsored Walk will start / finish at O' Donoghue's Pub with Registration from 10:30a.m. Information from the Society's Office at Cahercalla, Ennis - Ph. (065) 6868 621.

**Afternoon Céilí, Sunday, February 2nd - 3pm - 6pm** with The Neily O' Connor Céilí Band. Admission €10. 065 68 24276 - [www.coisnabhabhna.ie](http://www.coisnabhabhna.ie)

The Ennis Book Club Festival takes place from March 6th-8th, visit [www.EnnisBookClubFestival.com](http://www.EnnisBookClubFestival.com) or Glór to see the many events lined up over the weekend.

### Roster for Cathedral: Sunday 9th February, 2020

Readers: Group 1  
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3  
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



## Cloughleigh



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 2nd 11am:** Kitty McDermott, Cloughleigh.  
**Mon 9.30am:** Delia, Mary & Peter Hegarty, Hermitage.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Wed 9.30am:** Special Intention.  
**Thurs 9.30am:** Special Intention.  
**Fri 7pm:** Maureen Lavery, John Paul Ave.  
**Sun 9th 11am:** PJ, Bridie & Trevor Dilger, Hermitage. Chrissie, Miko & Patrick Ball, Drumcaranmore. Marian & Mark O'Neill & Patrick (Sonny) Kearney.

## Blessing of Throats

This Monday is the Feast of St. Blaise. The Blessing of throats will take place at all Masses on Monday.

## Primary School Enrolment for the School Year 2020 – 2021.

### Ennis Parish Schools' Agreed Application System.

Parents/Guardians wishing to enrol their children into Junior Infants (2<sup>nd</sup> Class in the Holy Family Senior School) are advised that application forms are available from each school.

The closing date for Receipt of Completed Application Forms is Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm.

The agreed system operates for the following Ennis Parish Schools:

- Holy Family Junior School
- Holy Family Senior School
- Scoil Chríost Rí,
- CBS Primary School
- Gaelscoil Mhíchil Cíosóg
- Ennis National School

Complete application forms to be returned to the school.

**Appeal for Nurses:** This year's Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. To care for sick and assisted pilgrims the Diocese is looking for 20 nurses who would like to volunteer to assist and care for these pilgrims. Nurses who would like to express interest and find out more details are asked to contact Michael Daly 086 3813677



### Petitions For Lourdes

Fr. Tom will represent the Killaloe Diocese at the International Mass for the sick on World Day of Prayer for the sick in Lourdes on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. If you would like to send a petition to the grotto in Lourdes please leave it into the Parish Office by Thursday lunchtime. This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage takes place from 26<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**Safeguarding Training:** Parishioners and all involved in various Church ministries involving young people and vulnerable adults are required to be Garda vetted and have completed a one day safeguarding training every three years. The next safeguarding training day for this area will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February; at Inn at Dromoland.

### Online Auction—Thank You

We are very grateful to the parishioners who organised the recent online auction of unwanted Christmas Gifts. €1,330 was raised to support the Cathedral Renovation Appeal.

This weekend the **Feast of the Presentation of our Lord** also known as Candlemas Day. The blessing of candles will take place at all Masses. We welcome the donation of candles for our Churches that can be used during the year at Masses and different times of Prayer.



### Day of Consecrated Life

As we celebrate Candlemas Day this Sunday, we also celebrate a Day of Consecrated Life which we acknowledge and give thanks to God for the witness and example of both women and men who consecrate their lives to God as sisters and brothers in various religious communities. In Ennis we are blessed to have the presence of the Franciscan Friars, Christian Brothers, Sisters of Mercy and Poor Clares in addition to members of religious life who have come to Ennis in recent years.

**First Friday of February:** This Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February, sick and housebound parishioners will receive the Sacraments at home. If you know of any housebound parishioners who would like to receive the Sacraments please contact the parish office on 6824043

### St. Brigid's Crosses

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Brigid's this weekend, St. Brigid's crosses made from rushes are for sale in both the Friary and Cathedral. All proceeds to the Cathedral renovation appeal. We thank the many volunteers who have made these crosses and those who supplied the material.

### Pilgrimage to Oberammergau

The Killaloe Diocese has secured 40 tickets for the famous Passion Play that is held in Oberammergau Germany. Bishop Fintan Monahan will lead the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the famous Passion Play at Oberammergau, Germany from 29<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September this year. Flying direct from Shannon Airport the pilgrimage will include visits to Vienna, Salzburg, the German Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Altötting and Markt am Inn (birthplace of Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI). Places are limited to 40 pilgrims, so early booking is advised.

Since the Passion Play at Oberammergau is performed only once every ten years, this pilgrimage offers a unique opportunity to participate in a special and historic event. In 1633 the residents of Oberammergau in the German province of Bavaria vowed that if God spared them from the bubonic plague, that they would, for all time, produce a play every 10 years depicting the life and death of Jesus. The play is performed in every year ending in zero. This year the play will be performed throughout the season from May to October. The production involves 2000 performers, musicians and technicians, all of whom are residents of Oberammergau. Cost of the Pilgrimage is €1095 per person sharing, no single rooms available.

### Further Information and booking forms from

Fr. Tom Ryan, Killaloe Diocesan Director of Pilgrimages. 087 234 9816  
Fr. Brendan Quinlivan, Killaloe Diocesan Communication's Officer.  
Tel: 087 273 6310

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí Feabhra 2020

Mí Feabhra, mí na Féile Bhríde, tús an Earraigh, mí na n-uan, mí na dtrí shíon - gaoth, báisteach agus sneachta. I mí Feabhra, bí linn a Thiarna. "Anois teacht an Earraigh, beidh an lá ag dul chun síneadh,

Is tar éis na Féile Bhríde ardóidh mé mo sheol" a scríobh Antoine Ó Raifteirí.

Is í intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná :Go dtugtar éisteacht d'achainí ár gcomharsan imirceach agus dóibh siúd a fhulaingíonn mangaireacht choiriúil is go ndéantar dóibh beart dá réir.

Ceiliúrtar Lá Fhéile Bhríde, Muire na nGael, ar an gcéad lá d'Fheabhra. Tá an-tóir ar chrosa Bhríde. Crochtar iad os cionn dorais an tí le súil go mbeadh rath ar an teaghlach ar feadh na bliana. Is paidir í seo do Naomh Bríd: *A Naomh Bríd, a Mhuire na nGael, scaoil orainn do bhrat.*

*Agus coinnigh faoi do chumhdach mé*

*Go mbeidh mé leat i bhflaitheas Dé. Áiméan.*

Inniu lá fhéile Muire na gCoinnle. Beannaítear coinnle roimh an Aifreann. Is comhartha iad gur Críost féin an Fíorsholas a tháinig ar an saol. Coinnle Mhuire a tugtar ar na coinnle sin mar gheall ar an lá a bheannaítear iad. Ba dheas Coinneal Mhuire a bheith i ngach teach.

*Fáilte an Domhnaigh, i ndiaidh na seachtaine. Lá breá saoire, a d'ordaigh Dia dúinn lenár n-anam a dhéanamh. Áiméan*

February, St Brigid's month, the beginning of Spring, month of the lambs, month of three kinds of weather: wind, rain and snow. Antoine Ó Raifteirí wrote: "Now that Spring is here the days will get longer, And after St. Brigid's Day I will start my journey."

The Pope's intention for this month is: Pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered. The feast of Saint Brigid's is celebrated on the first of the month. Brigid's crosses are sought after. They are placed over the door for good luck for the year.

This prayer can be said to Brigid's *Brigid, Mary of the Gael, wrap us in your cloak. Protect me until I am with you in Heaven. Amen.*

Today is Candlemas Day. Candles are blessed. They are a sign that Christ is the true light of the world. Keep a blessed candle in your home.

*We welcome Sunday at the end of the week. A welcome rest ordained by God to renew our souls, Amen.*

### Rest in Peace

Mary Connolly, Lower Limerick Rd.  
Esme McMahon, sister of the late May Cotter, St. Senan's Rd. Mgt Eyres, Ballybeg, Frank Coll, Bawnboy, Co. Cavan. Brother of Phil Coll, Kevin Barry Avenue. Bridie Moroney (nee Griffin), Fountain & Parnell, Stella Anyanwu, sister of Anselem Akujobi, Dun Na hlinse, Niall Cosgrove, Ivy Hill & Drumcliffe 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 prophet Malachi.

MI 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to  
send my messenger to prepare a way before  
me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly  
enter his Temple; and the angel of the  
covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is  
coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be  
able to resist the day of his coming? Who will  
remain standing when he appears? For he is  
like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He  
will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will  
purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold  
and silver, and then they will make the offering  
to Yahweh as it should be made. The offering  
of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed  
by the Yahweh as in former days, as in the  
years of old.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: *Who is the king of glory?  
It is the Lord.*

O gates, lift up your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!

R

Who is the king of glory?

The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,  
the Lord, the valiant in war.

R

O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!

R

Who is he, the king of glory?

He, the Lord of armies,

he is the king of glory.

R

## A Reading from the first letter of the

Hebrews

Heb 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood  
and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so  
that by his death he could take away all the  
power of the devil, who had power over  
death, and set free all those who had been  
held in slavery all their lives by the fear of  
death. For it was not the angels that he took  
to himself; he took to himself descent from  
Abraham. It was essential that he should in  
this way become completely like his brothers  
so that he could be a com-passionate and  
trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able  
to atone for human sins. That is, because he  
has himself been through temptation he is  
able to help others who are tempted.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia Alleluia!*

*The light to enlighten the Gentiles*

*and give glory to Israel, your people.*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according the Luke

Lk 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified  
as laid down by the Law of Moses, the  
parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to  
present him to the Lord - observing what  
stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every  
first-born male must be consecrated to the  
Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in  
accordance with what is said in the Law of  
the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young  
pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man  
named Simeon. He was an upright and  
devout man; he looked forward to Israel's  
comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him.  
It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit  
that he would not see death until he had set  
eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by  
the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when  
the parents brought in the child Jesus to do  
for him what the Law required, he took him  
into his arms and blessed God: and he said:

"Now, Master, you can let your servant go in  
peace, just as you promised;

because my eyes have seen the salvation

which you have prepared for all the nations to  
see, a light to enlighten the pagans

and the glory of your people Israel."

As the child's father and mother stood there  
wondering at the things that were being said  
about him, Simeon blessed them and said to  
Mary his mother, "You see this child: he is  
destined for the fall and for the rising of many in  
Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected -  
and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so  
that the secret thoughts of many may be laid  
bare."

There was a prophetess also, Anna the  
daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She  
was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over,  
she had been married for seven years before  
becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four  
years old and never left the Temple, serving  
God night and day with fasting and prayer. She  
came by just at that moment and began to  
praise God; and she spoke of the child to all  
who looked forward to the deliverance of  
Jerusalem. When they had done everything  
the Law of the Lord required, they went back to  
Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.  
Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he  
was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was  
with him.

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

My eyes have seen your salvation

Which you prepared in the sight of all the  
peoples.