

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; 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.

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



Confessions in Cathedral Saturday After 11am Mass & 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

First Sunday of Lent (Year A)

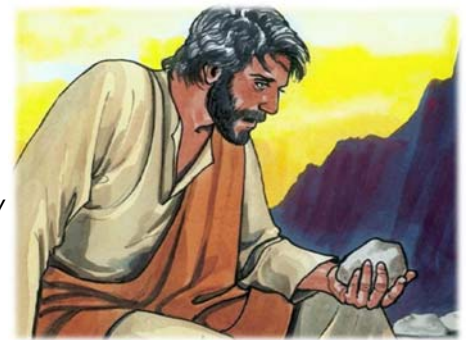
1st March, 2020

Putting the focus on God this Lent

☹ 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.'

☹ "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Am I tempted to use the talents and powers God gave me selfishly and for my own use only?



☹ 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written, "He will put you in His angels' charge, to support you, lest you hurt your foot against a stone."

☹ 'You must not put the Lord your God to the test'

Am I tempted to seek dramatic and sensational signs or 'proofs' before I believe in God's promise?

☹ 'I will give you all the kingdoms of the world if you throw yourself to the ground and worship me.'

☹ 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve Him alone.'

Am I sometimes tempted to turn a blind eye to wrongdoing or compromise on my faith to get on?



Then the devil left Him, and angels appeared and looked after him.
Do I trust in God's assurance that He is always with me in the hard choices I will have to make and the challenges I will face just because I choose to follow Him?

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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Jimmy Burke, Clarecastle. MM
Patrick Hurson, Summerhill.
Michael Kelly, Beechpark.

Sun 1st: 9.30am: Con & Nuala Ryan, St. Michael's Vls.
11.30am: Pat & Rita Coulter, Dublin;
Terry O'Donovan, Dublin;
Jennings Family, Co. Dublin.
Simon O'Donnell, Kilrush Rd.
James Burke, Park Ave.
Fr. Francis Meehan, Summerhill.

Mon: 7.40am: Special Intention.

11am: Michael Archer, The Park, Quin.

7.30pm: Tom & Ena Hogan, Ballymaley, Gort Rd.
John Fleming, Marian Ave & John Guion, USA.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Philip Smyth.
Ryan family, Connolly Villas.

7.30pm: Brian McMahon, Caherea, Lissycasey.

Wed: 7.40am: James & Maura Doohan, Lissycasey.

11am: Nancy & Paddy Guilfoyle, Gallows Hill;
Anthony Guilfoyle, San Francisco, USA.

7.30pm: O'Brien family, Golf Links' Rd.

Thurs: 7.40am: Special Intention.

11am: Special Intention.

7.30pm: P.J. Cleary, Gallows Hill;
Nora Fogarty, Dublin;
Sr. Lelia Cleary, Drogheda.
Paddy Brennan, O'Connell St.
Michael Gleeson, Gallows Hill.

Fri: 7.40am Mass for the People.

11am: Galvin & Slattery families, Cahercalla.
Tony Dargan & Siobhán Dargan Collieran, Limerick Rd.

7.30pm: Patricia McInerney, Dalcassian Pk & Kilkishen. MM

Sat: 11am: Mary Meaney, Green Park.

6.30pm: Moira Coffey, Claireen Drive.
Patrick, Catherine & Margaret Doohan, Connolly.
Frances Shannon, Connolly Villas.
Vincent Coffey, Clonroad. MM
Bridget Moroney, McNamara Pk. MM

Sun 8th: 9.30am: Holy Souls.

11.30am: Margaret Hayes, Clonroad.
John Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.
Ann Barrett, Willow Pk.
Féile na hInse.

Roster for Cathedral: Sunday 8th March, 2020

Readers: Group 5
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Mon 9.30am: Special Intention.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Fri 9.30am: Donor's Intention.

3pm: Confirmation Scoil Chríost Rí.

7pm: Mark Bowe, Childers Rd.

Sun 8th 11am: Derek Purtill, Hermitage.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday
23rd February 2020, €6,226.00

Hospital & Sick Calls

1st March, 2020

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Jerry Carey

Please call: 065 6869098

Friary News

Next meeting of the Secular Franciscan Order at 10am & 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th March.

Hour of prayer for peace at Poor Clare Chapel on Sat 7th March @ 4.30pm

First Friday of March: This Fri 6th March, 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

Gaeilge. During the month of March we will be embracing the Irish Language during our Masses.

Caint agus Comhrá invites you to informal Irish conversation during March in these Ennis cafes at 11.00AM: Zest, Dé Luain; Sweetngreen, Dé Céadaoin nó Dé hAoine; Glór, Dé Sathairn; or in the evening in Temple Gate Hotel, Déardaoin 8.00PM. Fáilte roimh chách.

trócaire **Trócaire Boxes** are available in all our Churches. Trócaire is our annual opportunity to show solidarity with the poor.



Taizé Prayer. Gathering for Taizé Prayer, Thurs. 5th March. Church of Our Lady, Roslevan, 7.45pm - 8.30pm. Welcome to all.

Need extra learning support to get a job? National Learning Network are recruiting for their full-time QQI Level 3 & 4, Retail, Tourism or Digital Technology Courses. Contact their Francis Street Ennis Campus on 065-6864560 or text 0877110918.

Migraine & Women: Free Public Information Seminar. Hotel Woodstock, Mon 9th March 7pm to 9pm; Tickets on Eventbrite.ie. Speaker Dr. Elijah Chaila, Consultant Neurologist.



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: Pat O'Brien, Shannon Pk.

Sun 1st 10am: Monica Sweeney nee Howard, Shannon Pk. **1st Anniv**

11.45am: Mary Curtin, Willow Pk.

Mon 10.30am: Bridget Rooney, London & Charlestown.

Tues 10.30am: Mary Hartney, Mountain View.

Fri 7pm: Paddy Rynne, Ballyalla & late Mullagh. MM

Sat 10.30am: Matt O'Connor, New Rd.
Jim O'Driscoll, Castleconnell & Elm Pk.

11.30am: Pauline Horgan, Tobertaoscain. MM

7pm: Joe Conway, Corrovorrin Drive.

Sun 8th 11.45am: Mary McGovern, Corrovorrin Grv.

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



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



Education Fund Appeal

The second collection at all masses this weekend is an annual appeal to help support with the education of students to the Priesthood and lay ministry for the diocese. As we prepare for the future we have one student currently preparing for ordination and a number of lay people preparing for ministry in Pastoral Care and Catechesis. Your support for this appeal helps the diocese provide the best education formation possible.

Parking Restrictions in Cathedral Grounds.

With construction of a new Scout Hall taking place, parking will be restricted in the lower carpark of the Cathedral to allow for safe access of machinery to the site. We ask for your understanding and support at this time.

Rest in Peace

Kenneth Quinlivan, late Market, Ennis & Wexford-brother of Rita, The Market & Eddie, Maiville, **John Lynch Jnr**, Clonlea, Shanballa, Lahinch Rd., **Eamon Long**, Scarriff & Dublin, brother of Fr. Leo, Nenagh & Mary McInerney, Corovorrin Green.



*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 Faith Friends' Confirmation Programme

Faith Friends is a parish based faith programme with transition year students from St. Flannan's & Rice Colleges.

26 transition year students have volunteered, and will be trained to work with Holy Family and Ennis National Students over the next 3 weeks in the Parish Centre.

Ennis National: Tuesdays 3rd March, 10th March 7-8pm

Holy Family: Thursdays 5th March, 12th March 7-8pm

Thanks to the many parish volunteers who give of their time training and organising this programme and to the Ennis National & Holy Family School staff and parents for encouraging the participation of their students and parents.

Lenten Talks

This year for Lent we invite you each Thursday night from 8.15pm to 9.30pm in the Maria Assumpta Hall in the Parish Centre to spend time learning new ways of praying. In response to our Parish Lenten theme "Lord, teach us to Pray", Thursday next 5th March at 8.15pm Róisín O'Loughlin will lead us in A transformative encounter with God.

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donation of: €50 & €40. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Ennis Tidy Towns Biodiversity Talk - Wild Plants and Foraging. Oonagh O'Dwyer of Wild Kitchen is our guest speaker on this Monday evening, March 2nd, at 7pm in Waterpark House. Admission is free. **All are welcome.**

Michael Guerin Daffodil Day Launch Night for 2020 is on Monday March 2nd at 8pm in Tracey's West County Hotel. If you would like to volunteer on Daffodil Day (March 27th) or sell merchandise in your local area or workplace, please come along. For all enquiries please contact Clare - 086 2267364 or Michael - 087 2045759.

Church Gate Collection for Cuan an Chláir on Saturday and Sunday 14th and 15th March.

MEN WANTED: The O' Riada Mass Choir will be singing the O' Riada Mass on St. Patrick's Day at 12.30 mass in the Cathedral. There will be 3 practices starting on Monday 1st March at 8.30pm in the Cathedral Choir room. This is an ALL MALE choir and all are welcome. It is hoped to have about 30 voices, so please spread the word!

INVITATION Bealtaine Festival 2020 – Celebrating Creativity As We Age. Consider running a Dawn/Dusk Chorus during the month of May. Older people, their families and their friends sing songs they love - songs anybody can join in with! For further details, please e-mail bealtaine1@ageandopportunity.ie or telephone 01 805 7709.

LENT 2020



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday,
26th February
Our Parish Lenten theme this year is
"Lord, teach us to pray"

Lent is a time when we can stop and look at our lives and our relationship with Jesus. It is a time when we are called to make sacrifices—to deny ourselves so that we can realise that we need God in every part of our lives. We would love if you joined us in the pilgrimage through Lent.

OUR PRAYER / FASTING / ALMSGIVING (PFA) programme continues this Lent. If you want a real purpose-driven Lent, the Prayer / Fasting / Almsgiving Programme is made for you.

- Prayer—commit to a daily prayer.
- Fast—commit to eating three meals per day.
- Almsgiving—commit to donating to Trócaire.

Every day you will help yourself, help others and help your relationship with God. This programme involves making sacrifices but there is no doubt that the benefits we will receive at Easter will be immense.

Be brave, embrace Lent.

Morning Prayer:

7.20am—Cathedral

9.30am—Friary

Stations of the Cross

After 10am Mass, Wed & Fri in the Friary.

Before 11am Mass in the Cathedral each Friday.

6pm each Friday in Polish, Cathedral.

Late nights on Monday Night: For the six Mondays of Lent beginning on this Monday 2nd March the Cathedral will be open until 10pm. From 8pm-10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Cathedral concluding with night prayer at 9.50pm. During these two hours a priest will be available for confessions, a chat and blessing.

Arise National Young Adult Event: Young Adult 18+ National Event takes place in Knock Shrine on March 7th 2020. There will be inspirational speakers, music, celebration, fun, a chance to meet with other young adults and much more. Registration is from 10am and the day will finish at 4:30pm, Cost €10. For more information, booking, etc. please contact Joanne O' Brien, Director of Youth Ministry, Killaloe Diocese. Text, Call, etc. to 085 874 9207 or email: jobrien@killaloediocese.ie

Co Clare Hunt presents a Cheltenham Preview Night on Saturday 7th March. Monk's Well, Quin. Starts at 8pm. **In aid of Clare Suicide Bereavement Support.**

With Derek O'Connor, Eric McNamara, Jason Titley and Conor O'Neill.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí an Mháirta.

Mí an Mháirta, mí an fheirmeora, mí na sailcuaiche, mí na ngleanntán, mí na hathbheochana, mí na Féile Pádraig. I Mí an Mháirta bí linn a Thiarna. Is í intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Guimis ar son Eaglaise na Síne, Go raibh sí buanseasmhacht ina dílseacht don Soiscéal agus aontacht a chur chun cinn.

Is tráth liotúirgeach [troscadh](#), [tréanais](#) agus aithrí, ó Chéadaoin an Luaithrigh go Domhnach Cásca é, an Carghas. Iarrtar orainn scaradh lenár bpeacaí agus iompú chun Dé. Tréimhse dhaichead lá ag ullmhú d'Aiséirí ár dTiarna Íosa Críost atá ann. Is ceann de na tréimhsí í tábhachtaí é i bhféilire na hEaglaise. Ba é an phríomhaidhm a bhí i gcónaí ag an Eaglais i leith an Charghais ná guí, aithrí, agus déanamh déirce agus féindiúltú.

Sular chuir Íosa tús lena shaol poiblí, chaith Sé dhaichead lá san fhiántas. Sa chiúnas sin bhí deis aige éisteacht le briathar Dé agus toil a Athar maidir lena shaol féin a aimsiú. Ag tús an Charghais, iarrtar orainn breathnú ar ár saol, féachaint an bhfullimid dáiríre faoi Íosa Críost a leanúint agus bheith dílis dár gcreideamh. Is fiú mar sin cuimhneamh ar mhóideanna ár mbaiste féachaint an bhfuil na gealltanais á chomhlíonadh againn lá i ndiaidh lae. Cuirimis fáilte roimh an Carghas mar go dtugann sé deis dúinn aithrí a dhéanamh inár bpeacaí agus sampla Críost a leanúint. Beidh Sé in éineacht linn, lena ghrásta i ngach coiscéim den bhealach.

*Dia do mo stiúradh, Dia do mo shaoradh,
Dia do mo sheoladh, Dia do mo theagasc,
Agus Dia do mo shábháil ar gach áit a mbíonn an peaca. Áiméan*

(Traidisiúnta)

The month of March, month of spring work for the farmer, month of the violets, of spring awakening, of the feast of Saint Patrick. Be with us Lord during the month of March. The Pope's intention for March is : We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Lent is a season of fast, abstinence and repentance from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. We are invited to reject sin and turn to God. It is a period of forty days in preparation for the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. It is one of the most important seasons in the Church calendar. Its main objective always was prayer, repentance and alms giving. Before Jesus began his public life, he spent forty days in the wilderness. In the silence he had an opportunity to listen to the word of God and to know His will. At the beginning of Lent, we are advised to examine our lives to see if we are committed to following Christ and remain faithful to our faith. We recall our Baptismal Promises and see if we observe them daily. Let us welcome the Season of Lent as it affords us an opportunity to repent and follow the example of Jesus. He will accompany us with his grace every step of the way.

*God direct me, God rescue me,
God guide me, God teach me,
And God deliver me from all occasions of sin.
Amen*

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

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 book of Genesis.

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden, which is in the east; and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, "Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?"

The woman answered the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death." Then the serpent said to the woman,

"No! you will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like Gods, knowing good and evil." The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
Put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
Nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

*Give me again the joy of your help;
With a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
And my mouth shall declare your praise. R*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Rm 5.12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone,

But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 4.1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:
You must not put the Lord your God
to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, the angels appeared and looked after 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

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.