



Ennis Parish News

Confessions in Cathedral Saturday After 11am Mass 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.

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 23rd February, 2020

A Blessing for the Lenten Season

May God bless you with-
discontent with easy answers,
half-truths, superficial relationships,
so that you will live from
deep within your heart.

May God bless you with-
anger at injustice,
oppression, abuse,
and exploitation of people,
so that you will work
for justice, equality, and peace.

May God bless you with-
tears to shed for those
who suffer from pain, rejection,
starvation and war,
so that you will reach
out your hand to comfort them
and to change their pain to joy.

May God bless you with-
the foolishness to think
you can make a difference in this world,
so that you will do
the things which others tell you
cannot be done.

If you have the courage
to accept these blessings,
then God will also bless you with-

Happiness: because you will know
that you have made life better for others.

Inner peace: because you will have
worked to secure an outer peace for others.

Laughter: because your heart will be light.

Faithful friends: because they will recognise
your worth as a person.

**These blessings are yours –
not for the asking
but for the giving-
from One who wants to
be your companion, our God,
who lives and reigns,
forever and ever. Amen.**

(Sr Roth Fox OSB)



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Christy Shannon, Hermitage.
Francis Lyons & Jacinta Flynn, Ennis & Dublin.
Margaret Grahan, Prague, Cusack Rd.
Sun 23rd: 9.30am: Michael McMullin, Killarney.
Johnny & Seamus Purcell, Ard na Gréine.
11.30am: Donor's Intentions.
Michael Griffin, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.
Jim O'Halloran, Dalcassian Ave.
Mon: 7.40am: Eileen Dunne, Clare Rd.
11am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Tom Flynn, Golf Links' Rd.
Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: Holy Souls.
7.30pm: Jane Gallagher.
Tom Tuttle, Castletown, Tulla Rd.
Wed: 7.40am: Frances & Joseph Molony, O'Connell St.
11am: T.J. & Theresa Kenny, Corofin.
Luoís Preston, St. Senan's Rd.
7.30pm: Mary Pigott, Connolly Villas.
Marion Sheill nee Casey, Friar's Close. **1st Anniv**
Thurs: 7.40am: Donor's Intention.
11am: Sheila & Tom Coote, St. Michael's Villas.
7.30pm: Martin & Brid Moloney, Clare Rd.
Fri: 7.40am Mass for the People.
11am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Frank Lillis, Beechpark. MM
Sat: 11am: Special Intention.
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.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 1st March, 2020

Readers: Group 4
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 23rd 11am: Garry Murphy, Considine Rd.
Edward & Mary Hayes, Hermitage.
Lucille Hayes, Pearse Ave & Bridge Court.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
7pm: Ceremony of Light.
Fri 9.30am: James & Mary McNamara, Crusheen.

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. *All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.*

**Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday
16th February, €7,024.00**

Hospital & Sick Calls

1st March, 2020

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom Ryan

Please call: 065 6869098

Newly Baptised

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



Luke Thomas Ryan
Jayden Lee David Mounsey
Toomey

Creation Spirituality Workshop:

Feb 29th in the
Clare 250 Cancer Centre.

Workshop entitled:

Seeking hope in dark times

1: Being present. The focus will

be on exploring together the

challenges that climate change

and biodiversity loss present to

each of us personally while

sowing the seeds of an active

hope. Workshops facilitated

by Oonagh Roantree, Toni Ryan

and Peadar Kirby from

Cloughjordan Ecovillage.

Cost: €30 payable on the day.

(Lunch included).

Booking: Fr Ger Fitzgerald:

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The Annual Matt Talbot

Novena will begin on Ash

Wednesday, 26th Feb at 7pm in

Tulla Church with Mass and

Benediction. Bishop Fintan

Monahan will open the Novena.

This will be the 19th Novena in

Tulla. Attending this Novena

could be your Lenten resolution.

The Irish Red Cross Clare

will hold their annual Fun table quiz

in Saturday 29th Feb, 9.15pm in

the Grove Bar & Restaurant in

aid of our Community Transport .

Supporting the people of Co.

Clare. Table of 4 €40.00 – spot

prizes - Raffle

Ennis Tidy Towns' Biodiversity

Talk - Wild Plants and Foraging.

Oonagh O'Dwyer of Wild Kitchen

will be our guest speaker on

Monday, March 2nd, at 7pm in

Waterpark House. Admission is

free. All are welcome.

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: Tony Strand, Shannon Pk.

Sun 23rd 10am: Michael Duggan, Claireen.

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11.45: Brendan Armstrong, Mountain View.

Anna Casey, Marian Avenue.

Tues 10.30am: Decd Mc Cormack family, Tulla Rd.

Wed 10.30am: Mary Meehan, Cappa, Kilrush.

7pm: Susan Cosgrove nee Keane, Fernhill. MM

Thu 10.30am: John, Rita & John Jnr Mulkerrins,

Marian Ave.

Fri 10.30am: Kathleen Reilly nee Walsh, Corrovorrin

Crescent.

Sat 7pm: Pat O'Brien, Shannon Pk.

Sun 1st 10am: Monica Sweeney nee Howard,

Shannon Pk. 1st Anniv

11.45: Mary Curtin, Willow Pk.

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.



Rest in Peace

George Mba-Ileozor, brother of Benji Mba-Ileozor of

Awo-Omamma, Nigeria, Francie Mangan, Corrovorrin

Grove, James (Jimmy) Coughlan, Lahinch &

formerly of Turnpike Road, Fr. P.J. Melican,

Lissycasey, brother of Martin, Springfield, Martin

Healy, Bullann, Loughrea, brother of Eamonn,

Tobartaoscaín.

*Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day.*

Unseen, unheard, but always near;

"Hold fast to love and justice" (Hosea 12:6)

Trócaire's Lenten campaign

for 2020 highlights the

different ways in which

mothers are protecting their

families, from the effects of

climate change and from the actions of corporations.

Lent 2020 asks people in Ireland to show their love

by supporting people in the world's poorest countries.

This year, we hear the stories of two families, living in

Honduras and Kenya. Each story shows us how

women around the world are overcoming great

obstacles to protect their families.

Please collect your Trócaire Box in the Church

and help make the world a better place.

Parking Restrictions in Cathedral Grounds.

With demolition work on the Old Scout

Hall starting this Monday, 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.

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 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.

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 27th February, Bishop Fintan Monahan will lead us in the Devotional Prayer of St. John Henry Newman.

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



This Wednesday 26th February is a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the following Masses:



7.40am	Cathedral
7.45am	Poor Clare Monastery
8.00am	St. Joseph's
9.30am	Cloughleigh
10.00am	Friary
10.30am	St. Joseph's
11.00am	Cathedral
1.05pm	Friary
6.00pm	Polish Mass, Cathedral
7.00pm	St. Joseph's
7.30pm	Cathedral

Gaeilge—During the month of March, we are embracing the Irish Language in our liturgies. This week, we publish the Our Father in Irish and the greeting.

"The Lord be with you"

"Go raibh an Tiarna libh"

"And with your spirit"

"Agus le do spiorad féin"

An Phaidir (Our Father)

Ár nAthair atá ar neamh,

go naofar d'ainm,

go dtaga do ríocht,

go ndéantar do thoil ar an talamh

mar a dhéantar ar neamh.

Ár n-arán laethuil tabhair dúinn inniu

agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha

mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin

agus ná lig sinn i gcathú,

ach sar sinn ó olc. Amen.

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 25th Feb, 3rd March, 10th March 7-8pm

Holy Family: Thursdays 27th Feb, 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.

Fundraiser Party Night in aid of Kidney Research in memory of Seán Hickey. Feb 29th 9.30pm Woodstock hotel. €5 entry fee at the door.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach na Measarthachta

Tá an Domhnach seo tiomnaithe don mheasarthacht. Is suáilce í gur féidir linn a chleachtadh i ngach gné dár saol. Is eol dúinn go bhfuil fadhb an óil agus fadhb na ndrugaí ag cur isteach go mór ar theaghlach. Is mór an brón agus briseadh croí a bhíonn le fulaingt dá bhrí sin.

Tá plaic crochta ar an mballa in a lán de na hionaid a chuireann cóir ar andúiligh agus scríofa air tá: 'Is tusa amháin atá in ann é a dhéanamh ach ní féidir leat é a dhéanamh i d'aonar'. Cuireann sé i gcuimhne dúinn freisin go gcaithimid cúnaimh a iarraidh ar Dhia agus ar a chéile má táimid ag lorg lámh cúnta. Is féidir cabhair a fháil ó A.A nó ó Ionad Leighis nó ó Chomhairleoir Sláinte.

Beidh Céadaoin an Luaithrigh ar an 26 Feabhra. Is tús tréimhse an Charghais é, an daichead lá roimh an Cháisc. Iarrtar orainn cúl a thabhairt don pheaca agus grá a léiriú do Dhia agus do dhaoine eile. Cuireann an luaitreach ar ár n-éadan i gcuimhne dúinn mortlaíocht dhaonna. Tá an cleachtadh seo coitianta i measc, Anglacánaigh, Liútaráigh, Meitidistigh agus Preispitéirigh.

Is féidir machnamh a dhéanamh ar an bpaidir seo a leanas ón Traidisiún:

A lósa, glan mo chroíse

Go gléghlan gach lá,

A lósa, cuir m'intinn faoi léirsmacht do ghrá.

Déan mo smaointe go fíorghlan agus briathra mo bhéil,

Is a Thiarna, 'Dhia dhílis, stiúir choiche mo shaol.

This Sunday is dedicated to Temperance. It is a virtue which we ought to practise in our lives. We know that drink and drug abuse cause pain and suffering for many families. Many addiction treatment centres have a plaque hanging on the wall which states: "You alone can do it but you cannot do it on your own" This reminds us that we must ask help from God and from each other in times of trouble. Help is available from A.A. Treatment Centres and Addiction Specialists.

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on Wednesday next 26th February. It is the beginning of the Lenten Season, the forty days before Easter. We are invited to turn away from sin and love God and our neighbour. The ashes on our foreheads remind us of our mortality. Ash Wednesday is observed by many Western Christians among them Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists and Presbyterians. Let us reflect on the following prayer from Tradition:

Jesus, cleanse my heart each day and make it spotless, Jesus, rule my mind by the power of your love. Make truly clean my thoughts and the words I utter, and, dear Lord God, direct my life now and forever.

Cloughleigh Comhaltas and Woodstock Set Dancers will host a Table Quiz in aid of the Clare Crusaders' Clinic at Woodstock Hotel on Thursday 27th February at 8pm. Table of 4 €20. All support greatly appreciated.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been
bountiful with me.

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**
D.

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 book of Leviticus Lv 19:1-2.17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: ' Speak
to the whole community of the sons of Israel
and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord
your God, am holy."

"You must not bear hatred for your
brother in your heart. You must openly tell
him your neighbour, of his offence; this way
you will not take a sin upon yourself. You
must not exact vengeance, nor must you
bear a grudge against the children of your
people. You must love your neighbour as
yourself. I am the Lord."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm;

**Response: The Lord is compassion and
love.**

*My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.*

*My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. R.*

*It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. R.*

*The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. R.*

*As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. R*

A reading from first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1Cor 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's
temple and that the Spirit of God was living
among you? If anybody should destroy the
temple of God, God will destroy him,
because the temple of God is sacred; and
you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it; if any one
of you thinks of himself as wise, in the
ordinary sense of the word, then he must
learn to be a fool before he really can be
wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this
world is foolishness to God. As scripture
says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts:
he knows how useless they are, or again:
God is not convinced by the arguments of
the wise. So there is nothing to boast about
in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas,
the world, life and death, the present and the
future, are all your servants; but you belong
to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The Word of the Lord

Alleluia, Alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt
how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for
tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked
man no resistance. On the contrary, if
anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him
the other as well; if a man takes you to law
and would have your tunic, let him have your
cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go
one mile, go two miles with him. Give to
anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to

borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said:
You must love your neighbour and hate
your enemy. But I say this to you: love
your enemies and pray for those who
persecute you; in this way you will be
sons of your Father in heaven, for he
causes his sun to rise on bad men as well
as good, and his rain to fall on honest
and dishonest men alike. For if you love
those who love you, what right have you
to claim any credit? Even the tax
collectors do as much, do they not? And if
you save your greetings for your brothers,
are you doing anything exceptional? Even
the pagans do as much, do they not? You
must therefore be perfect as your
heavenly Father is perfect.'

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 will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
And sing psalms to your name,
O Most High.**