

# Ennis Parish News



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

## 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:

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## Third Sunday of Lent (Year A) 15th March, 2020

### Encountering Jesus...

Today's Gospel reading describes the encounter between Jesus and the woman at the well. I sometimes like to see the meeting between this woman and Jesus as representing an encounter between the human soul and Jesus. Let me explain.

To start, Jesus takes the initiative. He crosses a social boundary by asking a Samaritan woman for water (which interestingly, she never gives him). This was not allowed and the woman, because of her perceived sinfulness and social status would have been seen as unworthy to speak to Jesus. However, he sees past this in order to initiate an encounter. In the same way, no matter how we may feel about ourselves on the inside, Jesus is always seeking to cross those boundaries in order to initiate contact with us. That is how much he loves us.

Initially, the woman misunderstands what Jesus is saying to her, in the same way that perhaps we too can misunderstand that first beautiful moment when God reaches into our soul and seeks to touch our heart. It may be a familiar feeling, for example you may suddenly want to pray more, may want to go to Church more or may want to do something for charity. We may not recognise these moments as the Lord seeking to initiate contact with us but they are blessed moments. Be awake to them!!



Again, Jesus takes the initiative when he points out the woman's failings in life. This reminds me of those hard moments, when nothing is going right, when our spiritual life has fallen apart and lethargy and despair are heard knocking loudly on the door. These are the hard moments that force us to ask ourselves who we really are and to ask ourselves where our true happiness lies. Are we satisfied with the water from the well that momentarily quenches thirst or do we seek the living water, offered by Jesus, which will enable us to never thirst again.

Slowly, the woman comes to recognise who Jesus is, but only after she engages in conversation with him. It would have been easy for her to ignore him and leave him as social regulations of the time demanded, and interestingly, he would not have pressured her had she chosen this path. However, she responded to his invitation to dialogue and she left that encounter with a lot more than she could have ever hoped for. Likewise, when we open our soul to the presence of the Lord, wonders can happen within our lives. Although we may not understand, although the process may be slow, if we leave here today knowing that Jesus wants to initiate something beautiful with us, we will be on the right road.

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**6.30pm:** Francis Cosgrove, Ard na Gréine.  
Brassil Family, Ennis & Kilrush.  
Tom Sheehan, Brookville.  
Frank McMahon, Drumcaranmore, Loughville.  
Tom, Breda & Tomás Mannion, Highfield Park.  
Paddy & Peggy Roughan, Fountain.

**Sun 15th 9.30am:** Special Intention.  
**11.30am:** Hal & Eva Frazer, Ennis.  
**Mon: 7.40am:** Special Intention.  
**11am:** Patrick, Roger & Michael O'Donoghue, Ennis & Limerick.

**6.30pm:** Galvin family, Barrack St.  
Kieran Normoyle, Lissycasey & Chicago. **1st Anniv**

**Tues: 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
Martin Bradley, Clonroadbeg.  
James Vaughan, The Market.

**11.30am:** Kathleen & Pappy Gleeson, Dalcassian Pk.  
Patrick Donohoe, Ennis.

**Wed: 7.40am:** Special Intention.  
**11am:** Special Intention.  
**7.30pm:** Sr. Marie, Bridie & Albert Stephens, Clonroad.

**Thurs: 7.40am:** Bridget Raftery, Galway.  
**11am:** Don & Jenny Ryan, Summerhill.  
**7.30pm:** John O'Halloran & Noreen Considine,  
Considine Tce.  
McMahon family, Lisheenrona, Kilkee.

**Fri: 7.40am:** Michael & Esther O'Loughlin, Hermitage;  
Eamon Cronin, Market St.

**11am:** Billy & Teresa Fitzgerald, Clare Rd.  
**7.30pm:** Pat Hanrahan, Ard Aoibhinn, Limerick Rd.

**Sat: 11am: Confirmation Holy Family School.**

**6.30pm:** Jim Flanagan, Roslevan & Tuam.  
John O'Sullivan, Fountain.  
Nora Barrett, Childer's Rd.

Maisie, John, Jim & Martin Bradley, Limerick Rd.

**Sun 22nd : 9.30am:** Patrick Howard, St. Michael's Villas. **1st Anniv.**

**11.30am:** Angela Loonam, College Green. **1st Anniv.**  
Peter Wilkie, Hermitage.  
Kearney family, O'Callaghan's Mills.  
Ciara Fox, Hermitage.  
Hugh Ferrigan, Gallows Hill.  
Pat Jones, College Pk. MM

### Roster for Cathedral: Sunday 22nd March, 2020

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



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 15th 8am:** Leo Guy, Circular Rd.  
**11am:** Paddy, Kitty & Martin Kennedy, Fountain.  
**Mon 9.30am:** Denis Griffey, Ennis, Inch & USA.  
**Tue 8am:** Book of Intentions.  
Mary & Joe Kelly, Kilrush.

**11am:** Dan & Marian McNamara, College Green.  
**Thu 9.30am:** Sr. Senanus Murrhly, Mullagh.  
**Fri 9.30am:** Michael Joe Lynch, Mullagh.  
**Sun 22nd 11am:** Patrick, Mary Ann & J.J. Fitzpatrick,  
Circular Rd. Ennis & Ennistymon.

## Hospital & Sick Calls

15th March 2020

Duty: Fr. Dariusz Plasek

Please call: 065 6869098

## Friary News

We have been advised to reduce the hours of confession at the Friary because of the risk of contracting the coronavirus.

The new hours are:

**Morning: 11.00 - 12.00**

**Afternoon: 15.00 - 16.00**

This a temporary measure.

**All Masses in the Parish will be celebrated for the intentions that are listed in the Newsletter.**



## Temporary Arrangements in Ennis Parish Due to Covid-19 (Coronavirus)

Due to the current Covid-19 (coronavirus) outbreak there will be no public masses in Ennis Parish from Saturday 14th March until at least 29th March. Parishioners may join in private Mass celebrations from the Cathedral via the Parish webcam and our parish radio link (106.4FM). All churches will open each day as normal for personal prayer with the exception of Mass times in the Cathedral. Arrangements will be made for Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings per Bishop Fintan's Pastoral Letter. The parish office will remain open at present. A priest will remain on duty and can be contacted on 065 6869098.

We sincerely regret having to cancel Bingo in the Community Centre on Sunday nights until further notice due to the coronavirus.



## 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:** Mary McDonagh, Miltown Malbay.  
**Sun 15th 10am:** Joe Moroney, Corrovorrin, Tulla Rd.  
**11.45am:** Tina Connole, Pat & Mary O'Brien, Carron.  
**Mon 10.30am:** Pat Quinn, Sligo;  
Nora Armstrong, Eastleigh.

**7pm:** Vigil for St. Patrick's Day.  
**Tues 10am:** Michael & Jennie Carmody, Kincora Pk.  
**Wed 10.30am:** Agnes, Patrick & Sean Keane,  
Clare Rd.

**Thu 10.30am:** Deceased McMahon Families.  
**Fri 10.30am:** Brid McMahon, Kevin Barry Ave.  
**Sat 10.30am:** Frank & Ted Neary, Dunmore & London.  
7pm: Melissa Malaghan, Considine Rd. & O'Hallorna's Lane, Ennis.

**Sun 22nd 10am:** Joan Crowe **1st Anniv** & Tristan Rose Crowe, Willow Park.  
**11.45:** Marian & Patrick Watson, Fergus Park.

Mary Greene, Larchill & Cloughleigh Rd. MM in Barefield Church Saturday 21st March @ 11am

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Laura Brennan, Hill View, Creggaunnahilla, Clarecastle & Woodhaven Drive, Kilrush Road,  
**1st Anniversary Mass; Friday 20th March 7.00 p.m.; Clarecastle Church.**

### Viral Infection Precautions

As you will be aware COVID-19 also known as coronavirus is an illness that can affect your lungs and airways. The risk of catching coronavirus in Ireland is still low; however this may change. Because it's a new virus, it is not known how easily it spreads from person to person. Following HSE guidance the following precautionary measures will be taken to limit the transmission of infection. The Sign of Peace will be suspended and our Holy water fonts will remain empty. We are also requesting that parishioners receive Holy Communion in their hands. The chalice will not be offered at this time. We thank you for your understanding.

### Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of: €100, €50, €40 & €30. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

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

Table Quiz in aid of Cathedral Restoration Appeal due to take place on 28th March is postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date.

Labhair Gaeilge Linn! During the month of March, we are embracing the Irish Language in our Liturgies.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 8th March 2020 €6,824.71

### St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday 17th March we celebrate the Feast of our National Apostle, St. Patrick.



#### Vigil Masses on Monday evening

6.30pm Cathedral  
7pm St. Josephs  
7.30pm Friary

#### St. Patrick's Day

7.30am & 11am Cloughleigh  
9.30am & 11.30am Cathedral  
10am & 11.45am St. Joseph's

All Masses will be Celebrated behind closed doors. Mass from the Cathedral can be view on the webcam - [www.ennisparish.com](http://www.ennisparish.com)

Please note there will be no evening Mass in Ennis on St. Patrick's Day.

## LENT 2020



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

**Late nights on Monday Night:** For the six Mondays of Lent 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.

## Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

An Triú Domhnach den Charghas  
Is é seo an triú Domhnach den Charghas.  
Táimid leath bealaigh tríd an gCarghas agus is féidir linn ár ruín a athnuachan. Inniu, léiríonn Íosa dúinn gurb é féin foinse na beatha síoraí. Is sa Tiarna amháin, is féidir linn an tart is bunúsáí a shásamh.

Ceiliúraimid Lá Fhéile Naomh Pádraig Éarlaimh na hÉireann ar 17 Márta, ní hamháin in Éirinn ach ar fud an domhain mhóir. Guím beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig ar chách inniu. *Go raibh sibh daibhir i mí -adh agus saibhir i mbeannachtaí. Go mall ag déanamh namhaid, go luath ag déanamh cairde ach saibhir nó daibhir go mall nó go luath nach raibh ach áthas oraibh ón lá seo amach.*

A Íosa Críost, thaisil tú trí bhailte agus sráidbhailte ag cur cóir leighis ar gach galar agus ag freastal ar dhaoine breoite. Tar i gcabhair orainn anois agus cuir cosc ar leathadh domhanda an choróinvíreas agus tú ag léiriú do ghrá dúinn. Leighis iad siúd atá tinn de bharr an víris. *Go raibh a neart agus a sláinte acu trí chúram leighis ardchaighdeán. Saor sinn ó eagla a chuireann cosc ar náisiúin oibriú le chéile agus ar chomharsa ó chabhrú lena chéile. Áiméan.*

This is the third Sunday of Lent. We are halfway through the season of Lent and we can renew our resolutions. Today, Jesus shows us that he is the source of eternal life. Only in him alone can we satisfy the most fundamental thirst. We celebrate St. Patrick's Day the feast of our Patron Saint on March 17. He will be honoured not only here but throughout the world. *This is my prayer for all. May your misfortunes be few and rich in blessings May you be slow to make enemies and quick to make friends but rich or poor quick or slow may you know nothing but happiness from this day forward. Amen*

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, as the coronavirus spreads worldwide, so that we may experience your healing love. *May the sick regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another. Amen.*

### Rest in Peace

Dolores Kensen nee Daly, Drimeen, Darragh, died in USA;  
May Henry, Hollymount, Co. Mayo, mother of Ann Tierney, Old Gort Rd.  
Anna Clancy (nee Haugh), Lissycasey, sister of Sr. Teresa, Sr. Xavier's Convent,  
Helen Magnier, Avalon, Francis St,

*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.*

**Trócaire Lenten Campaign.** As we journey through Lent, we are aware of the cry of the poor in many different parts of the world especially in famine areas of Africa and central Africa. Nobody gets to heaven without a letter of reference from the poor. Trócaire boxes are available in all our churches.

### Newly Baptised

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

Lauren Mary Fielding,  
Ciara Claire Daly,  
Dáithí Thomas Brennan,  
Samuel Alan Anderson.



**Clare vs Limerick Up for the Match,** in aid of Cahercalla Hospice and Cliona's Foundation. Woodstock Hotel, May 29th. Based on the RTE programme this event features appearances from Anthony Daly, Ollie Baker, Cyril Lyons, Fergus Tuohy, Ciaran Carey, T.J. Ryan and many more. Music on the night from Kieran McDermott & Dennis Allen. Guest appearance from Michael O'Muirceartaigh. Tickets at Ennis Parish Office, Tom O'Donnell Sports shop and Mary Kelly's newsagents .

### 'Do This in Memory' - First Communion Programme.

**The Creed:** After the homily the priest invites us to stand and profess our faith. We do this by saying the Creed. There are two Creeds that can be said at Mass; the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed. The Creed tells us simply what we believe as members of the Church. We stand to show that we are proud to be followers and friends of Jesus.

**Prayer of the Faithful:** During this time we pray for all our needs, particularly for the Church, the leaders of our country, those who are sick and in need of God's healing and those who have died. The Prayer of the Faithful is normally spoken by the Minister of the Word on our behalf. At the end of each prayer there is a moment of silence and then the Minister of the Word says: 'Lord hear us ' or 'We Pray to the Lord', and we answer, 'Lord graciously hear us' or 'Lord hear our prayer'.

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



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
For he rescues my feet from the snare  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
For I am alone and poor.

### 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 Exodus. Ex 17.3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the people of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

### The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

#### Response:

***O that today you would listen to His voice: 'Harden not your hearts'.***

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
Hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before Him, giving thanks,  
With songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
Let us kneel before the God who made us  
For he is our God and we  
The people who belong to his pasture,  
The flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the desert,

when your fathers put me to the test;  
When they tried me,  
though they saw my work.' **R.**

### A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. Rm 5.1-2, 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given us. We were still helpless when at the appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

### The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

**Lord, you are really the Saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.**

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jn 4.:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

"If you only knew what God is offering  
and who it is that is saying to you:  
Give me a drink,  
you would have been the one  
to ask,  
and he would have given you  
living water.'  
'You have no bucket, sir,' she  
answered 'and the well is deep: how could

you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again:

but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give

will never be thirsty again:  
the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.'

### 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

**For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.**