



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

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A) 22nd March, 2020

A Mother's Day

We celebrate Mother's Day this weekend in unusual circumstances. This year it may not be possible to visit your mother or grandmother in person. For many, after a week of close bonding, it may become a little more challenging to show our love. I wonder is this a typical Mother's Day at the present time.

A Mother's Day

Are you up yet?

Make your bed....

Did you brush your teeth?...

Who left that there?...

Leave your sister alone...

Take your coat...

Have you got your lunch?...

Hurry Up!...

Did you say your prayers?...

What's going on in there ?...

Don't argue with me...

You'll do it because I say so...

I mean it!...

Go to your room...

Get off the phone...

Give my head peace...

More what?... More 'please' - that's better.

Ask your father...

Set the table...

We'll see...

Tough!...

Eat your vegetables!...

I said 'Stop it' ...

What's wrong?...

Don't worry...

Calm down...

I love you...

Give me a hug...

Give me a kiss...

Goodnight...

God Bless...



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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

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**
Mon: 7.40am: Michael & Mary Meehan, Summerhill.
11am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Special Intention.
Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Gary Kelly, Ennis & Delia Keary, Crusheen.
Wed: 7.40am: Colin Paul, Maiville.
11am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: James Brohan, Cloughleigh Rd.
Thurs: 7.40am: Fr. Francis Meehan, Summerhill.
11am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Special Intention.
Fri: 7.40am Mass for the People.
11am: Patrick McInerney, Dalcassian Pk.
Pakie Murrhy, Mullagh.
7.30pm: Canon Pat Taaffe, Cathedral House. **MM**
Sat: 11am: Martin Hogan, St. Flannan's Tce.
Thomas Walsh, Spain & Clonroad.
Seán Cronin, Mountain View.
6.30pm: Tom & Mgt Coughlan, Clonroadbeg.
Margaret Spellissy, Steele's Tce.
Sun 29th: 9.30am: Nono Lynch, Dalcassian Ave.
11.30am: Mary Hynes, Clare Rd.
John Staunton, Gallows Hill. **1st Anniv**
Jim Kitson, Claureen Drive.
Bernadette Roche, Ennis.
May McEnery & family, Kilrush Rd.

Masses Requested

Masses already arranged and requested for Cloughleigh will be offered in the Cathedral at 11am with the exception of weekend Masses.

Fr. John is offering the Masses in St. Joseph's Church at the normal times.

All of these Masses will be celebrated behind closed doors at the present time.

Daily Programme for this week in the Cathedral.

Monday - Friday

7.30am	Morning Prayer
7.40am	Mass
11am	Mass & Rosary
7.30pm	Mass & Rosary

Saturday

11am	Mass & Rosary
6.30pm	Mass

Sunday

9.30am & 11.30am Mass

All ceremonies take place behind closed doors at the present time but can be viewed on the parish webcam www.ennisparish.com/webcam and on our 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.

An Hour of Prayer

On Monday night from 8pm to 9pm in the Cathedral we will stream live and broadcast from behind closed doors a conducted hour of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We invite you from your home to join us for this hour of prayer.

Viral Infection Precautions

As you will be aware COVID-19 also known as coronavirus is an illness that can affect your lungs and airways. Because it's a new virus, it is not known how easily it spreads from person to person. We thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

Coronavirus Support. The Irish Red Cross Clare with the support of Clare GAA Clubs & Local Community Groups are offering assistance to anyone who may find it difficult to get access in getting your medications, food supplies and household essentials. We are here to support you where possible; please watch out for neighbours. If you or someone you know requires this support please contact our Community Support Officer James Lafferty on 086 8323456.

Hospital & Sick Calls

22nd March 2020

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman

Please call: 065 6869098

Friary News

Confession in the Friary have been cancelled until further notice.

A Message from the Poor Clare Sisters



In the light of the recent guidance from the government about Covid-19, we regret to tell you that we, the Poor Clare Sisters, will not be meeting people at reception for the moment. Our front door will be closed. If you have prayer intentions or need to get a message to the community, please write a note and put it in the letter box. Your intentions will be prayed for, and your letter acknowledged. It goes without saying that we hold all our relations, friends and benefactors very much in our prayers at this difficult time. Our Chapel is closed until further notice

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 22nd 11am: Patrick, Mary Ann & J.J. Fitzpatrick, Circular Rd. Ennis & Ennistymon.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 29th 11am: Decd Mc Gowan & Frawley families.

St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 22nd 10am: Joan Crowe **1st Anniv** & Tristan Rose Crowe, Willow Park.
11.45: Marian & Patrick Watson, Fergus Park.
Mon 10.30am: Special Intention.
Tues 10.30am: Special Intention.
Wed 10.30am: Mary & Patrick Lafferty, Lisdoonvarna.
Thu 10.30am: Patrick Duggan, Connolly Villas.
Fri 10.30am: Harry Ballinger, Gort Rd.
Sat 10.30am: Shirley Mc Nevin, Corrovorrin Green.
7pm: Joe Skelly, New Rd.
Paddy Greene, Corrovorrin Ave.
Sun 29th 10am: Paul Glynn, Corrovorrin.
11.45: Martin & Kathleen Kelly, Old Gort Rd.
Baby Emma, Toonagh.

Rest in Peace

Mary Cornu nee Heffernan, Ennis Nursing Home and formerly of O'Connell Square,
Martha Casey, Ruan,
Sr. Dympna Stack, Mountbellow, Co Galway, sister of Tom Stack, Lifford Rd.



*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.*

A Mother's Love



Some day when my children are old enough to understand. I will tell them:

I loved you enough to ask you about where you were going, with whom and what time you would get home.

I loved you enough to insist that you buy a bike, that we could afford to give you, with your own money.

I loved you enough to make you return a Milky Way with a bite out of it and confess "I stole this".

I loved you enough to let you see hurt, disappointment, disgust and tears in my eyes.

I loved you enough to admit I was wrong and ask for your forgiveness.

I loved you enough to let you stumble, fall and hurt.

But most of all I loved you enough to say "No" when you hated me for it.
That was the hardest part of all.

Happy Mother's Day

LENT 2020



Our Parish Lenten theme this year is
"Lord, teach us to pray"

At this mid way journey through Lent we
continue to pray for each other.

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.

A Prayer for Healthcare Workers

During this time of Coronavirus COVID –19

Loving God

We place into your care
All our doctors, nurses
and healthcare workers.

Give them courage of heart
And strength of mind and body.

Keep them safe from harm.
May they know our deep gratitude
for all they are doing
to heal and help those affected by
the coronavirus.

God of all consolation
may they know your
protection and peace.
Bless them in these
challenging days
and bless their families.
Amen

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach *Laetare*.

Inniu Domhnach *Laetare*. Ciallaíonn an focal Laidine *Laetare*, lúcháir. Tosaíonn an tAifreann: 'Bíodh lúcháir ort, a Iarúsailéim'. Meabhraíonn an Scríptúr dúinn go bhfuil cúis ghairdis sa Tiarna againn. Caitheann an sagart éide rósach agus an tAifreann á léamh aige inniu. De ghnáth ní bhíonn aon bhláthanna ar an altóir le linn an Charghais ach is féidir iad a bheith ann inniu. Fadó ní bhíodh an t- orgán le clos sa Charghas ach amháin ar Dhomhnach *Laetare*. Ceiliúrtar Lá na Máthar ar an gceathrú Domhnach den Charghas gach bliain. Go raibh lá sona, saor ó bhuairt ag gach máthair inniu. Guímid go mbeidh cosc ar leathadh domhanda an *Vireascorónach*, agus go mbeidh rath Dé ar an méid atá á dhéanamh ag saineolaithe dul i ngleic leis.

A Dhia, trócaireach, uilechumhachtach, taispeánann tú do ghrá don chruthaíocht go léir. Éist lenár bpaidreacha dóibh siúd go léir atá faoi thionchar an Vireascorónach in Eirinn agus in áiteanna éagsúla ar fud an domhain. Tagaimid i do láthair ag iarraidh ort smacht tapa a chur ar an ráig. Go raibh leigheas ar fáil dóibh siúd atá buailte ag an ngalar, do na híospartaigh agus dá dteaghlaigh. Guímid ar dhochtúirí atá ag déanamh taighde go bhfaighfear vacsaín éifeachtach chun an bhreiteacht a chomhrac. Guimis ar son an Rialtais agus na n-údarás sláinte go nglacfaidh siad bealach iomchuí chun leasa daoine. Déanaimid an phaidir seo trí Chríost ár dTiarna. Áiméan.

Today is *Laetare* Sunday from the Latin word meaning rejoice!. The Entrance Antiphon begins: Rejoice Jerusalem! The Scriptures tell us that we have good reason to rejoice in the Lord. The priest wears rose coloured vestments today. There are usually no flowers on the altar during Lent but today is an exception. In times past the organ was silent during Lent but played on *Laetare* Sunday.

Mother's Day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent each year. May every mother have a happy and joy filled day. We pray for an end to the spread of the Coronavirus.

Almighty and merciful God you show your love to all creation everywhere. Hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the Coronavirus in Ireland and in various parts of the world. We come before you asking for a quick control of the outbreak, for healing for those affected, for the victims and their families. We pray for doctors doing research that an effective vaccine to combat the sickness will be speedily found. We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of people. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Trócaire Lenten Campaign



On the fourth week of our Lenten Journey of helping the poor. Despite the challenges we are facing as a nation at the present time, we continue to reach out to the poor and especially during Lent with our Trócaire Box. "Nobody gets to Heaven without a letter of reference from the poor"
Every cent and euro do make a difference

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of: €1,145, €100 & €40. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.
All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.

'Do this in Memory' Holy Communion Programme

The Liturgy of the Eucharist—We bring our Gifts: During this part of the Mass we move from the ambo to the altar. We have heard the Word of God and now we come to share in the Bread of Life at the altar. The first part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist is about preparing the gifts that we bring to the altar. The most important gifts that we bring are the bread and wine. The bread is placed on a paten.

The wine is in a glass jug. These gifts are placed on the altar. One of the first gifts that you will notice being prepared is the gift of money. You will see people moving through the church with a basket or a bag for the collection. Everyone is asked to put some money into the basket or bag. This money helps to pay for all the things that are done in the parish, including helping those who may not have enough for themselves. *Excerpt from 'Learning About the Mass with Kath and Quemen'*



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
Exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

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 first book of Samuel.

1 Sam 16:1., 6-7, 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons." When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him", but the Lord said to Samuel, "Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart". Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these". He then asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" He answered, "There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep". Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes". Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said "Come, anoint him, for this is the one". At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and David stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

R

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook
and your staff;
with these you give me comfort

R

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

R

Surely goodness and kindness
shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

R

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Ep 5.8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

**Glorify to you, O Christ,
you are the Word of God!
I am the light of the world,
says the Lord;
Anyone who follows me will have the light
of life.**

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jn 9:1.41

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I

can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the Sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped 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

**The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I
washed, I saw and I believed in God.**