

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.

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Second Sunday of Lent (Year A) 8th March, 2020

Called in Quiet

Let us today reflect on the Jesus of history. He lived in a country that was occupied by the Romans. They were strong and powerful masters and ruled most of the known world of their time. Violence and killing were everywhere, crucifixions were common for people who did not comply. Huge taxes were also demanded by the Romans and their supporters.

The Jewish people, who were relatively few in numbers, had been in and out of exile for many years and many wished to be rid of the Roman domination. Different people, at different times, tried to rise up against the Romans, but they were not strong enough or powerful enough and all their efforts came to nothing.

Jesus now appeared on the scene; he was young and strong and able to speak out boldly against many of the wrongs in his society. He attracted many followers and many wondered if he could be the new leader that would liberate Israel. Many people would have liked Jesus to do things their way, but he took lots of time to fashion and mould his disciples to see as he saw, to be able to understand and to follow his way. Many of his disciples must have asked themselves questions about Jesus; there was so much about him that they could not understand. Was he really the one?

It was because of all this that Jesus led Peter, James and John up the high mountain and he was transfigured there in their presence. There, they saw a different side of Jesus and

experienced his closeness to the Father and to the past. They were over-awed and yet could not explain or understand.

In everything in life the ordinary and the extraordinary sit side by side, the natural and the supernatural. In the ordinary Jesus, the disciples saw the extraordinary and supernatural Jesus. All of us are his followers, his disciples, his co-workers. The future is in our hands. We bring salvation and liberty to people's lives. We have a responsibility to transform our world.

In walking in his way, in doing all of the ordinary things, in a very Christian and Christ like way, we can change our world. We are extraordinary people and yet like Peter, James and John, we don't understand, we don't know.

We are, however, like Abraham being called in quiet faith to venture out into the unknown.

For we walk by

Faith

not by sight

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Moira Coffey, Claureen 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.

Mon: 7.40am: Special Intention.
11am: Donor Intentions.

7.30pm: Sean Dinan, St. Michael's Villas.
Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Thomas & Catherine Kearney;
Michael & Maureen Rice, Summerhill.

6pm: Ennis National School, First Confession.
7.30pm: Tony Coffey, Clancy Park.

8pm: Ennis National School—Ceremony of Light.
Wed: 7.40am: Patrick & Margaret Doohan, Summerhill.

11am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Special Intention.

Thurs: 7.40am: Ann Cullinan Fitzgerald, Drumcliffe
& Shannon.

11am: McNamara family, Ard na Gréine.
James & Mary Farrell, Lanesborough, Longford.

7.30pm: Matt, Mary & Harry Hogan, Tobertaoscaín.
Richard Crotty, Willow Pk.

8pm: Ceremony of Light—Holy Family School.
Fri: 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Confirmation Ennis National School
7.30pm: Mass for the People.

Sat: 11am: James & Mary McMahon, Summerhill.
Josephine Craig, Meadow Court.

Pauline Saunderson, Rockmount Bridge. **MM.**
6.30pm: Francis Cosgrove, Ard na Gréine.

Brassil Family, Ennis & Kilrush.
Tom Sheehan, Brookville.
Frank McMahon, Drumcaranmore, Loughville.
Tom, Breda & Tomás Mannon, Highfield Park.
Paddy & Peggy Roughan, Fountain.

Sun 15th 9.30am: Special Intention.

11.30am: Hal & Eva Frazer, Ennis.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 15th March, 2020

Readers: Group 6

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 8th 11am: Derek Purtil, Hermitage.
Mon 9.30am: Patrick & Mary Finlay, Portumna.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Anna Moroney, Cornmarket & USA.

Sun 15th 8am: Leo Guy, Circular Rd.

11am: Paddy, Kitty & Martin Kennedy, Fountain.

Confirmation

On Friday next Bishop Fintan will confirm the boys & girls of sixth class of Ennis National School at 11am in the Cathedral.

Hospital & Sick Calls

15th March, 2020

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Pat Malone

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Newly Baptised

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



Alex Joseph McMahon
Lucie Aimee Reidy

Coronavirus: 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 hand.
- The chalice will not be offered at this time.

We thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Bishop Fintan has initiated a diocese-wide process of reflection and planning over the next 18 months. The aim is to help parishes and pastoral areas to think about and plan for the future. The first part of this process, called *Let's Imagine*, will take place from March to May 2020. People who are thinking and writing about the future of the Irish Church will offer presentations at different venues across the Diocese. The first of these takes place this coming week.

Fr Michael Conway, from Maynooth College, will speak on *The Church of the Future* in Milltown Malbay Community Centre on Wed, March 11th at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome to attend. Bishop Fintan especially encourages the participation of members of Pastoral Councils and Pastoral Area Groups.



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: Joe Conway, Corrovorrin Drive.

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

Mon 10.30am: Mary & Michael Doherty & daughters,
Mc Namara Pk.

Tues 10.30am: John Burke, Carlow.

Wed 10.30am: Maureen O'Keeffe, Lifford Rd.

Fri 10.30am: Francie Mangan, Corrovorrin Grove. **MM.**

Sat 10.30am: Joan & Tristan Crowe, Willow Park.

7pm: Mary McDonagh, Milltown Malbay.

Sun 15th 10am: Joe Moroney, Corrovorrin, Tulla Rd.

11.45am: Tina Connole, Pat & Mary O'Brien, Carron.

Thank You

The priests of the parish deeply appreciate the support and kindness experienced on the death of Canon Pat Taaffe. To all the people who attended the reposing, Mass and burial, we extend our heartfelt appreciation. A special word of thanks to the staff of the Cathedral, Cathedral House and Parish Office whose work over those days is especially appreciated.

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donation of: €500, €95 & €50. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.

A special word of thanks to the family of the late Pat Jones for donations received in lieu of flowers on the death of Pat.

Ennis Parish Faith Friends' Confirmation Programme

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

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

Holy Family: Thursdays 12th March 7-8pm

At this session at 8pm children will join their parents in the Cathedral for Ceremony of light. This ceremony calls us to continue to encourage the children to live out the call of Confirmation & Baptism.

Parents please bring your child's Baptism Candle.

Rest in Peace

Canon Pat Taaffe, Ennis & Tubber,

Patrick (Paddy) Murphy, Circular Rd.,

John Considine, England, brother of Sr Ann Considine, Ardlea Close.

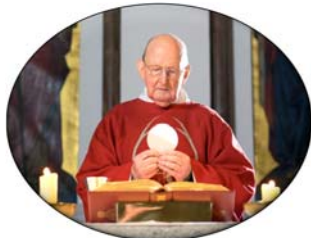
Gerard Dilger, Lexington, Kentucky, U.S.A. & formerly Hermitage, brother of Mary Stack, Ivy Hill & Michael Dilger, Clarecastle.

*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.*



Canon Pat Taaffe
1929 – 2020



On Monday & Tuesday of the past week Canon Pat Taaffe's body lay in a coffin at the foot of the altar in the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul where he celebrated Mass daily for over 35 years. The coffin was a little bit bigger than the cot he began life's journey in on Christmas Eve 90 years ago when he was born into the family of George and Sabina Taaffe in Tubber.

Last August it was thought advisable that the late Canon Pat go into hospital for a medical examination. There were signs that all was not well. He returned home but it was necessary to move to Carrigoran Nursing Home where he died peacefully surrounded by his family on Saturday 29th February.

What endeared Canon Pat to the people of Florida, Doonbeg, Corofin and Ennis was his unassuming naturalness. Although he was uncomfortably shy, he had a marvellous gift for identifying with ordinary people in their everyday lives. This had to do with his love of people and sense of place.

The quality that endeared him to us most of all was his kindness. In the Spirit of Gospel values and in the discharge of his responsibility as a shepherd he cared for his sheep. There are people in Florida, Doonbeg, Corofin & Ennis who have personal experience of his kindness. He was renowned for his memory for names.

Canon Pat was a man of prayer, daily prayer of the Church, Mass & Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Such a life of prayer, gave him the strength to be the Priest we all experienced in his company.

After almost 64 years of faithful service as a priest, the Lord has now called Canon Pat home. At the end of his earthly life we celebrate a man of faith who loved and laughed and embraced life fully. A man who loved his family, parishioners and friends, who was open handed and open hearted to all. Canon Pat was a blessing to us all and for this we give thanks to God, whose call he answered so faithfully throughout the 90 years he lived on this earth.

To Canon Pat's family, his brothers George & John and their families, your love and care for Canon Pat was evident, not just in your tears but in your extraordinary devotion to him down through the years. The humanity and spirituality that we saw in him is part of your legacy. The Taaffe family has enriched the Diocese of Killaloe. Thank you. May you always take pride in his memory and may the Lord have mercy on his gentle soul.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam usal.

Note of interest: We thank Canon Pat for introducing the Parish Newsletter to Ennis Parish in December 1973.

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

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.

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 12th March at 8.15pm - **Prayer – An experience of the Taizé Prayer Tradition** – Fr. Jerry Carey.

Pope Francis

On Friday 13th March Pope Francis will celebrate his 7th Anniversary as our Pope. Please pray for him this week.

Medjugorje Prayer Meeting Thursday 12th March; 7pm; Crying Room, Clarecastle Church.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 1st March, 2020 €6,959
Education Fund: €3,236

Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Féile na hInse

Ceiliúrtar Aifreann Fhéile na hInse inniu ag tabhairt molta agus glóire do Dhia as na tallanna go léir a bhronnann Sé ar aos óg ár linne. Tá an Fhéile á réachtáil ó 1983 agus éileamh seasta uirthi. Cuidíonn sí go mór leis an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn ó cheann ceann an réigiúin.

Tá an Coiste fíorbhuíoch do na daltaí go léir a ghlacann páirt sna comórtais éagsúla. Molaimid go mór a dtuismitheoirí, a múinteoirí, ár moltóirí agus gach duine a thugann tacaíocht dúinn. Go maire an Ghaeilge slán.

Seo a leanas Paidir do Ghaeilgeoirí:

A Thiarna, labhair tú leis na ciníochá ina dteangacha dílse féin Domhnach Cincise. Labhair tú fós le muintir na hÉireann ina dteanga féin trí Phádraig, Bhríd, Cholm Cille agus naoimh uile ár dtíre. Soilsigh ár n-aigne chun urraim a thabhairt don oidhreacht uasal a tháinig chugainn tríd an teanga sin, agus neartaigh ár dtoil chun í a shlánú agus a láidriú chun do ghlóire féin agus onóir na hÉireann trí Chríost ár dTiarna Áiméan.

Guímis ar son ár bpolaiteoirí atá ag iarraidh rialtas a bhunú:

A Dhia Uilechumhachtaigh, Foinse na Gaoise, iarraidimid ort na polaiteoirí náisiúnta atá tofa againn a bheannú. Tabhair sin dóibh trína bplé agus trína gcinntí ionas gur féidir linn ár gcuid fadhbanna a réiteach go héifeachtach, feabhas a chur ar fholláine ár náisiúin, agus sochaí níos cothroime agus níos aontaithe a bhaint amach le chéile. Áiméan.

We celebrate, praise and thank God for the gifts and talents with which our young people are endowed in the Féile na hInse Mass today. Féile na hInse has been an annual event since 1983 and is always well supported. We take pride in and pay tribute to our songs, stories, poetry and music in the Irish language in the various competitions. The Committee is very grateful to the students who compete. We appreciate the support of parents, teachers, adjudicators and all who assist. May the Irish language never be forgotten

Prayer for Irish speakers: *Lord, you spoke to the nations in their own languages on Pentecost Sunday. You spoke to the people of Ireland in their language through Patrick, Bríd, Colmille and all our saints. Enlighten our minds to respect the noble heritage that came to us through that language, and increase our desire to secure and strengthen it for your glory and the honour of Ireland through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Let us pray for our politicians as they endeavour to establish a government:

Eternal God, Fount of wisdom, we ask you to bless the national leaders we have elected.

Grant that through their discussions and decisions we may solve our problems effectively, enhance the well-being of our nation, and achieve together a fairer and more united society. Amen.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken:
Seek his face.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from 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.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Gn 12.1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

*R: May your love be upon us, O Lord,
As we place all our hope in you.*

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. R.

The Lord looks on those
who revere him,
On those who hope in his love,
To rescue their souls from death,
To keep them alive in famine. R.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
As we place all our hope in you. R.

A reading from the second letter of
St. Paul to Timothy.

2 Tm 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice
was heard:

"This is my Son, the Beloved.

Listen to Him!"

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew.

Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they

saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

This is my beloved Son, with whom
I am well pleased; listen to him.