

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

Easter Sunday (Year A) 12th April, 2020

The Virus - an end or a beginning?

I am a strong believer that there is a spiritual purpose behind everything that happens, whether that is perceived as being good or bad.

The Covit-19 virus is reminding us that we are all equal, regardless of our culture, religion, occupation, financial situation or how famous we are. This disease treats us all equally.

It is reminding us that we are all connected and that what has an affect on one person also has an affect on another. It is reminding us of how precious our health is. The shortness of life, our mortality and life after death, have never before been in such sharp focus. It is reminding us that, when the chips are down, it is only the essentials that all of us really need, water, food, medicine, and not the luxuries of life. It is forcing us back into our houses so that we can rebuild them into our homes and strengthen our family units. It is reminding us that we can be patient or we can panic. It is reminding us that after every dark night there is the dawn and that 'this too will pass'. It is reminding us to be generous and not selfish... in the

darkest hours the brightest stars shall shine. Above all, it is reminding us that we are in God's loving care and that He will carry us through this.

And then one day

The fog of fear lifted

Gently

The night of anxiety passed

Quietly

And the pain of sickness and death eased

Palpably.



We, your Poor Clare Sisters, in our Monastery in Francis Street hold you in our hearts at prayer during this difficult time. May you and your loved ones be blessed as you celebrate the true meaning of Easter, moving from the reflection of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday and the promise of eternal life.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Holy Saturday;
Easter Sunday;**

Mon: 11am: P.J. Coote, Cahercalla.
Jim & Nora O'Loughlin, Clonroad.
Patrick, Elizabeth, Michael & John O'Rourke, Whitegate.
7.30pm: Tom Linnane, Listowel.

Tues: 11am: Martin Higgins, Drumbiggle Road.
7.30pm: Martin, Teresa & Phillis O'Grady, Turnpike Rd.

Wed: 11am: Norrie Power, Ennis.
Pat Guthrie, Wellington Green, Dublin.
P.J. Meaney, Cranny.

7.30pm: Patricia McCarthy, Hermitage.
Mary, Paddy & Jack Moroney;
Hermitage & Droicheadnagower.

Thurs: 11am: Josephine & Denis Rice;
Maureen McAllister, Circular Rd;
Malone Family Francis Street.
Margaret Ryan & Family, Tipperary.
John O'Halloran, Considines Tce.
Noreen Considine.

7.30pm: Fr. Tony Cronin, Clonroad.

Fri: 11am: Tom & Aoife Devitt, Derryharrive, Inagh.
Donors Intention.

7.30pm: Frank Roche, Dalcassian Park
Assumpta Whelan, Iniscarragh. **1st Anniv**

Sat: 11am: Lily Cleary, Ennis.
Tony, Patrick & Dolly Lillis, Edenvale.

6.30pm: Eileen Gannon nee Hogan John Paul Ave;
& formally Clonwilliam, Crusheen. **1st Anniv.**
Brid McCullough, Dalcassian Drive. **1st Anniv.**
Jim Ball, Connolly Villas.
Deceased Griffin Family, Tullabrack, Kilrush.
Kathleen McNamara, Glensheen.
Mortimer Guthrie, Loughville.

Sun : 9.30am: Mae Torpey, Mullagh.
Michael Larkin, Cusack Road.
John Feeney, St. Michael's Villas & Manchester.

11.30am: William McGovern, College View.
Enid O'Loughlin, Corrovorrin Grove.
Monica Brooks, Drumcaurin.
Danny & Agnes Griffin, Dysart;
David Smith.

Mary Harkus nee Coffee late Hollyhead & Hermitage.
Christy & Breda Carpenter & Family, Hermitage Road.

Hospital & Sick Calls

12th April, 2020

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Joy

Please call: 065 6869098

An act of Spiritual Communion

While we cannot receive communion at this time we can still make an act of Spiritual Communion in which we express our faith in Jesus and in his presence in the Eucharist and invite him to unite himself with us.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
And I desire to receive you
into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually
into my heart.
I embrace you as if you
were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be
separated from you.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori)

O Sacrament Most Holy,
O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and thanksgiving
be every moment thine! x3

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:

**Holy Saturday
Easter Sunday**

Mon 10.30am: Bunny Moloney nee Brigdale, Steeles Tce.
Tues 10.30am: Tom & Mae Minitier, Kincora Pk.
Wed 10.30am: Syl Congrove, Fernhill.
Thu 10.30am: Tommy Moloney, Marian Ave.
Fri 10.30am: Michael Meaney, Lissycasey.
Sat 10.30am: Joe Daly, Lifford Rd. **1st Anniv.**
7pm: Denis McInerney, Shannon Park.
Sun 10am: Eileen & PJ O'Loughlin, Kevin Barry Ave.

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge a 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.

Trócaire
Working for a just world.

Now that Lent has concluded the challenge of collecting Trócaire Boxes and contributions begins. This year when our Churches re-open and it is safe to come out again, please bring your Trócaire box, so that the poorest of the poor are not forgotten. "You cannot get to Heaven without a letter of reference from the Poor."

Rest in Peace

Bernie McDonagh, John Paul Ave; **Margaret Owens**, Kincora Park; **Bridie Butler**, Marian Ave; **Noel Shannon**, Clarecastle; **Jim Friel**, Dungiven, Co. Derry, father of Margaret Conneely, Springfield; **Mairéad Moroney**, Gort Road;



*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.*

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Easter Sunday

Tue 9.30am: Novena Mass.
Sun 11am: Jimmy Frawley, Woodlawn.
Seamus McNamara, Kilkishen & London.

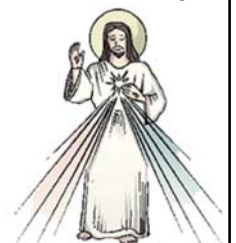
Moveable Feast

In A.D. 325, the Council of Nicaea was convened by Emperor Constantine. Until then Easter had been celebrated on different days of the week. That Council, however, decreed that Easter be celebrated on a Sunday -- between the dates of March 22nd and April 25th. The pagan festival of Eastre occurred at the same time of year as the Christian observance of the Resurrection of Christ. As Christian converts were slowly won over, it made sense to alter the festival and make it a Christian celebration. The early name, Eastre, was eventually changed to its modern spelling, Easter.

Clare Covid-19 community response helpline: The helpline can put you in touch with local volunteers who can assist with delivering basic needs such as shopping, medicine, fuel, farming support etc. to those who need it.
Tel: 1890 252943 Email: covidsupport@clarecoco.ie

Novena to the Divine Mercy

Fr. Joy and Antun our seminarian will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day this week at 3pm from the Cathedral in preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy next Sunday



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. We invite you from your home to join us during this hour of prayer.

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 remain closed until further notice. Arrangements will be made for Funerals. **The parish office will remain closed at present.** A priest will remain on duty and can be contacted on 065 6869098.

We thank parishioners and benefactors who have left offerings into the Cathedral, and to the Friars and Poor Clare Sisters at this time.

Daily Programme for Easter Week in the Cathedral

Easter Sunday:	9.30am & 11.30am: - Mass & Rosary 3pm: Divine Mercy Novena.
Easter Monday:	11am: Mass & Rosary; 3pm: Divine Mercy Novena. 7.30pm: Mass & Rosary; 8pm - 9pm: Holy Hour.
Easter Tuesday:	8.30am: Morning Prayer & Mass 11am: Mass & Rosary; 3pm: Divine Mercy Novena. 7.30pm: Mass & Rosary.
Easter Wednesday:	8.30am: Morning Prayer & Mass 11am: Mass & Rosary; 3pm: Divine Mercy Novena. 7.30pm: Mass & Rosary.
Easter Thursday:	8.30am: Morning Prayer & Mass 11am: Mass & Rosary; 3pm: Divine Mercy Novena. 7.30pm: Mass & Rosary.
Easter Friday:	8.30am: Morning Prayer & Mass 11am: Mass & Rosary; 3pm: Divine Mercy Novena. 7.30pm: Mass & Rosary.
Easter Saturday:	11am: Mass & Rosary; 3pm: Divine Mercy Novena. 6.30pm Vigil Mass & Rosary;



Easter Blessings

"Go forth in peace.
Be still within yourself,
know that the trail is beautiful.
May the winds be gentle
upon your face,
And your direction
be straight and true
as the flight of the eagle.
Walk in beauty and harmony
with God and all people."



These words taken from an Indian Blessing encompasses all the Easter Blessings and Joy we wish for one another at this special and this unique time of year. The Bishop and Priests of the Parish deeply appreciate all the kind and loving ways people journey with us here in Ennis Parish. We are very grateful for the continued support at this very difficult and challenging time for everyone.

A Blessed, happy and peaceful Easter to all.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach Cásca.

Inniu Domhnach Cásca, an fhéile is mó i bhféilire na hEaglaise. Mar sin bímis lúcháireach inniu. Tá daichead lá an Charghais thart fad a bhíomar ag guí, ag déanamh iobairtí agus cleachtaí spioradálta chun a bheith réidh an Cháisca a cheiliúradh le díograis croí agus brí iomlán a bhaint as bás agus aiséirí Chríost. Tá Críost faoi ghloir anois. Nuair a d'aiséirigh sé léirigh sé gur bhuaigh sé ar an mbás, ar an bpeaca agus ar chumhacht an oilc. Chruthaigh sé gurbh É féin Dia. Bhí an tuama folamh agus bhí ionadh an domhain ar a chairde nuair a thaispeáin Íosa é féin dóibh. D'aithin siad é. Chreid siad go raibh sé aiséirithe, agus líonadh a croí le háthas.

Tá go leor seanchas ag baint le hAiséirí Íosa. Anseo in Éirinn chreid ár sinsir go ndearna an ghrian damhsa sa spéir le háthas agus go raibh gach gné den dúlra faoi lúcháir ar Domhnach Cásca de bhri go raibh ar Slánaitheoir ina bheatha arís. Théidís go barr na gcnoc fiú go moch ar maidin chun an t-iontas a fheiceáil.

An Domhnach Cásca seo, caithfidimid fanacht sa bhaile agus páirt a ghlacadh in Aifreann na Cásca ar an Raidió, ar an gCeamara Gréasáin nó ar Straoisleabhar.

Caithfidimid leanúint ar aghaidh ag guí go mbeimid slán agus go mbeidh deireadh leis an Vireaschorónach go luath. Is féidir linn an phaidir chiorclach seo a rá gach maidin.

*Éirim suas le Dia, go n-éirí Dia liom,
Lámh Dé i mo thimpeall, ag sui is ag luí is ag éirí dom. Áiméan.*

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest feast in the Liturgical Calendar. Let us rejoice. We have spent the forty days of Lent praying, making sacrifices and engaging in spiritual exercises in preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. Christ is in glory now. In the Resurrection Jesus showed his victory over death, sin and the power of evil. He proved he was God. The tomb was empty and his friends were surprised when he appeared to them. They recognised him. They believed he had risen from the dead and they were filled with joy.

In Ireland there is much folklore surrounding the Resurrection of Jesus. Our ancestors believed that the sun danced, and that nature celebrated on Easter Sunday because Jesus had risen from the dead. They used to go to the hilltops to see this spectacle.

This Easter Sunday we must stay at home and take part in the Mass on Local or National Radio, on Webcam or on Facebook. We continue to pray that we may be safe from the Coronavirus and that it may soon be overcome. We can say this circular prayer each morning.

*I arise with God, May God rise with me,
God's hand about me as I sit, as I lie and as I rise. Amen.*



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia

To him be glory and power

For all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia

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.

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 Acts of the Apostles

Act10:34.37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:
'You must have heard about the recent
happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of
Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after
John had been preaching baptism. God had
anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with
power, and because God was with him, Jesus
went about doing good and curing all who had
fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and
those with me, can witness to everything he
did throughout the countryside - of Judaea
and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact
that they killed him by hanging him on a tree,
yet three days afterwards God raised him to
life and allowed him to be seen, not by the
whole people but only by certain witnesses
God had chosen beforehand. Now we are
those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk
with him after his resurrection from the dead -
and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his
people and to tell them that God has

appointed him to judge everyone, alive or
dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear
this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will
have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*This day was made by the Lord:
We rejoice and are glad.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

R

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds.

R

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians

Col 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life
with Christ, you must look for the things that
are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at
God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on
heavenly things, not on the things that are on
the earth, because you have died, and now
the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.
But when Christ is revealed - and he is your
life - you too will be revealed in all your glory
with him.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed;
Let us celebrate the feast then, in the
Lord. Alleluia!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jn 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week
and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to
the tomb. She saw that the stone had been
moved away from the tomb and came
running to Simon Peter and the other
disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have
taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and
we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go

to the tomb. They ran together, but the other
disciple, running faster than Peter, reached
the tomb first; he bent down and saw the
linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not
go in. Simon Peter who was following now
came up, went right into the tomb, saw the
linen cloths on the ground, and also the
cloth that had been over his head; this was
not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a
place by itself. Then the other disciple who
had reached the tomb first also went in; he
saw and he believed. Till this moment they
had failed to understand the teaching of
scripture, that he must rise 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

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed,
alleluia;

Therefore let us keep the feast with the
unleavened bread of purity and truth,
alleluia, alleluia.