



# 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:

Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: info@ennisparish.com  
St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6797489; Friary: 6828751

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## Sunday of Divine Mercy (Year A) 19th April, 2020

### H.E.L.P. Hebrews 4:16

So let us keep on coming boldly to the throne of grace, so that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

So, when you need help, step into – or stumble into the throne room of grace and use these four Scriptures as the substance of your prayer.

#### **H - “Hear me lord and answer me for I am poor and needy.” Psalm 86:1**

Beginning with a plea for help is the way to let God know you need Him. And, as you do, you can just lay it all out... I am poor and needy! I am worn out. I am scared. I am totally confused.

Whatever your need is, tell God. Acknowledge that your soul is needy for God's strength and your spirit is poor, humbled, and contrite before Him. He hears you and He will help.

#### **E - “Establish my steps in your word.” Psalm 119:133**

When you ask Him to direct you – to be the captain of the ship as you cross stormy seas! You are asking Him to show you how to stand firm when the wind blows strong and how to run the course He has laid out for you. Tell God you need His direction and ask Him to steady you and keep you walking within the safety of His Word.

#### **L - “Let your compassion quickly meet our needs because we are on the brink of despair.”**

Psalm 79:8 The Psalmist was asking - pleading with God not to hold their past against them but instead, lavish them with His compassion because they were on the edge of despair. Ever felt like that? If you are

on the “brink of despair” because of circumstances that may have roots in your past, ask God to let His compassion lift you from that low place. God's compassion will comfort and strengthen you

#### **P - “Protect me God because I take refuge in You. I say to the Lord, You are my Lord, apart from You I have nothing good.” Psalm 16:1**

Often when we run to God for help, it's because our circumstances or heartache have made us feel vulnerable. And when we feel that way, we just want a refuge - God promises His protection to those who take refuge in Him. Pray along with the Psalmist and adopt His humble spirit. Tell God that outside of Him, you have nothing good to offer or lean on. You don't need to take refuge in your own abilities or strength, you take refuge in Him and He will protect and help you when you need it most.

Let us then with  
**CONFIDENCE**  
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hebrews 4:16

If you need some grace today, come to His throne. If you need mercy or help, walk through the “door,” Jesus Himself the Risen Lord will hear and answer you.

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat 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 19th: 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.

**Mon: 8.30am:** Mary Ellen Mc Inerney, Doorra.

**11am:** Halpin family, late O'Connell St.

**7.30pm:**

**Tues:8.30am** Book of Intentions.

**11am:** Eileen Bennis, St. Joseph's, Limerick.

**7.30pm:** Holy Souls.

**Wed:8.30am:**

**11am:**

**7.30pm:** Katie & Jack Keane, Clonlara.

**Thurs:8.30am:**

**11am:**

**7.30pm:** Veroica Fenton, Ard na Greine.

Decd Kenny family, Ennis;

Enright family, Foynes, Co. Limerick.

Moloney family, Steele's Tce.

Belle & Josephine Broderick, Ardlea Rd.

**Fri:8.30am** Mass for the People.

**11am:** Michael Costello, Cranny.

**7.30pm:**

**Sat:11am:** Ned Collins, St. Flannan's Tce.

**6.30pm:** Bernadette Kelly, Clonroadmore.

Maura Brooks, College Pk.

Mary Finlay, Willsgrove. **1st Anniv**

Rita & Tony Kenny, Hermitage.

Joe Maloney, Laureen.

**Sun 26th: 9.30am:** Elizabeth Neylon, Parnell St.

Teresa & William Clohessy.

Colgan & Lally family.

Rev Doc Ignatius Murphy, Kilkee.

Marie Deegan, Ashfield.

**11.30am:** Frances Eustace, Kilrush Rd.

Joe Maloney, Laureen.

Sr. Mary Corry, Belfast.

Colm Casey, Beechpark.

Paddy & Jane Coffey, Mc Namara Pk.

Mary Carroll, Kilrush Rd.

Christopher Keane, Fergus Pk.

## Hospital & Sick Calls

**19th April, 2020**

**Priest on Duty:**

**Fr. Jerry Carey**

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

### 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](mailto:covidsupport@clarecoco.ie)



## 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:** Denis McInerney, Shannon Park.

**Sun 10am:** Eileen & PJ O'Loughlin, Kevin Barry Ave.

**Mon 10.30am:** Greta, Miko, Jimmy & Mary Ryan, Hermitage.

**Tues 10.30am:** Paddy Keown, Corofin.

**Thu 10.30am:** Mgt Mc Mahon, Inagh. **1st Anniv**

**Fri 10.30am:** Val Hogan, Morrissey Ave.

**Sat 10.30am:** Dwaine Walzer, U.S.A.

**7pm:** Barry Coughlan, Corrovorrin Grove.

Mary & Malty Mc Donagh, Miltown Malbay.

**Sun 26th 11.45am:** Nuala Gallagher, Sligo.

### Priest's Easter Collection, Weekly Parish Collection & Trócaire Lenten Campaign.

Our thanks to the many parishioners who have sent in contributions for the weekly Parish Collection, the Priests Easter collection and the Annual Trócaire appeal. Such generosity and thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

### Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of: €50 & €40. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. *All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.*

## Divine Mercy Sunday

**April 19th 3pm  
Ennis Cathedral**



This special feast was established by Pope John Paul 11 at the Canonisation of St. Faustina Kowalsks 20 years ago. Between 1931-1938 Jesus appeared several times to this humble polish nun and gave her this wonderful devotion to Divine Mercy for everyone. This Sunday afternoon there will be a special devotion in honour of Divine Mercy in the Cathedral at 3pm broadcast on 106.4fm and on our webcam. Fr. Joy and Antun our seminarian will lead the devotions.



## Cloughleigh



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 19th 11am:** Jimmy Frawley, Woodlawn.

Seamus McNamara, Kilkishen & London.

**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.

**Sun 11am:** Eugene White Mungret & Considine Rd.

Fr. Frank, Flan & Cassidy family, Cusack Rd.

## 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](http://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.

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**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

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

## Blood Donation Clinic

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service constantly needs supplies of blood. Blood Donation Clinics have been arranged for the West County Hotel To ensure social distancing donors are required to book an appointment by telephoning 061-306980 for the following clinics .

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	4.15pm to 7.30pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	4.15pm to 7.30pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	4.15pm to 8.00pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	4.15pm to 7.30pm
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	4.15pm to 8.00pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	4.15pm to 8.00pm
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	4.15pm to 8.00pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	4.15pm to 8.00pm



Donors with clinic appointment notifications are exempt from government-imposed travel restrictions in order to give blood.

The IBTS request that donors aged 70 and over do not attend clinics during Covid-19.

## *Sr. Eileen's Cúinne*

Domhnach na Trócaire Diaga /An Dara Domhnach den Cháisc.

Inniu ceiliúrtar Domhnach Thrócaire Dé. Is é Naomh Eoin Pól II a bhunaigh an fhéile seo i mí na Bealtaine 2000. Spreagadh deabhóid Trócaire Dé trí scríbhinní Siúr Faustina, bean rialta ón bPolainn a fuair bás sa bhliain 1938 agus í in aois tríocha trí bhliain. Ní haon rud nua an teachtaireacht maidir le Trócaire Dé. Ach meabhraíonn sé dúinn gur mhúin an Eaglais i gcónaí sa Scriptorium agus sa traidisiún go bhfuil Dia trócaireach agus go bhfuil maithiúnas ar fáil do gach peaca. Tá a thrócaire i bhfad níos mó ná aon pheaca. Níl le déanamh againn ach teacht os comhair Dé go humhail agus muinín a bheith againn as a thrócaire. Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá inniu: ***A Thobair na Beatha, Trócaire Dé glanrúnda, imchluadaigh an domhan uile agus doirt Tú féin anuas orainn. Áiméan.***

Níl an Cháisc seo cosúil le haon Cháisc eile mar tá Éire agus an domhan uile faoi bhagairt ag an Choróinvreas. Tá ár n-idirghníomhaíocht shóisialta teoranta agus tá orainn fanacht sa bhaile amach ó dhaoine. Na bimis in ísle brí dá bharr. Ina theachtaireacht Urbi et Orbi dúirt an Pápa Proinsias linn nach bhfuilimid fágtha inár n-aonar, go bhfuil Críost linn agus aontaithe inár nguí táimid cinnte go bhfuil a lámh leagtha anuas orainn.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. It was instituted by St John Paul II in May 2000. The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina a Polish nun who died in 1938 aged thirty three years. The message of God's Divine Mercy is nothing new. The Church has always taught through Scripture and through tradition that God is merciful, and that forgiveness is available for all sins. His mercy is much greater than any sin. We ought to come before God humbly and with confidence in his Divine Mercy. ***We can say this prayer today; O fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.***

This Easter is different as Ireland and the whole world is threatened by Coronavirus. Our social interaction is limited, and we must stay at home and away from people. Let us not be downhearted. In his Urbi et Orbi Easter message Pope Francis has reminded us that we are not alone but united with Christ in prayer.

## *Rest in Peace*

**Michael Kelly**, Summerhill, **Eoin Boylan**, Dun na hInse, **Colm O'Mahoney**, Ballyea, son of Mary, Phoenix Court, **Teresa Kalkor nee Downes**, New York & Mullagh, sister of Phil Conway, Corrovorrin



*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.*

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,  
who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, 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

Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** 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.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His Love has no end.' *R*

I was thrust, thrust down and falling  
But the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
He was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and victory  
In the tents of the just. *R*

The stone which the builders rejected  
Has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
A marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord:  
We rejoice and are glad. *R*

## A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

1 Pt 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus said:*

*'You believe because you can see me.*

*Happy are those who have not seen*

*and yet believe.'*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jh 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive

they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen  
and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, And do not be unbelieving but believing, Alleluia