

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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Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A) 3rd May, 2020

Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the 4th Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. We are invited to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. ***"The harvest is rich but the labourers few so ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers to his harvest (M+9:37.) Pope Francis calls the church to transform the world to promote vocations with this beautiful prayer."*** May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in our lives to find the courage to say "Yes" to God to overcome all weariness through faith in Christ and make their lives a song of praise to God for their brothers and sisters and for the whole world".

I grew up in the 1950's and 60s when every boy and girl was asked to consider "Do I have a vocation" "am I called to be a priest or a religious sister or religious brother.

I remember well the day Fr. Paddy Doyle MHM came to talk to us in the National School one among many – his words made an impact, a hook in my conscience as something that was being asked of me that I couldn't turn away from. It was a call, so at the tender age of 13, I made my decision to be a missionary priest. I've never looked back or regretted that decision. In servicing people both in Western Kenya where I spent 35 happy years and here at home for the past decade I have found fulfilment happiness and joy.

Vocations to the priesthood and religious life in western Europe are rare these days. Who would ask a young man leaving school these days, would you like to become a priest? Eyebrows would be lifted, parents would be anxious and worried – one could anticipate a hostile negative

reaction. When I first came to Kenya 50 years ago there were very few priests - culture and traditional African customs discouraged young men and women from becoming priests or nuns. Today seminaries and convents are full to overflowing. Last year Mill Hill ordained 17 young men from African and Asithree more than the summer of '69 when I was ordained!!

With our churches locked for weeks depriving us of Mass and the Sacraments we are so grateful to Bishop Fintan and our priests who reached out to us on webcam and social media offering us hope and comfort.



*Grant to your church O Lord
many holy priestly vocations.*

*May ministers of the altar
and of your forgiveness
never be lacking.*

Hospital & Sick Calls:

3rd May, 2020; Priest on Duty: Fr. Pat Malone; Duty Phone: 065 6869098

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Joe Arthur, Gort Rd.
Niall Mahony, Clancy Pk. **1st Anniv**
Ruth Hanley, Willsgrove.

Sun 3rd: 9.30am: Jimmy & Celia Casey, Old Gort Rd.
Jim & Eileen Kennedy, Shannon & late Gort Rd.
Paddy, Kathleen & Kieran O'Loughlin, St. Michael's Vls.
Betty Devanny, Kilmurry, Sixmilebridge.
11.30am: David Slattery, John Paul Ave. **1st Anniv**
John & Bridie Murray, Mullagh.
Owen Linnane, Parnell St.

Mon: 8.30am: Bank Holiday No Mass
11am: Patrick Keane, McNamara Pk.
James Hogan, Ennistymon.
7.30pm: George & Mgt Mulvey, Clonroad.
Patrick McCullagh, Tulla Rd.
Flan Flynn, Connolly Villas.

Tues: 8.30am Book of Intentions.
11am: Holy Souls.
7.30pm: Francis, Bridget & Jerome Green, Cahecalla;
Delia & Jim Collins, Ard na Greine.

Wed: 8.30am: Cullinan family, Drumcliffe Rd.
11am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Special Intention.

Thurs: 8.30am: John Meaney, Surrey.
11am: Bernie & Mary Hennessy, Kilkee.
7.30pm: Paschal Molloy, late Hermitage.
Slattery family, St. Michael's Villas.

Fri: 8.30am Mass for the People.
11am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Special Intention.

Sat: 11am: Special Intention.
6.30pm: Joan & Patrick Barry, St. Senan's Rd.
Michael Kelly, Summerhill. **MM**

Sun 10th: 9.30am: Special Intention.
11.30am: Anne Magan, Turnpike Rd.
Dónall Mac Mathúna, Ballybeg.
Ann Lacey, College Green.
James (Seamús) Kelly, Collins Pk.

Edmund Ignatius Rice was born at Callan in Co Kilkenny in Ireland on June 1st 1762. He was born into a large farming family with seven brothers and two step-sisters and had a happy childhood. It was a time when Catholics were disadvantaged in Ireland, and education was difficult, and very limited for the poor. He did manage to receive an education and as a young man was apprenticed to his uncle, a businessman, in the port city of Waterford. He was shocked at the poverty he saw in the city, and did what he could to help those who were suffering.

He married at the age of 25, but sadly his wife died in an accident soon after. She gave birth to their daughter on her deathbed, and the daughter was handicapped. Edmund was heartbroken. He sold his business, and devoted his life thereafter to the care of the poor, particularly through education. He himself taught, and he trained teachers who would in turn provide free schools. He was influenced in his work by the example of Nano Nagle who had founded the Presentation Sisters in 1775.

Two men from his home town of Callan joined him in his work. A school was opened in 1802 in New Street in Waterford, and in 1803 a larger institute was opened called Mount Sion, remains to the present, day.

Edmund founded both the Congregation of Christian Brothers, and the Congregation - of Presentation Brothers, two teaching congregations which have flourished and are now found all over the world. They each honour Edmund Rice as their founder and follow his principles of prayer, care for the poor and the promotion of education. Edmund Rice died on 29th August 1844, and was buried at Mount Sion. He was beatified in Rome by Pope John Paul II on 5th October 1996.

In 1827 Brothers Jerome O'Connor and Ignatius Barry came to Ennis at the invitation of the Bishop of Killaloe to provide Catholic Education in Ennis Town. This was two years before Daniel O'Connell won Catholic Emancipation in 1829. Today 193 years later the Christian Brothers and their Committed lay staff still provide the best of Education at both Primary and Secondary Level.

As we celebrate Blessed Edmund's Rice Feast Day on Tuesday we thank the present community of Brothers: Donal; Dick; Michael; Denis & Sean for continuing the legacy of Edmund Rice in our town of Ennis

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:

7pm: Frank Gibbons, Kincora Pk.
Sun 3rd 11.45am: Anthony Forde, Roscommon.
Mon 10.30am: Eileen Leydon, London.
Tues 10.30am: Eileen Cosgrove, Kincora Pk.
Wed 10.30am: Nora Ryan, Old Gort Rd.
Fri 10.30am: Michael Lernihán, Pierce Ave, Cloughleigh.
7pm: Tommy Guilfoyle, St. Clare's Close, Gallows Hill.
Sat 7pm: John Doohan, Kincora Pk.
Sun 10th 10am: Ann McMahan, Morrissey Ave.

Jesus Cured Every Disease and Illness

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, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they 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. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us.



Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 3rd 11am: Andy & Sr. Mary Clancy, Bushypark.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 10th 8am: Patricia Mulqueen, Considine's Rd.
11am: Bernadette Moloney, Cloughleigh.

Rest in Peace

Joe Sheehan, Drumbiggle Drive; Eddie Daly, Hermitage; Gerry Barrett, Donegal Town, late Ard na Greine & AIB;



*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.*

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

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

Parish Sunday Envelopes

A number of Parishioners have been giving their weekly contribution directly into the Parish Bank Account over the past few weeks and we thank all those who have contributed in anyway during this time. If other Parishioners would like to pay their weekly contribution in this way the Parish Bank Account Details are as follows:

Bank of Ireland, Bank Place, Ennis.
Ennis Parish Development Fund Account.
IBAN: IE87 BOFI 9042 1030 1780 10
BIC: BOFIE2D

If you choose to contribute into the Parish Account ensure that you put your envelope number or name as a reference so that we can keep track of contributions for those parishioners who are taking part in the Charitable Donation Tax Relief Scheme. We acknowledge that this is a difficult time financially for many Parishioners and we are very thankful to those who are able to continue to support the Parish at this time.

Go raibh mile maith agat.

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. During the present closure the Parish Office will be staffed behind closed doors each Wednesday from 10am—12noon to deal with queries or to arrange Masses. If you need the service of the Parish Office please ring 065 6824043 during these two hours. The email for the office is: info@ennisparish.com. 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.

Cathedral Daily Programme

Sunday: 9.30am: Mass & Rosary
11.30am: Mass & Rosary
Monday: Bank Holiday—No Mass
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;

May Devotions in honour of Our Lady

We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly during May.



Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flowers of the rarest
bring blossoms the fairest,
from gardens and woodlands
and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Chorus:

*O Mary we crown thee
with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels
and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee
with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels
and Queen of the May.*

Ennis Parish Development Fund
for Sunday 26th April: €2,855

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí na Bealtaine

Mí na Bealtaine, mí na Maighdine Muire, tús an tSamhraidh, mí na cuaiche, mí na mbláthanna, i Mí na Bealtaine bí linn a Thiarna. Áiméan.

Ar chuala tú an chuac nó an bhfaca tú na fáinleoga? Tá siad tagtha chugainn ón domhan theas, áit ina mbíonn sé ina Shamhradh i gcónaí. Tá na crothaigh eanaigh ag glacadh sosa sa tír agus iad ar a mbealach ón lodáil go dtí an Ioslainn. Cuirimis fáilte mhór rompu agus go mbeirimid beo ar an am seo arís. Dúirt Íosa, " Féachaigí éanlaith an aeir. Ní dhéanann siad síolchur ná fómhar ná cnuasach sna sciobóil agus tugann bhur nAthair neamhaí bia dóibh. Nach mó is fiú sibhse ná iad sin" Matha (6:26). Is í intinn an Phápa do Mhí Bhealtaine ná: Guimis go raibh deagánaigh dílis dá seirbhís ar son an tSoiscéil agus na mbocht agus iad mar shiombail a chuirfidh beocht san Eaglais ar fad.

Inniu an ceathrú Domhnach den Cháisc, *Domhnach an Aoire Mhaith nó Domhnach na nGairmeacha Crábhagh.* Iartar orainn guí go dtiocfaidh méadú ar ghairmeacha chun na Sagartachta agus an Bheatha Reiligiúnach. Is é Íosa féin a dúirt linn: "Tá an fómhar fairsing ach níl ann ach meitheal bheag. Dá bhri sin guígí Máistir an fhómhair go gcuirfeadh sé meitheal uaidh isteach ina fhómhair" (Matha 9:37-38).

May the month of Our Lady, the beginning of Summer, month of the cuckoo and flowers. Lord be with us during the month of May. Have you heard the cuckoo or seen the swallows? They have arrived from the sunny southern hemisphere. The whimbrels have arrived also and are resting here on their journey from Italy to Iceland. Let us welcome them and may we all be alive this time next year.

Jesus said, "Behold the birds of the air, for they neither sow, nor do they reap, nor gather into barns: and your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you of much more value than they?" Matthew (6:26). The Pope's intention for this month is:- that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Today the fourth Sunday of Easter is a very special day. We are asked to pray for an increase of vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life. It was Jesus who said, "The harvest is great, but the labourers are few. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send labourers into His harvest". (Matthew 9: 37-38).

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus

The ministry of priests is a sign of your unfailing care. Call from among us the priests needed for the church today and tomorrow.

Bless all students for the priesthood and religious life, Brothers and Sisters.

Grant them joy, wisdom courage and a generous spirit.

Sustain priests with a real sense of your love and the support of those they are called to serve.

Keep them faithful to their calling.

Bless those who minister in your Church in any way.

Amen



If you would like to talk with our Vocations Director Contact:
Fr. Iggy Mc Cormack: 086 2777139

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
By the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, 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 Ac 2:14.36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with
the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a
loud voice: "The whole House of Israel can be
certain that God has made this Jesus whom
you crucified both Lord and Christ."

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart
and said to Peter and the apostles, "What must
we do, brothers?" "You must repent," Peter
answered "and every one of you must be
baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the
forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift
of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made
is for you and your children, and for all those
who are far away, for all those whom the Lord
our God will call to himself." He spoke to them
for a long time using many arguments, and he
urged them, "Save yourselves from this
perverse generation." They were convinced by
his arguments, and they accepted what he said
and were baptised. That very day about three
thousand were added to their number.

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 first letter of St. Peter

1 Pt 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing
punishment patiently when you are punished
after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to
do, because Christ suffered for you and left an
example for you to follow the way he took. He
had not done anything wrong, and there had
been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted
and did not retaliate with insults; when he was
tortured he made no threats but he put his
trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing
our faults in his own body on the cross, so that
we might die to our faults and live for holiness;
through his wounds you have been healed.
You had gone astray like sheep but now you
have come back to the shepherd and guardian
of your souls.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia!

Reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jn 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone
who does not enter the sheepfold through the
gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and
a brigand. The one who enters through the
gate is the shepherd of the flock; the
gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his
voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and
leads them out. When he has brought out his
flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep
follow because they know his voice. They

never follow a stranger but run away from
him: they do not recognise the voice of
strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they
failed to understand what he meant by telling
it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come

are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of
them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will
be safe:

he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life

and have it to the full.'

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 Good Shepherd has risen,
Who laid down his life for his sheep and
willingly died for his flock, alleluia