



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

Palm Sunday 5th April, 2020

Because You're Worth It

This has been a Lent like we would never have imagined. It has begun to be a true experience of the desert, as so many people have ever been unable to go to Mass and receive our Lord in Holy Communion.

Christ has no illusions. He knows that, as this week unfolds, the palm branches will shape themselves into a cross and the Hosannas become jeers. Holy Week, the most sacred time in the church year, begins today with the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

Jesus is crucified every time a human being is degraded, treated unjustly or deprived of freedom. His rejection and crucifixion continue daily. It would be a mistake to comfort ourselves with the thought that it was a group of Jews who killed Jesus! The people involved in His death are very like us. We must never forget that each of us has a hand in Jesus' death when we hurt others through gossip and slander or ride rough-shod over them for our own purposes.

This final week of Lent is a great opportunity to celebrate the death and resurrection of the Lord in a way that will change our lives. The simple truth of the Christian experience is that sin has marred our lives; has made a mess of our world by leading us to conduct our affairs with hearts hardened against God. The Cross is lifted up as a sign of Christ taking

the sins of humanity upon Himself and revealing the depth of His perfect love for all humankind.

Let us never forget that Jesus died on the Cross so that we might have new life. Let us try then, each in our simple way to imitate Him.

The saving mysteries that took place during this two week two thousand years ago were for our sake and for our salvation. Trust that the Lord does not abandon his flock, he will never do that, *for he cannot deny himself (2 Tim 2:13)*

We continue to persevere in faith, hope, and love.



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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week

Sat: 6.30pm: Mary & Michael Walsh, Roseville, Clonroad.

Brid Tierney McDonald, Old Gort Rd. **1st Anniv**

Sun 5th: 9.30am: Holy Souls.

11.30am: Gerry Browne, College Rd. **1st Anniv**

Tommy Dormer, Ivy Hill, Gort Rd.

Nell & Mary Ryan, Stonepark, Barefield.

Des & Peggy Carroll, Corovorrin Drive.

Josephine West, Childer's Rd. **1st Anniv**

Mary & Patrick Honan, Kilrush Rd.

Kathleen O'Donovan, Tivoli, Clonroadmore. **1st Anniv**

Mon: 7.40am: Sean, Bridget & Fr. Michael O'Keeffe, Ard na Greine.

11am: Slattery family, Tulla.

7.30pm:

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

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

7.30pm: Doris & Gerry Molloy, Hermitage.

Wed: 7.40am: Jack, Deborah & Niall McCarthy, Killarney.

11am: Kathleen Cunningham, Labasheda.

John, Catherine & Teresa Flanagan, Connolly Villas.

Patrick, Christina & Stephen Jnr Malone, Dalcassian Drive.

7.30pm: Special Intention.

Hospital & Sick Calls

5th April, 2020

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

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The Poor Clare Sisters are praying for all of us each day in their monastery in Francis Street. Their daily Rosary is prayed each day for protection against the Coronavirus for people all over the world and for those working to stop the spread of the virus.

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:

7pm: James, Mary & John Sexton, Miltown Malbay.

Sun 5th 10am: Bridie & Dennis Greer, Shannon Pk.

Mon 10.30am: Michael Foley, Fergus Pk.

Tues 10.30am: Gerald Rooney, London & Fermanagh.

Wed 10.30am: Jim McLoughlin, Ard na Greine.

Sun 12th 11.45am: Easter Sunday

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

On the final week of our Lenten Journey of helping the poor.



We continue to reach out to the poor in our Trócaire Lenten Campaign. When it is safe to do, we will organise the collection of our Trócaire boxes. We can continue to give and share.

Every cent and euro do make a difference!

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge a donation of: €100 We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.

Killaloe Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes

It is with profound regret we announce that the Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on 26th June 2020 has been rescheduled to 29th June 2021. The decision was taken by the Diocese in consultation with Joe Walsh Tours in the light of the Covid 19 Coronavirus Pandemic which prevents us guaranteeing the health and safety of all who travel with us.

The agreement is with JWT to carry forward to next year all current bookings so that there will be no financial loss to those who are booked. Please do not at this time contact JWT as staff are working from home and do not have full access to their office.

A decision on the Autumn Pilgrimage will be taken in due course.

May our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette keep us all safe from danger and protect us over the coming weeks and months.

"Vinny in a Van" will be available as a grocery delivery service in the coming weeks for anyone who may need it but specifically those self-isolating who can't access other supports. You will be able to pay for your groceries by cash or tap on your doorstep. You can access the service by calling the SVP shop @ 065-682 4188. Please leave a message saying you'd like to use the Vinny in a Van service and we will be in touch! This service is outside of our normal requests which can still be made via the same number.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 5th 11am: Austin Connole, Shanlee, Lahinch Rd.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 12th 11am: Easter Sunday.

Rest in Peace

Marcella Mc Mahon, Elm Pk.



*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.*

VICTIM ASSISTANCE We are all overwhelmed by the Corona virus outbreak and we hope that you and yours are all safe and healthy. Now more than ever we need to stay calm, be resourceful, and do what we do best: focus on supporting each other. As a national charity that offers "emotional" and "practical" support to all victims of crime and those and their families that have experienced a "traumatic" incident, we want to reassure all concerned that we at Victim Assistance are committed to continuing our services to those that need us. Whilst some of our staff are working remotely, we can be contacted through our

NATIONAL HELPLINE at **1800 277 477**,

our office telephone 094 9000251

or by email at support@victimassistance.ie.

Our offices are manned Monday-Friday 9.30am-5.30pm during these difficult times. Remember: social distancing doesn't mean social isolation, we are here to help and support!

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 Masses in St. Joseph's Church at the normal times but in private without any members of the public present. All of these Masses will be celebrated behind closed doors at the present time. All of our Churches remain closed for now.

Daily Programme for this Holy week in the Cathedral.

Psalm Sunday: 9.30am & 11am Mass & Rosary
6pm Stations of the Cross

Monday - Spy Wednesday	7.30am	Morning Prayer
	7.40am	Mass
	11am	Mass & Rosary
	7.30pm	Mass & Rosary
Holy Thursday	10am	Morning Prayer
	11am	Mass of the Chrism celebrated by Bishop Fintan.
	7.30pm	Mass of the Last Supper
Good Friday <i>A day of Fast & Abstinence</i>	9-10pm	Adoration at the Altar of Repose
	10am	Morning Prayer
	11am	Stations of the Cross
	3pm	Passion Liturgy
	6pm	Divine Mercy Novena
Holy Saturday	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
	11am	Morning Prayer
	3pm	Divine Mercy Novena
	8pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	9.30am & 11.30am	Mass & Rosary
	3pm	Divine Mercy Novena

Two Hours of Prayer

On Monday night from 8pm to 9pm and on Holy Thursday night from 9pm to 10pm 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 for 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.

RTE Broadcast of Liturgies during Holy Week

Palm Sunday	Mass of Palm Sunday	11am-11.50am	RTE 1 TV, 11am—11.50am RTE radio 1 extra, LW 252 digital radio
Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	4.40pm	RTE 1 TV 7pm RTE 1 radio
Good Friday	Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday	3-4pm	RTE 1 TV, RTE 1 radio extra, LW 252 digital radio
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil Mass	10-11pm	RTE 2 TV 10-11pm RTE radio 1 extra, LW 252 digital radio

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

Sr. Eileen's Chínne

Domhnach na Páise/Domhnach na Pailme.

Inniu díronn an Eaglais ár n-aire ar Pháis Chríost, a léiríonn an mórghrá a bhí ag Íosa ár Slánaitheoir dúinn agus a mhúscleáil aithrí inár gcroí mar gheall ar ár bpeacaí. Cuirtear tús leis an tSeachtain Mhór inniu mar atá Domhnach na Pailme, Céadaoin an Bhraith, Déardaoin Mándála, Aoine an Chéasta agus an Satharn Naofa. Ar Domhnach na Pailme, bhí áthas ar na daoine Íosa a fheiceáil ar a bhealach go Cathair Iarúsailéim. Leath cuid acu a mbrait ar an talamh roimhe. Bhain cuid acu craobhacha na gcrann. Na sluaite a bhí á leanúint, bhí siad ag scairteadh in ard a gcinn: "Is beannaithe an té atá ag teacht in ainm an Tiarna. Hósanna sna harda". A mhálairt ar fad a bheadh le cloisteáil roimh dheireadh na seachtaine nuair a bheadh an daoscarshlua ag béiceadh, 'Céastar É'. 'Céastar É'. Ghlac Íosa ár gcuid peacaí air féin sa Pháis agus léirigh Sé a ghrá dúinn ar Chalvarie. Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá i rith na Seachtaine Móire:

Le bás na croise cheannaigh tú sliocht mífhortúnach Éabha. Ó shin anuas is beannaithe an comhartha seo dár naomhú. Aimeán. (Ar bPaidreacha Dúchais.) I mbliana caithfidimid fanacht sa bhaile agus páirt a ghlacadh sna deabhóidí ar an Raidió, ar an gCeamara Gréasáin nó ar Straoisleabhar Beo.

Comaoineach Spioradálta

Nuair nach féidir linn Comaoineach a ghlacadh, is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá:

A Íosa, creidim go daingean go bhfuil tú i láthair sa Naomhshacraimint. Tá grá agam duit os cionn gach uile ní agus is mian liom tú a ghlacadh isteach i m'anam. Ó tharla nach féidir liom tú do ghlacadh anois sa Naomhshacraimint, tar ar a laghad go spioradálta isteach im' chroí. Tar chugam mar sin, a Thiarna, agus méadaigh do ghrásta ionam. Ná lig dom scaradh leat go brách. Moladh go deo leat, a Íosa sa Naomhshacraimint. Aimeán.

Today the Church invites us to reflect on the Passion of Christ which shows the great love Jesus, Our Saviour had for us and inspires us to repent of our sins. Palm Sunday begins Holy Week which includes Spy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Palm Sunday people were delighted to see Jesus on His way to Jerusalem. Some spread their cloaks on the ground before Him while others had palms in their hands shouting, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest." Before the end of the week many were shouting, 'Crucify Him'. 'Crucify Him'. Jesus took our sins unto Himself and showed His love for us on Calvary. We can say this prayer during Holy Week: *By your Death on the Cross, you redeemed the unfortunate children of Eve. Blessed ever since is the sign of our sanctification.* Amen.

This year we have to stay at home and take part in the ceremonies on Local or National Radio, on Webcam or on Facebook Live. We can make the following Spiritual Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

Is féidir linn é a rá go minic na laethanta seo ag iarraidh ar Dhia teacht i gcabhair orainn agus sinn a shabháil ón Vireascorónach.

Today's Scripture Readings

First Reading **Isaiah 50: 4-7**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 21:8-9.17-20.23-24

R. My God, my God why have you forsaken me?

1.All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; Let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

Second Reading **Philippians 2:6-11**

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

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave,

and became as men are;

and being as all men are,

he was humbler yet,

even to accepting death,

death on a cross.

But God raised him high

and gave him the name

which is above all other names

so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend

the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus

Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

Praise to you, O Chris, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

Matthew 21: 1:11

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord

When they were near Jerusalem and had come in sight of Bethphage on the Mount

of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village facing

you, and you will immediately find a tethered donkey and a colt with her.

Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to

say "The Master needs them and will send them back directly." this took place

to fulfil the prophecy.

Say to the daughter of Zion:

Look, your king comes to you;

he is humble, he rides on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a beast of

burden.

So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought

the donkey and the colt, then they laid their cloaks on their backs and he sat

on them.

Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were

cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The

crowds who went in front of him and those who followed were all shouting:

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil. 'Who is this?'

people asked, and the crowds answered, 'this is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

