

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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The Ascension of the Lord

(Year A) 24th May, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord

Today we celebrate the Feast of The Ascension, when Christ Jesus in the presence of his followers ascended to Heaven. The question is "Where is Heaven"? In the past we had a rather simplistic idea that earth was here and heaven was up there, somewhere above the clouds. We imagined it almost as a physical place and people often asked how could so many people fit there? As we all know the universe is huge and a mystery and all our physical travelling won't find us heaven. Christ our God came among us in human form to show us the way to live and the way to heaven. He told his disciples to go and to bring His message to the ends of the earth. On our own we are helpless and all we can do is to live from day to day and try to survive and stay healthy.

We live in a complex world sometimes great, sometimes rotten, but unable to make a huge difference in creating a better society. Christ knows of our helplessness and our frailty and he comes to our help. He came to us as one of ourselves; he came to us in human form. As a man and as one of us, he showed us the way. Not using his power as God but in a simple

and ordinary way as man. Having completed his life here on earth he ascended to the father and he assured us that he was not leaving us alone, that there were many rooms in his father's house and that he was going to prepare a place for us. He said do not let your hearts be troubled. Christ's ascension was not just to make his appearance before God his father.



The Word, never before clothed in human nature has ascended as a man and shows himself in a strange and unfamiliar fashion. He has done this on our account and in our name, so we can have life. As a member of our race he transmitted to us the glory of being children of God.

So the Feast of the Ascension is a feast of great hope. We tend a garden in the hope of a harvest at a later date, so we too hope that Christ will be true to His word always telling us to grow and to blossom, ever present to us in the community, in the scriptures, in the breaking of the bread and in nature. Where two or three of us are gathered in His name, He is ever present to welcome us to His home.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Peter Considine, Dromadrehid. **1st Anniv**
Frank & Sally O'Dea, Park Ave.
Christy Rushe, Ennis.
Eddie Daly, Hermitage. **MM**
Sun 9.30am: Rita & Paddy Doolan, St. Patrick's Tce.
11.30am: Eamonn Moloney, McNamara Pk.
Joseph O'Dea, Galway.
Brendan Casey, Monument Hse., O'Connell Sq. **1st Anniv**
Mon: 8.30am: Delia Reidy, Golf Links Rd.
11am: Celine Daly, Phoenix Court.
Patrick, Elizabeth, Michael & John O'Rourke, Whitegate.
7.30pm: Harry Guinnane, Hermitage.
Nell Hanley, Genazzane, New Rd.
Tues: 8.30am Book of Intentions.
11am: Mary Sullivan & family, Coore.
Sean Cleary, Caherogan, Miltown Malbay.
7.30pm: Sullivan family, Clarecastle.
Wed: 8.30am: Holy Souls.
11am: Catherine & Patrick Mulconroy, Kildysart.
7.30pm: William & Eileen Kerin, Hermitage.
Thurs: 8.30am: Mass for the People.
11am: Marty Killeen, Miltown Malbay.
Sr. Simon Daly, Poor Clare Monastery.
7.30pm: Gerard Marrinan, Hermitage.
John & Eileen Howard, Circular Rd.
Fri: 8.30am Dan Barrett, Cork.
11am: Bridie Kelly, Carmody St.
7.30pm: Peggy MartinDale, Station Rd., Amershan. **RD**
James McMahan, Fountain. **RD**
Anna Clohessy, Hermitage.
Sat: 11am: No Intention Booked.
6.30pm: John & Mary Roughan, Shannon Pk.
Shay Moloney, Ard Aoibhinn, Hazlewood.
Ann White, College Grove. **1st Anniv**
Sun 31st: 9.30am: Owen & Eileen Griffin, Buttermarket St.
11.30am: Jack Kenneally, Ennis.
Maureen Sheedy, Shanaway Rd.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 24th 11am: Patrick McKeown, Turnpike. **1st Anniv**
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 31st 11am: Jack, Molly & decd Burke family,
Dunsallagh.

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.*



Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of: €100. €50 & €35 We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. *All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.*

Hospital & Sick Calls

24th May, 2020

Priest on Duty:

Please call: 065 6869098

Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

This Sunday our Diocesan pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place. It will be a Virtual Pilgrimage beginning at 2.55pm with a 5 minute video message from the Diocese. The prayers throughout the Mass will be focused on the Killaloe Diocese and can be viewed through our parish website or the knock Shrine website. www.knockshrine.ie or www.ennisparish.com

St. Anthony's Novena

The Friar who has done most to promote devotion to St. Anthony in this town is Fr. Cletus OFM. For the past 30 years through his weekly Tuesday morning Novena he has helped many people to love the saint. The highlight each year for devotions of St. Anthony is the Annual Novena in June. Unfortunately due to the pandemic the Novena is cancelled in all Friaries throughout the country but here in Ennis we will be having a triduum (3 days) of the Novena at the 11am Mass in the Cathedral on Thursday, Friday & Saturday 11th/12th/13th June. Fr. Adrian OFM from the Friary will lead us in these three days of prayers and all can join us through the parish webcam or radio link on 106.4fm

Matt Talbot Novena

Matt Talbot the Dubliner on the road to canonisation conquered his addiction to alcohol by embracing a life of prayer and penance and turned his life around for the better. He died suddenly on the way to Sunday Mass on June 7th 1925, Trinity Sunday. This year Trinity Sunday also falls on the 7th June. The problem of addiction especially to drugs and alcohol is one of greatest challenges for our country and destroys the lives of individuals and families. We invite you to journey with us in the nine days leading up to Trinity Sunday to pray through the Intercession of Matt Talbot for all those sharing or suffering in the life of addictions. Starting on Saturday 30th May at the 11am & 6.30pm Masses and on Sundays at the 9.30am & 11.30am Masses and weekdays at 11am & 7.30pm Masses we will pray the Novena Prayer to Matt Talbot.

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: Eileen Lynch, Cahercalla.
Sun 24th 10am: Tom Pyne, Cloughleigh.
John, Seán & Rose O'Sullivan, Kevin Barry Ave.
11.45: Eleanor O'Connor, Greenlawn, Lissane, Clarecastle. **1st Anniv**
Sat 7pm: John, Bridie & decd Mulcaire, St. Senan's Rd.
Sun 31st 10am: Seamus O'Sullivan, Rosanore.
11.45: Chrissie & Seán O'Connell, The Crescent.

Cathedral Daily Programme

Sunday: 9.30am: Mass & Rosary
11.30am: Mass & Rosary
Monday: 8.30am: Morning Prayer & 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;

Rest in Peace



**Graham Bowden, Abbeycourt,
Gerry Moroney, Loughville,
Marion Guinnane nee Guilfoyle, Park Ave,
Ennis & Clarecastle,
Irene Moloney nee Coffey, Mc Namara Pk,
Martin Earls, St. Joseph's Hospital &
Newmarket on Fergus,
Sr. Celia Guinane, Nenagh & formerly of
the Mercy Community Corrovorran.**

St. Anthony's Brief

Copies of this month St. Anthony's Brief supporting the work of the Franciscan Friars is available for sale in the Friary and the Cathedral for €2.00.

Your support at this time is greatly appreciated.



Our Churches are now Open

People are now very welcome to visit the Cathedral, Friary or St. Joseph's Church for private prayer or a time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Cathedral 9.00am—10.45am & 12noon—7pm weekdays

Friary 8.30am—7pm weekdays

St. Joseph's Church 2pm-4pm weekdays

The churches are obliged to close when Mass or Funerals are being celebrated until at least 20th July.

We ask people to respect social distancing and to sit only in the designated seats.

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). Arrangements will be made for Funerals. During the present closure the Parish Office will be staffed behind closed doors each Wednesday from 9.30am—1pm & 2.30-3.30pm to deal with queries or to arrange Masses. If you need the service of the Parish Office please ring 065 6824043 during these 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, the Friars and Poor Clare Sisters at this time.

Mass Offerings and Cards from the Friary

If you would like to make Mass offerings or request cards from the Friary while the present emergency lasts, please use one of the following: Please include your phone number and contact number with all options. By post to: Franciscan Friary, Francis Street, Ennis V95A4N2

Or you can e-mail it to Guardian.Ennis@franciscans.ie

You can also phone 087-4697971 during office hours - 9.30a.m. to 12.30p.m. - and outside of

Parish Sunday Envelopes Website Donate Button

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.

In response to requests for the opportunity to make online donations to the parish, we have now installed a **Donate Button on the Parish Website Home Page**, which is a secure and safe way to contribute to parish for those who prefer this option.

<https://donate.ennisparish.com/>

Go raibh míle maith agat.

Trócaire

TROCAIRE
Working for a Just World

Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways:

1. Online at www.trocaire.org
2. By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI)
3. By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (ROI)
4. Drop in your contribution to Cathedral House or the Box located at the back of the Cathedral.

Please mark your contribution Trócaire.

Contributions can also be made using the Donate Button on the parish website, marking your contribution Trócaire.

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Lá Cumarsáide Domhanda.

Inniu Lá Cumarsáide Domhanda. Ar 24 Eanáir 2020, lá fhéile Naomh Antóin de Sales, atá ina éarlamb ar iriseoirí, d'fhógair an Pápa Proinsias téama Lá Domhanda Cumarsáide na bliana 2017, "i dtreo go n-eachtrófa do do mhac agus do mhac do mhic" (Eax10:2). Leagann an Pápa béim ar cé chomh luachmhar is atá pátrúnacht na cuimhne agus nach bhfuil aon todhchaí gan a bheith fréamhaithe sa stair.

Is é seo ré na teicneolaíochta. Is iontach an áis í mar is féidir nuacht a scaipeadh ar fud na cruinne gan aon dua, bíodh sé fíor nó bréagach. Gach bliain ar an Domhnach roimh an Chincís, ceiliúran an Eaglais a bhfuil bainte amach ag na meáin chumarsáide i rith na bliana reatha. Dírionn sí ar conas is féidir luachana an tsoiscéil a chur chun cinn sna meáin. Iarrtar orainn machnamh a dhéanamh ar dheiseanna agus dúshláin na modhanna cumarsáide. Tá sé de dhualgas ar na meáin chumarsáide an fhírinne a chur de shíor os comhair an phobail agus is minic nach mbíonn an scéal amhlaidh.

Seo paidir le rá ar Lá Cumarsáide Domhanda: *A Dhia na fírinne, a thugann solas agus inspreagadh dúinn, treoraigh lucht na meán cumarsáide. Go ndéana siad gach iarracht tacú le dínit an duine trí fhocail agus íomhánna. Tabhair géarchúis dóibh. Go dtaga an Spiorad Naomh chugainn go léir agus go ndéana sé finnétthe dinn os comhair an tsaoil ar Shoiscéal ár dTiarna Íosa Críost. Áiméan.*

Today is World Communications Day. On the 24 January 2020, the feast of St Anthony de Sales, patron of journalists, Pope Francis proclaimed the theme for World Communications Day 2020. 'So that you can tell your son and grandson' (Ex 10:2). By choosing this theme, taken from a passage in the Book of Exodus, Pope Francis underlines how particularly precious is the inheritance of memory in communications. We live in the technological age. It is a wonderful facility as news, be it true or false, can reach easily every corner of the globe. Every year mass media is celebrated by the Church on the Sunday before Pentecost Sunday. It emphasises how the media can promote Gospel values. We are invited to reflect on the opportunities and challenges of media. Media users always have an obligation to promote the truth. This is not always the case. This is a prayer for World Communications Day: *God of truth who enlightens us, guide the media users. May they endeavour to support the dignity of the person through words and images. Give them discernment. May the Holy Spirit come to us and give us the courage to be witnesses to the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 17th May 2020 **€2805.00**

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven

Will return as you saw him go, 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 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. "It is", he had said, "what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit."

Now having met together, they asked him, "Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know times or dates that

the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth."

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there."

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

God goes up with shouts of joy;

The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.

R

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R

God is king of all the earth.

Sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations;

God reigns on his holy throne.

R

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

Ep1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations;

I am with you always;

yes, to the end of time.

Alleluia

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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.

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Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always,

Even to the end of the age, alleluia.