

# 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](mailto:info@ennisparish.com)  
St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6797489; Friary: 6828751  
Ennis Parish Web Site: <http://www.ennisparish.com>  
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ennis.parish>

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 21st June, 2020

## A DIALOGUE WITH WATER



Imagine having a conversation or dialogue with water and it went something like this:

I might begin by saying "I'm delighted to see you and grateful that I am noticing you just now". Water might say "I am delighted to see you also". I might say "we humans are here on the planet over 2,000,000 years. How long are you here?". "I'm here about 4 billion years" says water, "I think I am only on this planet and no other. I'm responsible for all plants, flowers, trees and vegetation. I keep them alive. I was there when God's Spirit hovered over the 'formless void' and 'darkness' (Genesis 1:1). I was there as raw material for everything that evolved"...I might say "Yes, and I am beginning to appreciate you more and more, especially now as I grow older. I notice you in the sea, in the rivers, in clouds, ice, lakes." "Yes, I'm very adaptable. I'm in bottles, in cups of tea and coffee, in reservoirs, taps, showers, toilets, turbines, nuclear adaptors, in dams, on your windscreen and when you wash your hands which you are doing a lot of during this Covid 19

*crisis. Don't forget the tears and there is a lot of tears at this time. I am present there too. You yourself are 70% water and you were conceived in amniotic fluid in your mother's womb".*

Then I might ask "what is your secret?" Water might say "I love to serve. I see myself as the servant of God and God is very pleased with me. My love is totally indiscriminate. As rain I fall on the just and unjust, the good and the bad".

I might say "You are sad too" "Yes I am...very sad because there is little respect for me. I am misused and abused. I'm polluted and poisoned with chemicals. Look at the oceans with rubbish and plastics and micro-beads and the fish. I bring sickness now instead of health especially to poor children. I grieve for them. Imagine only 1.2% of the world's water is now drinkable and that 35% of the world's population lack proper sanitation. Don't talk to them about hand washing. Food is cooked with water and 25% of our food is wasted! Yes, I am sad and humiliated with all this 'water stress'". I might be moved to ask "What ought I to do?" Water might say "live more simply, avoid pollution, put money into conserving water and you will save much more in general health, don't privatise water it will be an injustice to the poor. Check the tips about saving water (e.g. showers, in washing machines etc). Only when there is water will there be life".

Noel Bradley, Buncrana, Co. Donegal



# Priest on Duty 21st June, 2020 Fr. Jerry Carey



## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**6.30pm:** John Malone, Ballybeg.  
Damian Moroney, Steele's Tce. **1st Anniv**  
**Sun 21st: 9.30am:** Mass for the People.  
**11.30am:** Thomas Cosgrove, Ard na Greine.  
Maureen Kitson, Marian Ave.  
James Lynch, Hillcrest, Limerick Rd.  
**Mon: 8.30am:** Mae Lane, Mungret, Limerick.  
**11am:** George & Eileen Bradley, Drumcliffe Rd.  
**7.30pm:** David & Sue Cavanagh, Clancy Pk.  
**Tues: 8.30am** Book of Intentions.  
**11am:** Michael & Kathleen Mahoney & sons, baby Jamie, Hermitage.  
Pauline **1st Anniv** & Eddie Lynch, Kilkee.  
**7.30pm:** Tom & Mary Butler, Marian Ave.  
**Wed: 8.30am:** No Intention Booked.  
**11am:** Donor's Intention.  
**7.30pm:** Mabs & Cormac McGuinness & Edie Colgan, Clonroadmore  
**Thurs: 8.30am:** Nicholas Maloney, Morrissey Ave.  
Michael Queally, London & Ennis.  
**11am:** No Intention Booked.  
**7.30pm:** Darren Stack, Gofflinks Rd. & Cappahard.  
**Fri: 8.30am** Mass for the People.  
**11am:** No Intention Booked.  
**7.30pm:** No Intention Booked.  
**Sat: 11am:** Mick Moloney, Drumcaranmore, Lahinch Rd.  
**6.30pm:** Gerald (Gerry) Cronin, La Salette, Clare Rd.  
Mattie, Eileen & Brendan Burke, Gofflinks Rd.  
**Sun 28th: 9.30am:** Michael Purcell, Kilkee.  
**11.30am:** Eleanor Ford, Castlewood Pk. **1st Anniv**



## Cloughleigh



**Remembered in Masses this Week:**  
**Sun 21st 11am:** Bridget Crowe, Knockerra.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Sun 28th 11am:** John (Chucks) O'Sullivan, Clancy Pk.

**Parish Sunday Envelopes  
Website Donate Button**

**P**arishioners who would like to give their weekly contribution to the parish through 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**

**I**f 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 mile maith agat.*

Ennis Parish Development Fund  
for Sunday, 14th June 2020, €2,480.00

## Parish Office

Staff in the Parish Office will be returning to work full time this week. The office will not be open to the public until Monday 29th June but you can contact the office during office hours  
9.30-1pm & 2-5pm on  
065 6824043 during the coming week.

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## 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 office hours, leave your name and number and we will get back to you.  
Or, simply put it into the post-box beside the Friary Office door.

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## 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)  
Arrangements will be made for Funerals.

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## Pope Francis Covid 19 Emergency Fund

Urgent help required for overseas Missionaries and vulnerable communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America where the Church is often in the forefront in remote and inaccessible areas. To donate:

[www.wmi.ie/covid-fund](http://www.wmi.ie/covid-fund)  
or 01 4972035\*



## 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:** Damian Moroney, Steele's Tce. **1st Anniv**  
**Sun 21st 10am:** Eileen Leydon, London.  
**Wed 10.30am:** John & Molly Laffan, Dublin.  
**Sat 10.30am:** Alf Hanrahan, Shannon Pk.  
**7pm:** Frank O'Gorman, Marian Ave.  
**Sun 28th 10am:** Nell & Joe Walsh, Clonroad.  
**11.45:** Betty Burke, Lifford Rd.

## 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;

## Re-Opening Our Churches

We are working very hard at present putting plans in place for the safe reopening of our churches on Monday 29th June and everyone will be very welcome. As you know, the obligation to attend Mass in person was lifted at the start of the pandemic. People are welcome to join us for Mass on line or via radio. From June 29th people may choose to come to church for Mass on any day of the week. There is still no obligation to attend in person.

Seating capacity will be reduced in all our churches and plans are currently being prepared for each individual church. We will have more details next week. We are also appealing for people to volunteer their time to help with stewarding, cleaning and other essential ministries that are evolving to ensure that when we all return to mass it will be a safe place for everyone. If you are willing to help, please contact any of the Priests with your details.

Thank you for your understanding and support over the last three months.

## Celebration of Confirmation & Holy Communion

We are happy to announce that arrangements have been finalised for the celebration of these two sacraments. Schools have notified families in recent days of date and time. It is necessary with the requirement of social distancing, to increase the number of ceremonies in some situations where large numbers of candidates are presenting for the sacraments. We thank our teachers and school staff who have journeyed in waiting with their students and parents for the celebration of these sacraments.

### Revised dates for Confirmations and Communions in Ennis Parish

School	Sacrament	Date Time
Holy Family	Confirmation	3rd July
CBS	Confirmation	4th July
CBS	Confirmation	4th July
CBS	Confirmation	4th July
CBS	Communion	11th July
CBS	Communion	11th July
CBS	Communion	11th July
Afterschool	Communion	11th July
Afterschool	Confirmation	11th July
ENS	Confirmation	25th July
ENS	Confirmation	25th July
ENS	Confirmation	25th July
ENS	Holy Communion	12th Sept
ENS	Holy Communion	12th Sept
Holy Family	Holy Communion	19th Sept
Gael Scoil	Holy Communion	26th Sept
Cloughleigh	Holy Communion	26th Sept

### Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of: €50, €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*

### Rest in Peace

Geraldine (Ger) Nihill nee Barry, Ros na Rí,  
Ann Preston nee O'Halloran, St. Senan's Rd,  
Deirdre McAvinue, Considine Tce,  
Eugene Ryan, Clare Rd.  
Garda Colm Horkan, Charlestown & Castlebar,  
Eileen O'Brien, Ballybeg.

*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.*

### A Prayer for Father's Day

Gracious God,  
Bless fathers  
and all father figures  
with such love  
and faithfulness  
that children flourish  
and grow in uprightness and joy.  
Bless those  
who long to be fathers  
and those for whom  
this day is difficult.

Amen.



## Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

### Féile Bhreith Naomh Eoin Baiste.

Ceiliúrtar Féile Eoin Baiste ar an gCéadaoin 24 Meitheamh. Tá sé luaithe sa Scriptoráir toisc gur réamhtheachtair é do Chríost. Bhí sé de dhualgas air an tslí a ullmhú don Tiarna. Bhí a fhios ag gach duine go raibh míorúilt ag baint lena bhreith agus cheap mórán sa phobal gurbh é Mac Dé é. Chuaigh sé amach san fhásach agus ní fada go raibh na sluaite timpeall air. Labhair sé leo agus spreag sé iad chun a meon a athrú agus aithrí a dhéanamh chun go mbeidís réidh chun glacadh le Críost nuair a thiocfadh sé ar an saol seo.

Nuair a tháinig Iosa bhí Sé sásta baiste a ghlacadh ó Eoin ach dúirt Eoin nárbh fhiú é a dhéanamh ach i ndeireadh na dála rinne sé rud ar Iosa. Ba í an umhlaíocht an tréith ba mhó a bhí aige. Thagair sé do Chríost agus dúirt sé "Ní fiú mé oiread agus iallacha a bhróg a scaoileadh"(Lúc.3:16) agus arís "Tá air dul i dtreise, ach, tá ormsa ísliú"(Eoin 3:30).Ba chóir bheith umhail inár saol laethúil cosúil le Naomh Eoin Baiste agus aithrí a dhéanamh mar is ceart.

Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá:

*Go mbeannaí Dia duit, a Eoin Baiste Naofa, Go mbeannaí Muire duit, agus beannaím féin duit.*

*Is chugat a tháinig mé ag gearrán mo phéin' duit,*

*Is ag iarraidh carthanachta as ucht Dé ort. Áiméan (Ar bPaidreacha Dúchais - D Ó Laoghaire. S.J)*

The Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist will be celebrated on Wednesday 24 June. He is mentioned in the Scriptures as the precursor of Christ. He had the duty of preparing the way of the Lord. Everybody knew that his birth was a miracle, and many thought he was the Son of God. He went into the wilderness and soon the crowds surrounded him. He addressed them and encouraged them to change their ways, to repent and to be ready to accept Christ when he came on earth.

When Jesus came, he asked to be baptised by John the Baptist. John was unwilling to do so but eventually did. Humility was his greatest characteristic. He referred to Christ and said "I am not worthy to untie the strap of His sandals."(Luke 3:16) and again he said "He must increase, I must decrease"(John 3 :30).We ought to be humble in our daily lives like Saint John the Baptist and repent as is right. This prayer can be recited:

*God's blessings on you St. John the Baptist,*

*The Virgin Mary's blessings on you and my blessing on you.*

*To you I came with my complaint,s Seeking friendship on account of God's love. Amen*

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is the strength of his people,  
A saving refuge for the one he has  
anointed.

Save your people, Lord, and bless your  
heritage, and govern them forever.

## 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 prophet Jeremiah:

Jr 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,  
"Terror from every side!"

Denounce him! let us denounce him!

All those who used to be my friends  
watched for my downfall,

'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.'

Then we will master him

And take our revenge!

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;

My opponents will stumble, mastered,  
confounded by their failure!

Everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be  
theirs.

But you, Lord of hosts, you who probe  
with justice,

Who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me  
see the vengeance you will take on them.

For I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord,

For he has delivered the soul of the needy  
From the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response:

In your great love, answer me, O God

It is for you that I suffer taunts,

That shame covers my face,

That I have become a stranger to my  
brothers,

an alien to my own mother's sons.

I burn with zeal for your house

and taunts against your fall on me. R.

This is my prayer to you,

my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God,

with your help that never fails:

Lord, answer, for your love is kind;

in your compassion, turn towards me. R.

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;

for the Lord listens to the needy;

and does not spurn his servants in their  
chains.

Let the heavens and the earth give him  
praise,

The sea and all its living creatures. R.

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans Rm 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and  
through sin death, and thus death has  
spread through the whole human race  
because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in  
the world long before the Law was given.  
There was no law and so no one could be  
accused on the sin of 'law-breaking', yet  
death reigned over all from Adam to Moses,  
even though their sin, unlike that of Adam,  
was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come,  
but the gift itself considerably outweighed the  
fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall  
so many died, it is even more certain that  
divine grace, coming through the one man,  
Jesus Christ, came to so many as an  
abundant free gift.

## The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived  
among us;

To all who die accept him

He gave power to become children of  
God.

Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt.10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:

'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now  
covered will be uncovered, and everything  
now hidden will be made clear. What I say  
to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what  
you hear in whisper, proclaim from the  
house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill  
the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him  
rather who can destroy both body and soul  
in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a  
penny? And yet not one falls to the ground  
without your Father knowing. Why, every  
hair on your head has been counted. So  
there is no need to be afraid; you are worth  
more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for  
me in the presence of men, I will declare  
myself for him in the presence of my Father  
in heaven. But the one who disowns me in  
the presence of men, I will disown in the  
presence of my Father in heaven.'

## 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 eyes of all look to you, Lord,  
And you give them their food in due  
season.