

Ennis Parish Newsletter

Mass Times

Cathedral

Monday to Friday 7.40am, 11am & 7.30pm
Saturday 11am & Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday 9.30am & 11.30am

Friary

Monday to Friday 1.05pm **only**
Saturday 10am & Vigil 7.30pm
Sunday 12noon **only**

St. Joseph's

Tuesday to Thursday 10.30am (this week only)
Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm
Sunday 10am & 11.45am

Cloughleigh

Monday to Friday 9.30am
Sunday 8am & 11am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Cathedral

Monday to Friday 7pm to 7.25pm
Saturday: After 6.30pm Vigil Mass

Friary

Suspended until further notice.

Baptisms

Arrangements can be made through the Parish Office.
Baptisms are celebrated individually for each family.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place

Monday to Friday in the Cathedral from 5pm until 7.15pm

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 12th July, 2020

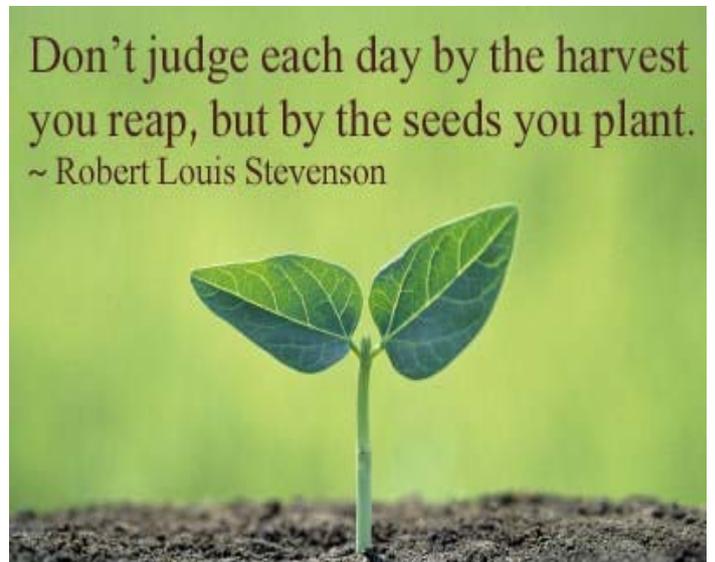
There's a sower and a reaper in all of us , more often than not we take little notice of the precious moments when we lay the seed in the awaiting soil of another's life.

What we do and how we do it falls into the lived experience of all the others who witness the nuggets of our behaviour. Not mentioned in the Gospel of the 'Sower and the Seed' is the manner in which the sower casts the seed to it's resting place to await it's growth and ultimate harvest.

A sower will always have the expectation of a yield come harvest time, If we believe that God sows abundant seed in the soil of our very being then I believe God, as the sower, has an expectation that we have the wherewithal to nurture and protect the preciousness of the gift and bring it's life to an ultimate harvest of the Creator's dreams.

Let's see each day as the God might want us see it. The opportunity to co - create with God, The Creator. In the words of Jennifer Williams.. "You plant seeds every single day, in the world and in others, with every thought you think and word you speak and action you take. You have influence. You're making a dent in the universe and you matter, in a very real way."

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.
~ Robert Louis Stevenson





Priest on Duty 12th July: Fr. Dariusz Plasek 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Peggy Cox, Dalcassian Ave.
Frances Nagle, Cahercalla Est. **1st Anniv**
Tommy Mahony, Tobartaoscain.

Sun 12th: 9.30am: Thomas Dinan, Hermitage.
11.30am: Frank Hanrahan, Dalcassian Drive.
George Gallery Snr, Rockmount.

Mon: 7.40am: No Intention booked.

11am: Margaret McCannon, Market St.
Don & Charles Mallon, Tyrone.
Michael Guerin, Colledge Pk.

7.30pm: Tom, Eva, Mary & Noel Ryan, Summerhill.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Donor's Intention.
Bridget & Patrick Casey, Clare Rd.

7.30pm: Paddy, Nellie, Jim & Helen Casey;
Flan, Pat & Ursula Brody, Parnell St.
Peggy Whelan & Deceased Whelan Families,
Dromeliyh, Cree.

Wed: 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Josie O'Shea, Ard na Gréine. **1st Anniv.**

Thurs: 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Seamus & Eugene Curley, Limerick Rd.
James Francis Conroy, Mayo & New York.

7.30pm: Thomas Callinan, Beechpark
Margaret Queally, Hermitage & Derek Queally, Tulla.

Fri: 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Eugene (Eoghan) Ryan, Clare Rd. **MM.**
Séan, Myra & Mames Kenny,
Dalcassian Park & Drumbiggle.
Michael, Nora, Colm & Tom Comyns, Kilkee.

7.30pm: Colm Hogan, Mass., USA & Ard ne Gréine **MM**
Mary Crowley Connole, Ennistymon & Ennis. **MM**

Sat: 11am: Mai Brennan, Chez Nous, Clonroadmore.
Eileen Flanagan, Rockmount House.
Marie O'Brien, Turnpike Rd.
Marian McNamara, Colledge Green.

6.30pm: John Brigdale, Clancy Park.

Sun 19th: 9.30am: Brenda Flynn, Fergus Park.
John & Nancy Howard, St. Michael's Vls.
PJ Keane, Loughville.
Paschal Hanrahan, Gallows Hill.

11.30am: Mary Smyth (nee Dunne), Feakle.
Paddy Flynn, Lifford.
Mary Keane, Kilrush Rd. **MM.**
Peter O'Brien, St. Michael's Villas.

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of: €250, €200, €195 & €50x4.
We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.
All contributions for this work are very much appreciated

The Word of God

Our Mass today reminds us about God's creative Word.

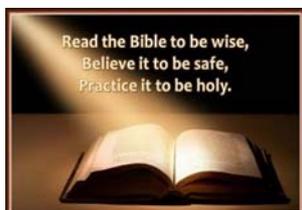
In the first reading, it is compared to the rain which waters the earth and brings growth.

This Word is active in the world at all times and among all peoples. Its task is to help us to come to know and understand God's plan for us.

It does not automatically succeed .. Our response to it is all important.

Only we ourselves know how it affects our own lives. We must remember that like all seeds it takes time to grow.

But if we allow it to grow in our lives, we will reap in due time a harvest beyond our wildest dreams.



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: Jim Lordan St. Senan's Rd.
Fri 10.30am: Leona Sabroso, Philippines.
Sat 7pm: Mary O'Shea, St. Senan's Rd. **1st Anniv.**
Sun 19th 11.45: May & Michael McEnery & Deceased O'Grady & McEnery families, Kilnamona.

Due to current Covid 19 restrictions toilet facilities are not available in St. Joseph's.

St Joseph's Church will be closed on Friday July 17th to facilitate critical training and Covid 19 testing for healthcare workers.
We apologise for the inconvenience

Feast of St. Swithin 15th July

St. Swithin is an Anglo-Saxon bishop of Winchester who lived in the 9th century. He was famous for his charitable works. According to tradition, on his death bed, he requested to be buried outside where passers-by could walk over his grave and raindrops fall upon it. Nine years later the shrine was built inside Winchester Cathedral for his remains. On 15th July 971 during the ceremony it started to rain and continued for another forty days. It also said if St. Swithin's feast is fine it will continue for forty days.

*St Swithin's Day if thou dost rain
For forty days it will remain
St. Swithin's Day if thou be fair
For forty days 'twill rain nae mair.*

Rest in Peace



Colin Barry, Ballyea,

Maisie Wallace nee Kearney, Lower Market Street, Ennis and London, sister of the late Paddy, Tommy and Peggy Kearney.

*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.*

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 12th 11am: Paddy Shannon, Cloughleigh Rd.
Mon 9.30am: Donor's Intention.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions

House Blessing and Magnet

We have a lovely Fridge magnet and house blessing for sale in the Parish Office. €3 each or two for €5. All proceeds in aid of the Cathedral Renovation Appeal.



Return to Public Masses

We warmly welcome everybody back. We are concerned for the safety of everybody and it is important to remember that the obligation to attend Mass in person was lifted at the start of the pandemic and will continue for some time to come. If you do not feel safe or confident coming to Mass in person, you are most welcome to continue to join us for Mass on line or via parish radio.

Seating capacity in all our Churches will be reduced. Numbers will vary in each church according to capacity.

8am Sunday Mass

The 8am Sunday Morning Mass from Sunday next 19th July will be celebrated in the Cathedral. The transfer from Cloughleigh Oratory to the Cathedral is to facilitate the attendance of a large number of people at an early morning Mass. In the parish currently the 7.45am Mass in the Poor Clare's Monastery is suspended and the decision to move will be reviewed at the end of September. This Mass like all Masses in the Cathedral will be available on our parish webcam and parish radio 106.4fm

Guidance for returning to Mass

- 1) Hand sanitisers are available at each Church. We ask you to avail of these as you enter and leave the Church.
- 2) We ask you to adhere to social distancing and follow signage.
- 3) Seats available for use will have signage.
Please only sit on these seats.
Families are welcome to sit together.
Two people per seat from different household. (seated on either side of the seat).
- 4) Holy Communion will be brought to you.
Please stand if you wish to receive.
The Priest/Eucharistic Minister will wear a face shield and sanitise their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion.
- 5) Entry to the Cathedral will only be through the main door.
- 6) Exit using all doors.
- 7) When capacity of the Church is filled, a sign at the entry will state "Full capacity".
- 8) The collection at weekends will take place as you enter the Church.
- 9) Holy water fonts are not currently in use.
- 10) The sign of peace is suspended.

These measures are to keep everybody safe and will constantly be reviewed.

We really look forward to welcoming you back to Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Monday to Friday in the Cathedral from 5pm until 7.15pm.

Parish Sunday Envelopes Website Donate Button

Parishioners 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

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 mile maith agat.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Machnamh don tSeachtain.

Glac sos chun machnaimh
a dhéanamh, is foinse an nirt é.
Glac sos chun léitheoireachta a
dhéanamh,
is cloch chúinne na heagna í.
Glac sos chun spraoi
a dhéanamh, is é rún an chroí óig.
Glac sos chun bheith suaimhneach,
is deis é bheith i láthair Dé.
Glac sos chun bheith san airdeall,
is deis é bheith cabhrach.
Glac sos chun bheith grámhar,
is olltabhartas é ó Dhia.
Glac sos chun bheith gealgháireach,
is fuinneamh anama é.
Glac sos chun bheith cairdiúil,
is bealach an tsonais é.
Glac sos chun aislinge
cothaíonn sé feasacht.
Glac sos chun urnaí,
is é an chumhacht is mó ar domhan.

Take time to think,
it is the source of power.
Take time to read,
it is the foundation of wisdom.
Take time to play,
it is the secret of staying young.
Take time to be quiet,
it is the moment to seek God.
Take time to be aware,
it is the opportunity to help others.
Take time to love and be loved,
it is God's greatest gift.
Take time to laugh,
it is the music of the soul.
Take time to be friendly,
it is the road to happiness.
Take time to dream,
it is what the future is made of.
Take time to pray
it is the greatest power on earth.

Making your Will

Please remember Ennis Parish among the beneficiaries in your will. Donations made in this manner will greatly assist the parish in proclaiming the Gospel. The parish appreciate such thoughtfulness and generosity.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 5th July, 2020, **€2363.00**

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

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 book of the prophet Isaiah.

Is 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord:

"As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens, and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do."

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*Some seed fell into rich soil;
And produced it's crop.*

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.

R.

And thus you provide for the earth;

You drench its furrows,

You level it, soften it with showers,

You bless its growth.

R.

You crown the year with your goodness.

Abundance flows in your steps,

In the pastures of the wilderness its flows.

R.

The hill are girded with joy,

The meadows covered with flocks,

The valleys are decked with wheat.

They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

R.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Rm 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first – fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;

Whoever finds this seed will remain forever

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, "Imagine a sower going out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came

and ate them up.

Other fell on patches of rock, where they found little soil, and sprang up straight away, since they had no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up, they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away.

Others fell among thorns,

and the thorns grew up and choked them.

Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Listen, anyone who has ears!"

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 sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

**Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
For ever singing your praise.**