

Ennis Parish Newsletter

Mass Times

Cathedral

Monday to Friday 7.40am, 11am & 7.30pm
Saturday 11am & Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday 8am, 9.30am & 11.30am

Friary

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

St. Joseph's

Monday to Friday 10.30am—(St Joseph's may need to close occasionally for Covid Testing— see inside for details)
Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm
Sunday 10am & 11.45am

Cloughleigh

Monday to Friday 9.30am
Sunday 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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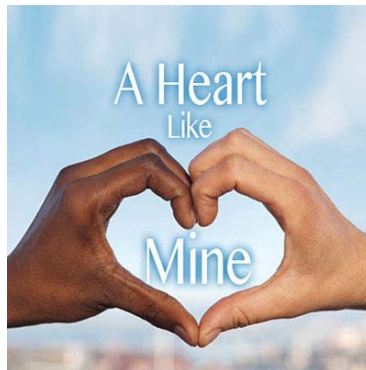
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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 19th July, 2020

The parable of the seed and the dandel that we hear in today's Gospel strikes resonated with the experience that many people have in life. It begins with something very simple – a sower goes out to sow seed. It is something that we have all done at one time or another be it in gardens, lawns, farms or maybe a window box. Like the person in the Gospel, we have had different experiences, varying results. There are times when our sowing is very successful and we have a wonderful crop, and there are times when little or nothing comes of our work.

The sower in the Gospel had mixed results. He certainly produced wheat that provided food for his family and community. But there was also dandel, weeds in his garden - the work of an enemy. We are not told much about the enemy. Maybe that is an invitation to reflect on the negatives in our lives and world.

One thing that is important is that the seed that the man planted was good seed. Everything that comes from the Lord is good. It was all capable of producing wonder and beauty. The same is true of us. The Lord has planted goodness and wonder within each of us. We are all called to be wonderful and beautiful. Everything about a little child speaks of wonder and promise. Thank God the experience of life can nourish that beauty and allow it to flourish and shine.



Yet, not all the seed in the Gospel story produced wheat. A bit like us, it didn't all get the same opportunities. Some of it was pushed aside by the weed. Some people are not given much of a chance in life. Thankfully, many people are surrounded by love and this allows them flourish. Others are surrounded by negativity which makes it so hard for them to become what the Lord calls them to be. We also play a role ourselves. Do we seek out the light, the goodness in life or do we allow ourselves to drift towards the things that pull us down?

Each evening as the shadows lengthen, it is always good to pause and reflect. What were the moments of grace present in the day that is drawing to a close? The opportunities grasped or perhaps missed?. The words uttered that build up and provide what is needed or perhaps words or actions that would have been better left unsaid or undone?. Each and every day gives us numerous opportunities to grow and flourish and to lift each other up. Sometimes we avail of them, sometimes sadly we don't. But the wonderful thing is that Our Lord is patient and each sunrise is an opportunity to begin again. New seed, good seed, is sown day in, day out. The goodness that the Lord has placed within each of us endures forever.



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 6.30pm: John Brigdale, Clancy Park.
Sun 19th: 9.30am: Brenda Flynn, Fergus Park.
 John & Nancy Howard, St. Michael's Villas.
 PJ Keane, Loughville.
 Paschal Hanrahan, Gallows Hill.
11.30am: Mary Smyth (nee Dunne), Feakle.
 Paddy Flynn, Lifford.
 Mary Keane, Kllrush Rd. MM.
 Peter O'Brien, St. Michael's Villas.
 Michael Casey, Turnpike.
 Baby Tom Kennedy Rice, Newbridge.
Mon: 7.40am: Michael & Molly Meehan, Summerhill.
11am: Angela, John & Tommie Gormely, Donegal.
7.30pm: Mary, Bernard, Michael & Bernie Dilger, Connolly Villas.
Tues: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.
11am: No Intention Booked.
7.30pm: Mona Kelly, Kilrush Rd.
Wed: 7.40am: Deceased Griffin Family, Feakle.
11am: No Intention Booked.
7.30pm: Ann Tuohy, Clancy Park.
Thurs: 7.40am: No Intention Booked.
11am: No Intention Booked.
7.30pm: Jamie Coote, Cusack Rd.
Fri: 7.40am: Joseph & Frances Molony, O’Connell St.
11am: Mass for the People
7.30pm: Berrie McMahon, Ferndown, Lahinch Rd.
Sat: 11am: Confirmation ENS
1pm: Confirmation ENS
3pm: Confirmation ENS
6.30pm: Christina Coughlan, Clonroadbeg.
 Mary O’Sullivan, Drumcliffe Rd.
 Joan & Jackie Molloy, Marian Ave.
 Carmel & Frankie Dinan, McNamara Park.
 Martha Doyle & Annie Keane, Ennis & Clarecastle.
Sun: 9.30am: William & Teresa Clohessy, Drumcliffe.
11.30am: Lucy O’Driscoll, Summerhill. **1st Anniv.**
 Brendan O’Donoghue, Castletawn, Tulla Rd.
 Paddy Whyte & family, Market St.

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

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

Confirmation

On Saturday next we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Ennis National School at three ceremonies in the Cathedral at 11am, 1pm & 3pm.
 The 11am Mass on Saturday will be reserved for the Confirmation ceremony only. We ask parishioners to avail of the 10am Friary and 10.30am Mass in St. Joseph’s on Saturday.



Youth 2000

Summer E-Festival Retreat from 14-16th August 2020
 Register free:
www.youth2000.ie
 “The Lord is My Strength & My Song” psalm 118:14

Junior Tennis Camp 2020

From 20th to 31st July, 9am-11am, 11.30-1.30, 2pm-4pm.
 Contact Danny or Jason 085 7696979 or 065 6841096

Lost & Found

Silver Dress ring found in the Cathedral. Please contact Parish Office for details.

Ennis Parish Development Fund
 Sunday 19th July 2020
 Total Collection
€3789.48
 Envelope Collection:
€3424.48
 Online donations received during the past week:
€365.00

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: Mary O’Shea, St. Senan’s Rd. **1st Anniv.**
Sun 19th 11.45am: May & Michael McEnery & Deceased O’Grady & McEnery families, Kilnamona.
Tues 10.30am: Michael & Bridget O’Halloran, Roslevan.
Thu 10.30am: Patrick & Mary Howley, Balla, Co. Mayo.
Sat 10.30am: Michael Spellissy, Lee’s Rd. Drumcliffe.
7pm: Christina Kelly, Glenina, Gort Rd.
Sun 26th 10am: Mary Ryan, Cusack Rd.
11.45am: Josephine Lavin, The Crescent.

St Joseph’s Church will be closed on Friday July 24th to facilitate critical training and Covid 19 testing for healthcare workers. We apologise for the inconvenience

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.

Rest in Peace

James Ruane, Considine Rd.
 Mary (Lal) Quinn, Showgrounds Rd.
 John McGuire, Westbourne
 Charlene Sherlock, Cappagh, Mohill, Co. Leitrim & Ennis
 Della Saxton nee Mackey, Nottingham & late Carmody St.



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:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Donor’s Intention.
Sun 26th 11am: Margaret & Michael Clohessy & Flanagan families, Caherfeenick, Cree.

Newly Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:
 Rian William Pearse Hally,
 Adam Makula,
 Noah Byrne Sherlock



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.



Céad Fáilte – We've Missed Each Other!

Our newsletter this weekend carries a message of welcome from Bishop Fintan and our Diocesan Pastoral Council as we return to Mass. In the porch of our churches as you leave Mass this weekend you will find a prayer card of welcome to share with family and friends.

Dear Friends

What strange times we find ourselves living in? An invisible virus has changed our world and our lives. We don't shake hands. We keep our distance. For many weeks, we were unable to visit relatives and friends, most of all those who were sick or vulnerable. Grandparents and grandchildren missed each other. Children missed their friends and teachers. We've missed being together as Christian Communities.

It's our nature as a Church to gather. This is what we do. It's who we are. Like the early Christians, we gather on Sundays knowing the Risen Christ is present among us when we gather in His name. We thank our priests for the work they have done to transmit Masses during the lockdown through local radio, Facebook and webcams. But we have missed coming together to celebrate the Eucharist. So, it is good for us to be here even with the limitations that restrict our numbers. We can now look towards future community gatherings, to celebrate Sunday Mass, Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and to remember our dead.

We thank the many people across the Diocese who have prepared our churches so that we can come together safely. Indeed, despite the difficulties there is a lot to be grateful for. We owe so much to our health care workers and to those who kept all essential services going. We thank the Lord for the goodness of so many generous, brave people who have given, without counting the cost, often putting themselves at risk. They are the face of Christ for us. Times of crisis bring out the best in people. People have stayed at home and stayed apart because it saves lives and lessens suffering. All age groups, young and old, have shown that they care for each other.

These past months have been a time of worry, but they have also been a time of learning new ways of doing things, new behaviours, new approaches. It has also been a time of coming back to what matters in our lives, to what sustains us when the chips are down, to questioning what values we want for our communities and our society.

As faith communities, we are walking together into a changed time. In March, the Diocese had started a process of thinking and planning for the future. Like everything else this had to be put on hold. But the challenge remains of sustaining our Christian Communities, of going further as people of faith and hope, as people called to make visible something of God's love and compassion in the places where we live. In the coming year, the Bishop and Diocesan Pastoral Council will invite all of us to be part of thinking about these challenges and planning the path forward together. All of that is in the future. For now, we must continue to care for and support each other. As Christian Communities, let us keep reaching out to each other, and to our neighbours, with encouragement, with practical help and with prayer. And let us remember: *'the Church does not close, only the building. Because we are the Church, the living body of Christ, and we are everywhere.'*

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 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

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Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Focal Buíochais.

Tá áthas orainn bheith in ann freastal ar an Aifreann arís tar éis trí mhí go leith faoi dhianghlasáil. Gabhaimid buíochas leis an Easpag Fiontán agus na Sagairt go léir ar fud na Deoise a chuir seirbhísí eaglasta ar fáil dúinn ar raidió áitiúil, ar ceamaraí gréasáin agus ar chraolacháin teilifíse i rith an ama. Go mba fada buan sibh go léir. Seo dhá phaidir gur féidir a ra tar éis Comaoineach Naofa a ghlacadh.

Go raibh ainm milis Íosa go taitneamhach scríofa ar lár mo chroí-se.

A Mhuire, a Mháthair Íosa, go raibh Íosa agamsa agus mise ag Íosa.

Ceangal grá bheith eadrainn go brách

Gan scaoileadh.

Aiméan, a Íosa,

A Íosa, ná siúl romham inniu, nó is dócha nach leanfaidh mé thú,

A Íosa, ná siúl i mo dhiaidh, nó is dócha nach dtabharfaidh mé treoir.

A Íosa, bí i do chara fial dom agus díreach siúl ag mo thaobh. Aiméan.

We are all very happy to be able to attend Mass again after three and a half months confined to our homes. We are grateful to Bishop Fintan and to all the Priests of the Diocese who provided us with Church Services on Local Radio, through webcams and television broadcasts throughout this time. Long may you prosper. The following prayers of thanksgiving may be said after Holy Communion

May the dear name of Jesus be written in my heart,

Mary, mother of Jesus, may Jesus be in me and I in Jesus.

May the bond of love be always between us and never be broken.

Dear Jesus, may it be thus forever. Amen

Don't walk behind me, I may not lead.

Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow.

Just walk beside me and be my friend. Amen.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
And praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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 Wisdom.
Ws 12:13.16-19

There is no God, other than you, who cares
for everything, to whom you might have to
prove that you never judged unjustly. Your
justice has its source in strength, your
sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your
sovereign power is questioned and you
expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild
in judgement, you govern us with great
lenience, for you have only to will, and your
power is there. By acting thus you have
taught a lesson to your people how the
virtuous person must be kindly to his fellow
men, and you have given your sons the
good hope that after sin you will grant
repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

*Response: .O Lord, you are good and
forgiving.*

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
Full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
And attend to the sound of my voice. **R**

All the nations shall come to adore you
And glorify your name, O Lord:
For you are great and do marvellous
deeds,
You who alone are God. **R**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
Slow to anger, O Lord,
Abounding in love and truth,
Turn and take pity on me. **R**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to
the Romans. **Rm 8:26-27**

The Spirit comes to help us in our
weakness. For when we cannot choose
words in order to pray properly, the Spirit
Himself expresses our plea in a way that
could never be put into words, and God
who knows everything in our hearts knows
perfectly well what he means, and that
the pleas of the saints expressed by the
Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
So that we can see what hope his call
holds for us.*

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew **Mt 13:24-43**

Jesus put a parable before the crowds,
'The kingdom of heaven may be compared
to a man who sowed good seed in his field.
While everybody was asleep his enemy
came, sowed darnel all among the wheat,
and made off. When the new wheat
sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared
as well. The owner's servants went to him
and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that
you sowed in your field? If so, where does
the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has
done this" he answered. And the servants

Said "Do you want us to go and weed it
out?" But he said, "No, because when you
weed out the darnel you might pull up the
wheat with it. Let them both grow till the
harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to
the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie
it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the
wheat into my barn." '

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 suf-
fered 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 Fa-
ther. 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 spo-
ken 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

**Behold, I stand at the door and knock,
says the Lord.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the
door to me,
I will enter his house and dine with him,
and he with me.**