

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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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 26th July, 2020

The Kingdom of God

The kingdom must have been on the mind of Jesus as in the New Testament he kept telling stories to illustrate various aspects of it. Altogether there are about one hundred and fifty references to it.

In today's Gospel - **Jesus calls the Kingdom of God**

- ◇ A hidden treasure
- ◇ A box full of golden coins hidden in a field
- ◇ A precious pearl
- ◇ A jewel found by a business man who sells everything he has to buy it
- ◇ A fishing net full of fish-good and bad ones

For us today - **The Kingdom of God could be**

- ◇ Greater human justice
- ◇ Greater social equality
- ◇ Daily bread for all
- ◇ The defense of human rights
- ◇ The destruction of all weapons and wars
- ◇ A better family life
- ◇ The plight of the refugees
- ◇ A healthy human life for all
- ◇ To place a value on the many other *life* issues

In the parables told today the emphasis is on how we should respond to the mystery of God's kingdom in the world around us.

We would do well then to ask –

How do I foster - **that Kingdom of God?**

- ◇ In my home
- ◇ In my work
- ◇ In my decisions
- ◇ In my education
- ◇ In all my activities - to human well-being

Let us invest in fostering the Kingdom of God. It is the only investment that will last. It is guaranteed by God himself, who after the death and resurrection of his Son Jesus, invested his own Spirit in our common human life.

**SEEKING THE KINGDOM
OF GOD LEADS TO JOY
AND HAPPINESS**



Priest on Duty 26th July: Please Contact: 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

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 26th: 8am: No Intention Booked.
9.30am: William & Teresa Clohessy, Drumcliffe.
11.30am: Lucy O'Driscoll, Summerhill. **1st Anniv.**
 Brendan O'Donoghue, Castlclawn, Tulla Rd.
 Paddy Whyte & family, Market St.

Mon: 7.40am: Mary R O'Dea, Ennis.
11am: Don Maher, Clonaslee, Co.Laois.
7.30pm: Tom Kelly, Phoenix Court, Kilrush Rd.
Tues:7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: No Intention Booked.
7.30pm: Seamus & Bernard Flanagan.
Wed:7.40am: No Intention Booked.
11am: No Intention Booked.
7.30pm: John O'Neill, Dalcassian Ave.
 P.J. Dinan, Hermitage.
Thurs:7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: No Intention Booked.
7.30pm: Michael Moroney, Limerick Rd.
 Mickey Crowe, London. **MM**
 Michael & Bridie O'Donoghue & family, Limerick Rd.
Fri:7.40am Fr. James McInerney, Doora.
11am: No Intention Booked.
7.30pm: No Intention Booked.
Sat:11am: Frank Lynch, Golflinks Rd.
 Ann & Martin Griffin, Shanaway Rd.
 Maureen Harvey, Ennis.
 Bill, Rita & Liam O'Sullivan, Inisgrove, Lahinch Rd.
 Martha O'Brien, Kilrush.

1pm: Bernadette (Bernie) O'Sullivan, Cahercalla Estate & Brosna, Co. Kerry. **MM**
6.30pm: Teresa Kenny, Rathflynn, Corofin.
Sun 2nd 8am: Catherine Guy, Circular Rd.
9.30am: Ann Philomena Colgan, Ennis.
11.30am: Fr. Johnny Meehan, Summerhill.
 Patrick O'Loughlin, Drumcaranmore;
 Patrick, Mary Kate & Aishling O'Loughlin, Kilshanny.
 Liam Slattery, Amityville, N.Y. & McNamara Pk.
 Bernie Ruane, Woodhaven, Kilrush Rd. **MM**

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of: €150, €50, €10 & €10

We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

All contributions for this work are very much appreciated

A Choice

From our First Reading today Solomon is given the opportunity to ask from God whatever he wants. What would I ask for if given the same opportunity?

There are so many things - good health, a happy marriage, a secure job, seeing my children happy and doing well, winning the Lottery, maybe even Olympic Gold!

So hard to choose; today's Gospel points me in the right direction. It mentions a hidden treasure, a pearl of great price. These will be mine if my heart and mind are turned towards God.

76 Years a Christian Brother



On Monday 27th July Br. Seán Mac Namara, a native of Kilmurry McMahon and a member of the Christian Brothers Community in New Road here in Ennis will celebrate 76 years as a Religious Brother .

Br Seán joined the Christian Brothers on the 27th July 1944.

We congratulate Br Seán on this happy occasion and wish him many more years of health and happiness.

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: Christina Kelly, Glenina, Gort Rd.
Sun 26th 10am: Mary Ryan, Cusack Rd.
11.45am: Josephine Lavin, The Crescent.
Mon 10.30am: Vera O'Carroll, Corrovorrin Grove.
Tues 10.30am: Deceased Daly family, Stamer Pk, Francis St.
Sat 10.30am: Freddie Nightingale, Elm Pk.
7pm: Buddy Brown, Corrovorrin Crescent.
Sun 2nd 10am: Marlene Hanrahan, Pine Grove. **MM**

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.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 26th 11am: Margaret & Michael Clohessy & Flanagan families, Caherfeenick, Cree.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Pat O'Hanlon, Shanaway Rd.

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.

Newly Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Shay John Halpin

Nicole Margaret Molly Corristine



Ennis Parish Development Fund
 Sunday 19th July 2020

Total Collection **€4,594.00**

Envelope Collection: **€4,549.00**

Online donations received during the past week: **€45.00**

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Monday to Friday in the Cathedral from 5pm until 7pm. (please note change of time)

God's Days

"There are two days in the week upon which, and about which, I never worry - two carefree days kept sacredly free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is Yesterday. Yesterday, with its cares and frets and pains and aches, all its faults, its mistakes and blunders, has passed forever beyond my recall. It *was* mine; it *is* God's.

The other day that I do not worry about is Tomorrow. Tomorrow, with all its possible adversities, its burdens, its perils, its large promise and performance, its failures and mistakes, is as far beyond my mastery as its dead sister, Yesterday. Tomorrow *is* God's day; it *will be* mine.

There is left, then, for myself but one day in the week - Today. Any man can fight the battles of today. Any woman can carry the burdens of just one day; any man can resist the temptation of today. It is only when we willfully add the burdens of these two awful eternities - Yesterday and Tomorrow - such burdens as only the Mighty God can sustain - that we break down.

It isn't the experience of Today that drives people mad.

It is the remorse of what happened Yesterday and fear of what Tomorrow might bring.

These are God's Days ...

Leave them to Him.

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

Beannachtaí

Tá go leor beannachtaí le fáil sa traidisiún Ghaelach. Bhí paidir ann do gach ócáid agus do gach gné den saol. Seo paidir le rá agus tú ag dul amach ag taistil.

Go mba ar choimrí Dé agus na Maighdine Muire tú. Naomh Iósaef, Mac Duach agus Mac Dara agus Naomh Peadar do do thabhairt abhaile slán. Áiméan

In the Irish tradition there were prayers for every occasion and for all aspects of life. This is a prayer for a safe journey.

May God and the Virgin Mary protect you. Saint Joseph, Macduagh, Macdara and Saint Peter bring you home safely. Amen.

Beannú na gCéadfaihte, ó Naomh Fursa atá againn ón seachtú haois déag.

Go raibh cuing reachta Dé ar an ngualainn seo, Go raibh fiosrú an Spioraid Naoimh ar an gceann seo,

Go raibh comhartha Chríost san éadan seo, Go raibh éisteacht an Spioraid Naoimh sna cluasa seo,

Go raibh boltanú an Spioraid Naoimh sa tsrón seo,

Go raibh amharc mhuintir neimhe sa bhéal seo, Go raibh obair eaglais Dé sna lámha seo,

Go raibh leas Dé agus na gcomharsan sna cosa seo,

Agus gura le Dia, Athair uile, an duine seo. Áiméan.

Blessing for Understanding and Perception of Saint Fursey

The arms of God around my shoulders,

The touch of the Holy Spirit upon my head,

The sign of Christ's cross upon my forehead,

The sound of the Holy Spirit in my ears,

The fragrance of the Holy Spirit in my nostrils,

The vision of heaven's company in my eyes,

The conversation of heaven's company on my lips,

The work of God's Church in my hands,

The service of God and neighbour in my feet,

A home for God in my heart,

And to God, the Father of all, my entire being, Amen.

Rest in Peace

Betty Purtill, Hermitage;

Gretta Burke, Ashline, Kilrush Rd;

Mary O'Keefe, Fernhill, Gort Rd;

Carmel O'Neill, Lifford Rd.;

Séan Tiernan, Dromore West, Sligo,

brother of Tom, Shanaway Rd.

& Kevin, Willsgrrove;

James Carmody, Carrigaholt,

father of John, Ashfield Close

& Marie Thornton, Roslevan;

Tadeusz Durys, Poland,

father of Agnieszka Avotins, Lahinch Rd.,

husband of Jolanta Jalkiewicz, Parnell St.;

Patrick (Paddy) Mahony,

Considine Rd. & Parnell 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.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
He himself gives might and strength to his people.

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 first book of the Kings. 1 K 3:5.7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great? It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this', the Lord said, 'and

not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Lord, how I love your law!

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
Is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
Than silver and gold. *R*

Let your love be ready to console me
By your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
For your law is my delight. *R*

That is why I love your commands
More than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. *R*

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. *R*

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans. Rm 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I call you friends, says the Lord,
Because I have made known to you
Everything I have learnt from my
Father.*

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

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

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.