

# 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

### 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>

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 2nd August, 2020.**

## THANK YOU TO OUR FRONTLINE WORKERS

As I write I have been waiting three days for an important text, a text that says "that the test did not detect COVID 19". I do not have symptoms but was tested as part of a general testing of staff in a care facility. The knot forming in my gut about this is not about me. I reckon I could put up a fair fight against COVID. My concern is for the residents I am in contact with every day. Being part of their lives brings a responsibility to be meticulous in following the guidelines and keeping contacts to a minimum so that I don't become the cannula that delivers a lethal payload to the most vulnerable. It's Monday night now, some colleagues got the good news text on Saturday .....I still wait ..... what if?? What about everyone to whom I gave Holy Communion, everyone whose wheelchair I pushed? Did I do everything correctly? Are they still protected even if this test goes belly-up for me.

This has been the story of staff in care homes all over the country every week for the past three or four weeks.

For a chaplain, physical contact is minimal thank God. For the care staff physical contact is unavoidable. They are the frontline heroes who provide the ring of steel to protect the vulnerable. They have done so for months now, not in the high drama we associate with Grey's Anatomy, but in an atmosphere where the most routine and mundane actions assume the stress of being calculated and deliberate because the life of someone you care about depends on you. The term "Frontline" means different things to different people. For staff in acute hospitals, it's about saving the lives



of those already infected. They are right there in the pain and anguish of the struggle with illness, sometimes in the pain of loss and hopefully, too, to experience the joy of recovery. For others closer to home it's about

prevention, about being part of a ring of steel that can be breached at any moment. The enjoyable friendly banter and craic can change almost instantaneously. We once lived in a world where a temperature or a cough was routine, but not anymore. They now trigger the precautions of isolation, testing and PPE. Staff can be good at remaining calm and reassuring on the outside but beneath the visors and gowns every healthcare worker is thrown onto an emotional, adrenalin fuelled, rollercoaster. They are faced with the daunting question; "what if?" Is our ring of steel about to become a house of cards?

In today's Gospel, the apostles discovered resources they didn't realise that they had. Throughout this pandemic amazing people, when faced with crisis, when faced with the darkest times, found strength deep within themselves to rise to the challenge. We salute our frontline staff, starting right here in this parish. We acknowledge your amazing contribution and the sacrifices you have made to protect. If Jesus fed five thousand with the apostles' few loaves and fish, you cannot even begin to imagine the impact that your contribution continues to have on countless lives.

Thank you!



# Priest on Duty 2nd August: Fr. Joy - 065 6869098



## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Teresa Kenny, Rathflyn, Corofin.  
**Sun : 9.30am:** Ann Philomena Colgan, Ennis.  
 Catherine Guy, Circular Rd.  
 Gerard & Evelyn Moloney, Dalcassian Ave.  
**11.30am:** Fr. Johnny Meehan, Summerhill.  
 Patrick O'Loughlin, Drumcaranmore,  
 Patrick, Mary Kate & Aishling  
 O'Loughlin, Kilshanny.  
 Liam Slattery, New York & McNamara Pk.  
 Bernie Ruane, Woodhaven, Kilrush Rd. MM.  
**Mon: 7.40am:** No 7.40am Mass .  
**11am:** Kathleen O'Connor, Clahane.  
**7.30pm:** John Minitier, Clonroadmore.  
**Tues:7.40am:** Book of Intentions.  
**11am:** Monsignor Patrick Kearney & Bro. Seraphim  
 Kearney, OFM, San Diego & Ennis.  
 Chris Conneely, Ennis.  
**7.30pm:** Bridie Linnane, Listowel.  
**Wed:7.40am:** Holy Souls.  
**11am:** Kathleen McCarthy, Orchard Grove, Gort Rd.  
**7.30pm:** Michael & Teresa Slattery, St. Michael's Vls.  
 Maureen Moroney, Clare Rd. & Miltown Malbay.  
**Thurs:7.40am:** Donor's Intention.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** Mary & Joseph Hehir, Hermitage.  
 John, Breda & Patrick Whelan, Dalcassian Park.  
**Fri:7.40am:** Donor's Intention.  
**11am:** Breda Neylon, Maurice's Mills.  
**7.30pm:** No intention booked.  
**Sat:11am:** Eileen Keane, St. Anne's Tce.  
 Pickford family, Drumbiggle Rd.  
 Angela Kelly, Hazelwood, Kelly family  
 Kildysart & Maureen & Pat Wallace.  
**6.30pm:** Mary Hennessy, College Green.  
 Colm Flynn, Corrovarrin & Cloughleigh.  
 Tom Joe Coffey, Tobertaoscan.  
**Sun : 9.30am:** Mass for the People.  
**11.30am:** James Ruane, Considine Rd. MM.

## Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €500, €50, €50, €40.  
 We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.  
*All contributions for this work are very much appreciated*

## Changes at the Friary



The triennial appointments in the Franciscan Province have just been announced and the personnel changes in the Ennis Friary are:-

The new Guardian is Paschal McDonnell. The friars Joe McMahon, Cletus Noone, Elzear O'Brien and Philip Lane remain in Ennis.

The friars Frank McGrath and Adrian Peelo are moving to Galway to form part of a new initiative there. Nicholas Shanahan will be reassigned later. The new friars joining the community are Ailbe O'Murchú and Damian Casey. Damian will be ordained deacon next month and will minister in Ennis Parish under the guidance of Fr. Tom Ryan.

We congratulate Paschal on his appointment as Guardian and express our gratitude to Frank and Adrian and wish them every blessing as they leave us. We welcome Ailbe and Damian and assure them that they will be blessed to be living in such a beautiful part of the country among God's own people.

## 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:** Buddy Brown, Corrovarrin Crescent.  
**Sun 10am:** Marlene Hanrahan, Pine Grove MM.  
**11.45am:** Jeremiah Considine, Corrovarrin Crescent.  
**Mon 10.30am:** Bridget McIntyre, Donegal  
**Wed 10.30am:** Deceased McMahon families.  
**Thu 10.30am:** Kathleen O'Malley, Clover Hill.  
**Fri 7pm:** Betty & Brendan Mounsey, Marian Ave.  
**Sat 7pm:** Vincent Greene, Corrovarrin Ave  
**Sun 10am:** Padraic Barrett, Elm Park  
 Eddie Casey, Marian Ave.

## Bank Holiday Monday

Masses in Ennis on this day are:

10am Friary  
 10.30am St. Joseph's  
 11am Cathedral  
 7.30pm Cathedral  
 Please note there is no 7.40am Mass at Cathedral, 9.30am at Cloughleigh and 1.05pm Masses in Friary.  
 There are no Confessions or Adoration

## First Friday August

The priests of the Parish will visit sick and housebound parishioners with the Sacraments this week.  
 If you are housebound at present or you know some parishioners who would like to receive the Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office.



# FIRST FRIDAY

## 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**

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:

**Mon 9.30am:** No 9.30am Mass.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions  
 James & Peggy Naughton, London & Dalcassian Pk.  
**Wed 9.30am:** Michael & Moira Madigan, Lahinch Rd.  
**Thu 9.30am:** Morgan, Mary Finucane & family,  
 Moy, Lahinch.

## Newly Baptised

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

Maximus Christopher McDonagh;  
 Eyshan Makulova;  
 Alzbeta Makulova;  
 Moya Madigan;  
 Rian William Russell;



## Rest in Peace

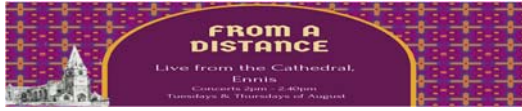
**Brid Crowe**, St. Michael's Villas;  
**Ann Whelan**, Ardcarney, Ruan, mother of Martina Hogan, Parish Secretary;  
**Sr. Carmel Scanlan**, Nenagh;  
**Bridget McIntyre**, Donegal, sister of Kathleen Cahill, Tulla Rd. ,  
**Johnny Flynn**, Connolly Villas,  
**Jude Anthony McMahon**, Dublin & Ennis.



*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.*

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday, 26th July: €4,084  
 Envelope Collection: €4,014  
 Online donations: €70

## From A Distance Free Concerts



From A Distance is a community initiative encouraging people to recommence socializing safely after lockdown. These 30-40 minute bi-weekly concerts will allow people to see some familiar faces From A Distance while also enjoying some musical treats from local talents such as Mike Hanrahan, Monica Morgan Kearney, Joan Hanrahan and friends, and many more to be announced.

These concerts will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2pm, free of charge, for the month of August in SS Peter and Paul Cathedral Ennis. The Civil Defence will be present to ensure all guidelines are followed and safety measures are in place.

Cocooning has seen many vulnerable members of our society isolated from friends, family for a substantial length of time. Now that lockdown is over, these concerts aspire to create a safe welcoming environment to bridge the fears, worries, and doubts people may have about getting out again to enjoy live music and entertainment.

Dr. Maire Finn has spoken about the struggles people are experiencing in physical and mental health as the world settles into its "new normal".

Bishop Willie Walsh has said, "I found the lockdown relatively easy. But now that things are reopening and our towns are getting busier, it feels more challenging in ways".

From A Distance will commence on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020 with concerts set to take place every Tuesday and Thursday at 2pm in SS Peter and Paul Cathedral Ennis. Tickets are limited, free of charge and can be obtained from the Ennis Parish Office on 065 68 682 4043 or on Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/from-a-distance-live-at-the-cathedral-tickets-114748876980>).

### Sr. Carmel Scanlan RIP

Sr. Carmel died peacefully on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July in McAuley House, Limerick. Patricia was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> November, 1928, was the second of six children born to John Scanlan and Margaret O'Farrell of Gortmagee, Killaloe, Co. Clare. She was educated at the Mercy Primary School, Killaloe and as a boarder in St. Joseph's Secondary School, Spanish Point. She is predeceased by her sister Monica (Hayes) and her brothers Patrick and Eddie Joe; she is survived by her sister Maureen (Ryan) and brother Fr. John Brendan, Manchester, UK.

Patricia joined the Sisters of Mercy in Ennis on the feast of the Presentation, 21st November, 1948 and took the name Carmel at her formal reception the following year. Her profession of perpetual vows was made in July, 1955. Carmel trained as a Nurse in the Mater Hospital, Belfast. On qualifying in 1955 she spent one year on the staff of Nenagh General Hospital before being appointed to the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital, Ennis, then known as the County Home. Ten years later when a special unit, St. Senan's, for the care of severely handicapped children and young adults, was opened in the grounds of St. Joseph's Hospital here in Ennis, Carmel was appointed Sister-in-Charge. This was an assignment she at first found difficult to accept but excelled at it, in her warm, caring and prayerful way, at a time when resources were minimal and understanding of the real needs of special children was underdeveloped. The Unit soon filled to its 24-person capacity. There are many touching accounts of the kindness with which these young people were treated. Health & Safety issues were yet to come to prominence, so Carmel cajoled ambulance drivers and others to take her young charges on trips to the seaside or into the countryside; she also wangled places for them on Diocesan pilgrimages to Knock and Lourdes! Carmel could be described as the Mother Teresa of Ennis in the way she cared for the children, holding by the hand, bringing them on walks. Apart from a sabbatical year at Maynooth in 1978, Carmel stayed with the Unit until it closed in 1989 on the transfer of the residents to Bawnmore, Limerick. Carmel then moved from nursing to pastoral work, visiting the sick in their homes, hospitals and nursing homes. When St. Joseph's Convent closed in 1998 Carmel opted to transfer to St. Mary's, Nenagh, where she continued her pastoral ministry. Declining health necessitated her move to McAuley House in 2018.

Those who lived and worked with Carmel describe her as a woman of extraordinary commitment to prayer and having a child-like trust in the providence of God; she had a particularly strong devotion to Mary, having taken as her motto, 'To Jesus through Mary'. Carmel was a very private person, especially about family and her travels – and she did many a journey and pilgrimage which only came to light after the event. She followed Pope St. John Paul II to each of his venues on his Irish visit in 1979. Three years later when the same Pope visited the UK, Carmel was spotted on TV at the Manchester gathering, acting as Minister of the Eucharist – her brother's parish was in the Manchester area and she had quietly gone on pilgrimage once more. She even appeared on television attending the funeral of Charles J. Haughey!

Carmel will be sadly missed by her immediate and extended family, friends, former colleagues and her Mercy Community, to all of whom we extend our sincerest sympathy. May her faithful soul rest in the peace of Christ.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### Mí Lúnasa.

I mí Lúnasa, ceiliúraimís an fómhar. Duine de na déithe ba thábhachtaí i gcultúr na gCeilteach ab ea Lugh. Féile a bhí ann le fáiltiú roimh fhás an arbhair agus roimh thús an fhómhair. Is minic a bhíodh daoine in Éirinn ag déanamh damhsaí agus tinte cnámha le Féile Lúnasa a cheiliúradh. Bhí cuid de na nósanna seo beo go fóill go dtí an fichiú haois. De réir an tseanchais ba laoch, file, cruitire, taidhleoir, státaire agus ceardaí é Lugh. Is uaidh a shíolraigh ainm na míosa, Lúnasa, an chéad mhí den fhómhar. In aimsir na gCeilteach ceapadh gur ón ngrian a tháinig torthaí na talún. Tháinig Naomh Pádraig agus mhúin sé gur chruthaigh Dia teas na gréine agus báisteach na spéire chun plandaí a chur ag fás. Gabhaimis buíochas le Dia as gach ní a fhásann.

Sa Bhíobla, cuirtear in iúl dúinn go bhfuil "tráth breithe, tráth báis, tráth curtha síl, tráth bainte fómhar". (Cóheilit(3:1)A Thiarna bí linn i Mí Lúnasa.

**Ag Críost an síol, ag Críost an fómhar; in iothlann Dé go dtugtar sinn.**

**Ag Críost an mhuir, ag Críost an t-iasc; I líonta Dé go gcastar sinn.**

**Ó fhás go haois, ó aois go bás, do dhá lámh, a Chríost, anall tharainn.**

**Ó bhás go críoch nach críoch ach athfhás, i bParthas na ngrást go rabhaimid Aiméan**

In August, we celebrate the harvest. Lugh was one of the most important gods in pre-Christian Celtic Culture. Dancing and bonfires were engaged in to celebrate the Feast of Lugh. Some of these customs were still alive until the twentieth century.

According to folklore Lugh was a warrior, a hero, a poet, a harpist, a diplomat, a statesman and a craftsman. August (Lughnasa) the first month of Autumn is named after him. In pre-Christian times it was thought that all the crops came from the sun and without it there would be no food and they would die. St. Patrick came and taught that God created the heat of the sun and the rain to help the growth of plants. We thank God for everything that grows.

In the Bible we read that there is: A time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.... (Ecclesiastes 3:2-3). Lord be with us during the month of August.

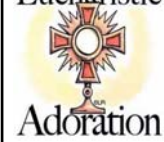
**To Christ the seed, to Christ the crop, in barn of Christ may we be brought.**

**To Christ the sea, to Christ the fish, in nets of Christ may we be caught.**

**From growth to age, from age to death, Thy two arms here, O Christ, about us.**

**From death to end, not end but growth, in blessed Paradise may we be. Amen.**

Eucharistic



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Tuesday to Friday in the Cathedral from 5pm until 7pm.



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

O God come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

## 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 55.1-3

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are  
thirsty;  
though you have no money, come!  
Buy corn without money, and eat,  
and, at no cost, wine and milk.  
"Why spend money on what is not  
bread,  
your wages on what fails to satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me and you will have  
good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.  
Pay attention, come to me;  
listen, and your soul will live.  
With you, I will make an everlasting  
covenant,  
out of the favours promised to David.

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response:

You open wide your hand, O Lord,  
you grant our desires.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
Compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you,  
and you give them their food in due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways,  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
call on him from their hearts **R.**

## A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. 8.35, 37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love  
of Christ, even if we are troubled or  
worried, or being persecuted or lacking  
food or clothes, or being threatened or  
even attacked.

These are the trials through which we  
triumph, by the power of him who loved us.  
For I am certain of this: neither death nor  
life no angel, no prince, nothing that exists,  
nothing still to come, not any power, or  
height or depth, nor any created thing, can  
ever come between us and the love of God  
made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Man does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the  
mouth of God.**

**Alleluia.**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. 14.13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the  
Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a  
lonely place where they could be by  
themselves.

But the people heard of this and, leaving  
the towns, went after him on foot.

So as he stepped ashore, he saw a large  
crowd; and he took pity on them and  
healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to  
him and said,

"This is a lonely place, and the time has  
slipped by; so send the people away, and  
they can go to the villages to buy  
themselves some food."

Jesus replied,

'There is no need for them to go:

Give them something to eat yourselves.'  
But they answered,  
'All we have with us is five loaves and  
two fish.'

'Bring them here to me', he said.

He gave orders that the people were to sit  
down on the grass;

Then he took the five loaves and the two  
fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said  
the blessing. And breaking the loaves he  
handed them to his disciples who gave  
them to the crowds.

The all ate as much as they wanted and  
they collected the scraps remaining,  
twelve baskets full.

Those who ate numbered about five  
thousand men, to say nothing of women  
and children.

## 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

**I am the bread of life, says the Lord;  
whoever comes to me will not hunger  
and whoever believes in me will not  
thirst.**