

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 7pm

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 16th August, 2020

Is the Bread for the Children or the Dogs?

In the Gospel today we meet a Canaanite woman, who is initially refused a miracle by Jesus, but then challenges him, changes his mind and receives the favour she requested of him. It is a story we are familiar with but let's look at it a little closer and see what we can learn, because it may surprise us!

The first question we must ask ourselves is, what is this story about, and the automatic response is that the story is about whether or not Jesus will grant the woman's request. That is true, but there is a sub-plot that we may have missed. That sub-plot, when we read carefully, is based on the question of who is entitled to eat the bread from the table? The real question in this passage becomes, is the bread only for the children or can the house dogs eat it too?

Which brings us to our second question. What is this bread? Jesus himself tells us what the bread is. It is the food that satisfies all hunger, both physical and spiritual. The bread is the food which prevents people from fainting on the way, it is the blessings of Jesus' ministry, the bread is his body, his self-giving act of surrendering his life for us.

The Canaanite woman, in her brave and daring response to Jesus, makes him realize that everyone, no matter how small or little, no matter how we may see ourselves or how insignificant we may feel, has a share in that bread. If we

notice, and do read the story carefully, she accepts that she is not entitled to the full loaf, accepts her place under the table, but reminds Jesus that even the crumbs of the eaten bread are enough to satisfy the deepest hunger, the deepest yearning. She experiences this dreadful need when out of desperation and love of her daughter she comes to Jesus, who, in healing her daughter, allows her a share in the bread of his ministry.

At mass, we receive that same bread, the bread which is Jesus' body, and which truly is his life-giving sacrifice for us. What is our relationship to that bread? Does it nourish and satisfy us? Do we believe that this is the bread of life and is truly given up for us, so that we may have life and have it to the full? That is what is on offer to you today. A bread that not only feeds you physically but also spiritually, giving you physical life and nourishing your soul as well for eternal life. Do not be blind to the bread you receive here today, for even the crumbs of it can be life changing.





Priest on Duty 16th August: Fr. Tom Ryan 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: T. Kenny, Rathflynn, Corofin.
Pat & Brigid Woods & Woods family, Circular Rd.
Seán Mounsey, Marian Ave.
Michael, Maura, Mgt Keane, Caherea.

Sun 16th: 8am: No Intention Booked.

9.30am: Joe Moroney, Shanaway Rd.
Colm Hogan, USA & Ard na Gréine.
Ann & John Keane, Hermitage.
Clare Burke, Mill Rd.
Daniel & Bridget Considine, Tobertaoscain

11.30am: Michael McNamara, Glensheen.
Pat, Mary, PJ & Mary Neylon, Connolly Villas.
Larry Brennan, Abbeylawn, Clarecastle.

Mon: 7.40am: Frank, Mertý & Joan Culligan, Clonroad.

11am: No Intention Booked.

7.30pm: Gerard Thompson & Michael Dempsey, Maynooth.

Tues: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.

11am: Frank & Eileen O'Dea & Barbara Meak, Kilrush.

7.30pm: No Intention Booked.

Wed: 7.40am: Tom Dillon, Ard na Gréine.

11am: No Intention Booked.

7.30pm: No Intention Booked.

Thurs: 7.40am: No Intention Booked.

11am: Patrick McNamara, Mullagh & London.
James, Kathleen & Tommy Coote, Circular Rd.

7.30pm: Mary Kate & Thomas F. King.
Andres Aguilar, Aughanteeroe, Gort Rd.

Fri: 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Teddy Ryan & family, Connolly Villas.

7.30pm: Gretta Burke, Ashline House, Kilrush Rd. MM.
Brid Crowe, MM, Martin Crowe & Conroy & Crowe families, St. Michael's Villas.

Sat: 11am: John O'Sullivan, Cork & London.
Kevin & Jane McKeon, Clonroad.

6.30pm: Della Moroney, Loughville.

Sun 23rd 8am: John Nagle, Laureen.

9.30am: Paddy Forde, St. Martin's, Ardlea Rd.

11.30am: Mary O'Keeffe, Fernhill, Gort Rd. MM.
Patrick Mahoney, Considine Rd. MM.
Paul Whelan, Kilrush Rd.
Monica & Fergus Gallagher, Cappahard.
Bridie & Tony Mahony, Hermitage.
Tony Mulrennan, Westfields.
Breda, Joe & Jim O'Halloran, Doora & Kilrush Rd.
Betty Dempsey & decd family.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Mon 9.30am: Mick, Jane & Thomas Quinlivan, Kilmihil.
Tue 9.30am: .Book of Intentions

Roster for Cathedral: Sunday 23rd August, 2020

Readers': Group 1



Readers rotas are available
for collection in the Parish Office.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday, 9th August: **€3,903.55**
Envelope Collection: **€3,508.55**
Online donations: **€395.00**

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €100, €100, €100, €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

Perseverance

There is an old saying that
"The falling drops will at last wear the stone"

Yes, perseverance is a much lauded quality.

It is seen by many as an essential ingredient for success.

The woman in today's Gospel certainly possesses it.

She is a pagan whom Jesus seems to ignore.

But she doesn't give up.

She needs healing for her tormented daughter. She knows and believes that He has the power. She kneels at His feet until finally she gets what she wants.

She is a model for all of us who are tempted to abandon whatever it is we are trying to achieve.

Above all, she is a reminder to us that if we persevere in our prayers we will be answered.



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: Gerry Jones, Orchard Lane.
Sun 16th 10am: Patrick Carmody, Kincora Pk.
11.45am: John & Mary McMahan, Marian Ave.
Teresa Butler, Courtview, Lifford.

Mon 10.30am: Damien & Seamus Higgins, Clancy Pk.

Tues 10.30am: Donor's Intention.

Thu 10.30am: Lauretta O'Sullivan, Woodlawn.

Fri 10.30am: Paddy & Tony O'Hara, The Hazels, Oakleigh Wood.

Sat 10.30am: Frank Doris Roslevan.

7pm: Sean Dolan, Castlelawn.

Sun 23rd 10am: Tommy McGann, Drumcliffe Rd.
11.45: Carmel O'Neill, Lifford Rd. MM

Newly Baptised

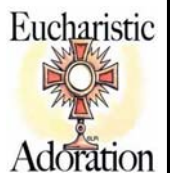
We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Rebecca Regina Mata
Aine Bridget Toni Blake
Monica Kate Stamp
Kristian Meszaros



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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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.

Rest in Peace

Sr. Columba Murphy, Convent of Mercy, Bóthar na Trócaire;
Frank Lillis, Gorey, brother of John, Woodlawn;
Clem O'Connell, Bruach na hAbhann;
Benjamin Alokwe, Nigeria, brother of Pauline, Pearse Ave, Cloughleigh;



*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.*

Sr. Columba Murphy RIP



Sr. Columba Murphy died peacefully on Tuesday 11 August 2020, in Cahercalla Community Hospital, Ennis.

Maureen was the third in a family of seven, born to the late Patrick Murphy and Nora McMahon at Scropul, Mullagh, on 21 February 1924; all of her siblings have predeceased her. Maureen received her primary education at her local National School and second-level as a boarder at Coláiste Muire, Ennis. On 7th October 1942 Maureen entered the Convent of Mercy, Kilrush, taking Columba as her religious name; she made profession of perpetual vows in 1949.

A graduate of Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, Columba's ministry was chiefly in primary education in the Mercy primary schools in Kilrush, Kilkee and Holy Family Junior School, Ennis, finishing in Kilrush in 1989. As a very young teacher she also taught in the Mercy Secondary School, Kilkee. In retirement, Columba continued to teach by helping pupils with additional needs in the local Primary School, working in the Community Centre, as well as acting as Spiritual Director to the Kilrush Praesidium of the Legion of Mary. She was also a friend to her neighbours in Sycamore Drive, Kilrush!

Columba served for many years as leader in the Kilrush Mercy Community. Both her educational and leadership ministries, as well as her day-to-day living, were characterised by her gifts of wisdom, calmness, kindness, and generosity – all of which she carried lightly in that warm-hearted and good-humoured manner that endeared her to everyone. Her wisdom was particularly evident when, in 2010, she requested a transfer to St. Xavier's, Ennis, where she could avail of its assisted-living facility; she was warmly welcomed and much loved. Reading, doing crosswords, keeping in touch with family and friends were among Columba's interests to the end – particularly her love for and pride in her family.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam uasal.

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.

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.

Tuesday 18th August: Edel Vaughan & friends.

Thursday 20th August: Therese McInerney & friends.

Tuesday 25th August: Philomena & Michael O'Brien.

Thursday 27th August: Helen Houlihan accompanied by Michael Hennessy.

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>).

Blood Donation Clinic

During Covid 19, Blood Donation Clinics are by appointment only in order to ensure social distancing and donor safety while also maintaining critical supplies.

Donors in the Ennis area are asked to call 061 306980 from 9am-5pm to make an appointment for the clinics in Treacy's West County Hotel on Monday & Tuesday of this week from 4.45pm to 8pm each day



Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

An Coróinvíreas.

Tá ardú mór ar líon na ndaoine a bhfuil an víreas corónach orthu in Éirinn, cé go bhfuil srianta i bhfeidhm ag an rialtas le tamall fada. Fógraíodh a dhá oiread cásanna an tseachtain seo is a fógraíodh an tseachtain roimhe sin agus fógraíodh seasca hocht gcás ar an Domhnach seo caite.

Caithimid bheith san airdeall mar tá baol agus bagairt dár saol ann fós ón víreas. Molann na húdaráis dúinn:

Scaradh sóisialta a chleachtadh agus fanacht dhá mhéadar amach ó dhaoine eile.

Casadh le daoine amuigh faoin aer, chomh fada agus is féidir.

Ná fan rófhada i gcomhlúadar daoine.

Na lámha a ní go maith agus go minic.

Clúdach aghaidhe a chaitheamh nuair is cuí in áiteanna poiblí.

Aip rianaithe Covid-19 a íoslódáil.

A Íosa, a leigheasann gach duine, fan linn in aimsir na héiginnteachta agus an bhróin. Bí leo siúd a fuair bás den víreas. Go maire siad faoi shuaimhneas leat go siorraí. Cabhraigh leis na teaghlach atá breoite agus atá faoi imní agus brón. Déan iad a chosaint ón mbreoiteacht agus éadóchas. Cabhraigh leis na dochtúirí, na haltraí, na taighdeoirí agus na profisiúnaigh leighis atá ag cabhrú le daoine faoin ngalar agus a chuireann iad féin i mbaol. Cosain iad agus tabhair síocháin dóibh. Áiméan.

The number of people with the coronavirus in Ireland has risen sharply despite the government restrictions. Twice as many cases were announced last week. There were sixty-eight new cases last Sunday. We must be vigilant as there is still danger and threat to our lives from the virus. The authorities advise us to: Maintain social distancing, keep two meters apart from other people.

Meet people out of doors as far as possible.

Avoid spending too much time with others

Practise hand washing.

Wear a face mask in all public places.

Download the Covid -19 App.

Lord Jesus, generous healer, stay with us in our time of anxiety and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk. May they know your protection and peace. Amen.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
And look on the face of your anointed
one;
One day within your courts
Is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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 Isaiah

Is 56:1.6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice,
act with integrity, for soon my salvation will
come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached
themselves to the Lord to serve him and to
love his name and be his servants - all who
observe the Sabbath, not profaning it, and
cling to my covenant - these I will bring to
my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in
my house of prayer. Their holocausts and
their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar,
for my house will be called a house of
prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. *Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.*

O God, be gracious and bless us
And let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
And all nations learn your saving help.

R

Let the nations be glad and exult
For you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
You guide the nations on earth.

R

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
Till the ends of the earth revere him.

R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Rm 11:13-15.29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been
sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I
am proud of being sent, but the purpose of
it is to make my own people envious of
you, and in this way save some of them.
Since their rejection meant the
reconciliation of the world, do you know
what their admission will mean? Nothing
less than a resurrection from the dead!
God never takes back his gifts or revokes
his choice.

Just as you changed from being
disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy
because of their disobedience, so those
who are disobedient now - and only
because of the mercy shown to you - will
also enjoy mercy eventually. God has
imprisoned all men in their own
disobedience only to show mercy to all
mankind.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The sheep that belong to me listen to my
voice,*

says the Lord,

I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the
region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a
Canaanite woman from that district and

started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take
pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a
devil.' But he answered her not a word.
And his disciples went and pleaded with
him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said
'because she is shouting after us.' He said
in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep
of the House of Israel.' But the woman
had come up and was kneeling at his feet.
'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is
not fair to take the children's food and
throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted,
'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat
the scraps that fall from their master's
table.' Then Jesus answered her,
'Woman, you have great faith. Let your
wish be granted.' And from that moment
her daughter was well again.

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

**With the Lord there is mercy;
In him is plentiful redemption.**