

# 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:

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St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh:- 6797489; Friary:- 6828751

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 23rd August, 2020



## THE TATE FAMILY



Let me introduce you to the **Tate** Family. They are a big family and very influential family present in every parish and community group.

First there is the **Dictate** who wants to run everything — usually does until there's nothing left to run.

Then you'll find that **Rotate** will come in to try to change everything.

But he will be blocked by **Irritate** who stirs up plenty of trouble with the help of his friend **Agitate**.

Whenever there are changes to be made and new projects to get off the ground.

**Hesitate** and **Vegetate** want to wait until next year or a more suitable time — which usually means sometime when they won't have to change at all.

Very prominent in every community is **Imitate**, who wants everything to be run exactly the way she runs it.

But the one that really upsets her is **Devastate**, who provides the voice of doom.

Then there is **Facilitate**, who is most helpful when there is work to be done. In fact **Facilitate** is the one who keeps the whole community going, always trying to keep the peace when everyone is losing their head.

There is always a battle between **Cogitate** and **Meditate** as to which on them will think things over more. Both of them are introspective and both of them think themselves wiser than they actually are.

Finally, there's a member of the **Tate** family that nobody wants to talk about, the black sheep — **Amputate** who has cut himself off completely from the rest of the family.

*The question we have to ask ourselves is this: Which of the **Tates** are we?*

**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Della Moroney, Loughville.  
**Sun : 8am:** John Nagle, Claureen.  
**9.30am:** Paddy Forde, St. Martin's, Ardlea Rd. Denis Harmody, USA.  
**11.30am:** Mary O'Keefe, Fernhill, Gort Rd. MM. Patrick Mahony, Considine Rd. MM. Paul Whelan, Kilrush Rd. Monica & Fergus Gallagher, Cappahard. Bridie & Tony Mahony, Hermitage. Tony Mulrennan, Westfields Betty Dempsey & deceased family. Breda, Joe & Jim O'Halloran, Doora & Kilrush Rd.  
**Mon: 7.40am:** Betty Dempsey & deceased family.  
**11am:** Brendan Downey, Brosna, Co. Kerry. Paudie Cosgrove, Gort Rd. & Wales.  
**7.30pm:** Tom Cosgrove, McNamara Park. Michael Griffin, Parnell St. Michael Cullinan, Gallows Hill.  
**Tues:7.40am:** Book of Intentions.  
**11am:** Nell, John, Philip & Sheila Healy & Rory O'Brien, Tralee. Houlihan family, Hermitage.  
**7.30pm:** Phil & Peg Purcell, Thurles.  
**Wed:7.40am:** No intention booked.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** Michael Considine, Hermitage, Christopher & Daniel Considine, Barnsley, S. Yorkshire. UK.  
**Thurs:7.40am:** No intention booked.  
**11am:** Eileen Tuohy, Parnell St. & Kincora Park.  
**7.30pm:** Maureen 1st Anniv. & Michael Nihill, Shallee Drive. Tadhg, Tim & Susan Queally, Drumcliffe.  
**Fri:7.40am:** Mass for the People.  
**11am:** Donor's Intention.  
**7.30pm:** Holy Souls.  
**Sat:11am:** Kitty & Seán Lynch, St. Michael's Villas.  
**6.30pm:** Mary Reidy, Claureen, Lahinch Rd. Norman Timmins, Sonrisa, Woodstock View.  
**Sun : 9.30am:** No intention booked.  
**11.30am:** Fursey Cunniffe, Clonroad. William & Patricia Casey, La Verna, Cappahard. Sean Hayes, Clonroad. Timmins family, Shanaway Rd. Fr. Michael Hickey, Market St & USA

**Roster for Cathedral:**

**Sunday 30th August, 2020**

**Readers: Group 2**  
 Readers Rotas are available for collection in the Parish Office.



**Cloughleigh**

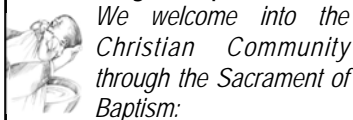
**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Mon 9.30am:** Donor's Intention.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**11am:** Christy Moloney, Clancy Park.  
**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration in Cloughleigh,** September 4th, 7:00-7:30. Join us for a half hour of quiet prayer and music.  
**We continue to pray our Novena to St. Anthony** every Tuesday Morning at 9:30 mass. You are welcome to come and seek the intercession of this powerful saint.

**Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal**

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge €50 x 2. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. *All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.*

**Newly Baptised**



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

**Ruairi Anthony Thomas O'Brien;**  
**Adam John O'Mahony;**  
**Mia Rose Mona Cassidy;**  
**Mason Martin O'Neill;**  
**Lucia Allise Turtakova;**  
**Rian John McMorrow;**  
**Bradley Blake O'Donoghue;**

**Climate Change**

In the aftermath of Storm Ellen and the heavy rain of last Monday Evening, how often this summer have we arrived home soaking wet and full of complaints about the rain. The good weather earlier in the summer had left Ireland short of water and a ban on using water with a hose. Pope Francis had issued a document on '*Water the Source of Life*'. There is the invitation in it to contemplate water, to reverence it, to preserve and protect it. Fr. Brian Grogan, SJ mentioned that when he was in Somalia, a very dry and hot place; a man came to see him and Brian gave him a glass of water. Brian expected him to gulp it down but instead he took it reverently and drank it slowly and with awareness. The man had such respect for the water that Brian never forgot it. The document wants us to appreciate and respect water and not just to use it as a utility. He said (quoting the Pope's Encyclical on the environment) that God looks after all things and looks at them 'with great affection'. Let us not forget the many parts of the world where there is drought and where people would give anything to see a drop of that wonderful water.



**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:** Seán Dolan, Castlelawn.  
**Sun 10am:** Tommy McGann, Drumcliffe Rd.  
**11.45am:** Carmel O'Neill, Lifford Rd. MM.  
**Mon 10.30am:** Tom Kearney, Gordon Drive.  
**Wed 10.30am:** Anne Hartney, Mountain View.  
**Fri 10.30am:** Paudie Cosgrove, Gort Rd.  
**Sat 10.30am:** Gerry Sheridan, Marian Ave.  
**7pm:** Maurice Greehy, St. Senan's Rd.  
**Sun 10am:** Rita Duggan, Claureen, Lahinch Rd.  
**11.45:** Helen McCabe, Newpark, Roslevan.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People ALONE**

manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**Face Coverings in Church**

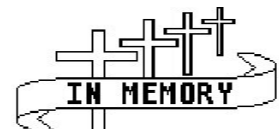
In solidarity with the vast majority of our fellow citizens who actively promote and pursue as safe an environment as possible – in their homes, their places of work and places where they shop or gather, the Diocese of Killaloe now '**strongly recommends**' the wearing of face coverings in addition to the continuation of social distancing and sanitising in all its Churches and buildings as public Masses and services continue.



**National Learning Network** now recruiting for full-time QQI Level 3 & 4, Retail, Tourism, Digital Technology or Career Start Courses. If you need extra learning support with further education, contact their Campus at Francis Street, Ennis, on 065-6864560 or text 0877110918 or email: [clare@nln.ie](mailto:clare@nln.ie). COVID 19 Precautions in place, flexible start dates available from September.

**Rest in Peace**

**Eileen Downes, Steele's Tce; Bridie O'Connor, New Rd.; Bro. Gary O'Shea, Baldoyle, Dublin & formerly Ennis CBS; Michael Mackey, Ahern's Tce. & Buttermarket; Tom Pilkington, Loughville; Theresa Walsh, Kilbreckan, Doora.**



*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.*

## Bro. Gary O'Shea



Bro. Gary died in St. Patrick's Care Centre of the Christian Brothers in Baldoyle, Dublin on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August.

A native of Cork city, Brother Gary taught as a young Christian Brother here in Ennis in the 1960s. He is still fondly remembered in Ennis as a lovely teacher who made lasting impression on his pupils,

Gary joined the Christian Brothers in 1958 and taught in Dublin, Ennis, Doon, Ballyroan, Limerick, Tramore and Doneraile. On retirement he was appointed Superior of the famous North Monastery in Cork, where he founded the Cork Life Centre, reaching out to young people for whom main stream education was a challenge.

Brother Gary answered the Call of God to let his light shine; he did so following the example of Blessed Edmund Rice, Founder of the Christian Brothers and spread that light in many parts of Ireland including our own parish here in Ennis.

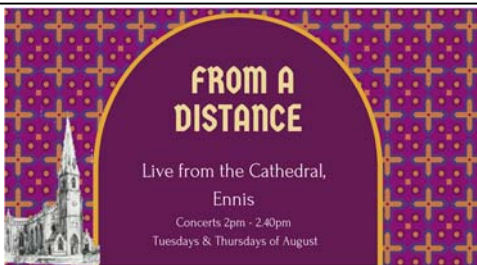
The family of origin makes us what we are, and to the O'Shea family and the Christian Brothers we offer our thanks for sending Brother Gary to us here in Ennis. *May his gentle soul now rest in peace.*

### Trocaire Thank You.

A very big Thank You to parishioners who this year donated €16,794 to the Trocaire Lenten Campaign. In the year of the pandemic when we had to close our Churches in the middle of Lent, this generosity is very much appreciated and will be used by Trocaire to bring comfort and support to the many in this world who simply have not what we take so much for granted.

**TROCAIRE**  
Working for a Just World

Ennis Parish Development Fund for  
Sunday, 9th August: **€4,571**  
Envelope Collection: **€4,336**  
Online donations: **€235**



Due to recent government guidance, we are postponing all further Live Concerts. It's a little step back, for a few weeks, and we hope to meet From A Distance sometime in September. All tickets will be cancelled, however, you may rebook once we have new dates. In the meantime, we have quite a large online following and believe that people would enjoy some music at home. Stay safe and well, and see you soon!

### Welcome to our new Friars

The month of August brings new faces to the Friary. We welcome Fr. Ailbe O'Murchú and Brother Damian Casey who have joined the Ennis Fraternity. Both Friars hail from the city of Waterford and bring great variety and richness to their ministry.



Fr. Ailbe O'Murchú

Fr. Ailbe taught for many years in the Franciscan College in Gormanstown before he was appointed Guardian of the Waterford Fraternity. For the past three years he has ministered in the Abbey in Galway.



Bro. Damian Casey

Brother Damian qualified as a Special Needs Teacher and is an accomplished Organist before he joined the Friars. This is his second appointment to Ennis. In 2013 he undertook his Novitiate here in Ennis and continued his studies in Canterbury, Athlone, Maynooth, Rome and Dublin. He made his Solemn Profession as a Franciscan Friar in Clonmel last September. Damian has also been appointed as the new Director of the Franciscan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> September next in the Franciscan Church in Merchants Quay, Dublin, Archbishop Eamon Martin will ordain Damian to the Diaconate. Damian will minister in Ennis Parish and the Abbey Cluster as a Deacon.

As both Fr. Ailbe and Bro. Damian settle into their new home in the Friary under the Guardianship of Fr. Paschal we wish them every blessing.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### Scoilbhliain Úr

Beidh múinteoirí agus daltaí ag filleadh ar scoileanna roimh dheireadh na míosa seo. Cheana féin tá ceannairí ag ullmhú cúinsí le filleadh ar na scoileanna don bhliain acadúil úr. Tá orthu gnáthaimh scoile nua a bhunú a thacódh le sláinte agus sábháilteacht na ndaltaí, na múinteoirí agus gach uile dhuine ar fhoireann na scoile le linn Covid-19. Tá súil againn go n-éireoidh leo.

Tús maith leath na hoibre. Guímis ar son múinteoirí agus lucht teagaisc ag an am dúshlánach seo agus iad ag tabhairt aire agus ag soláthar oideachais don aos óg. Beannaigh iad ina gcuid oibre, a íosa. Molaimid don aos óg aird a dhíriú ag tús na scoilbhliana ar an gcomhairle seo a leanas ón mbéaloideas. Na trí nithe nach féidir leo casadh go brách: lá ó scoil, Domhnach ón Aifreann, lá ó cheird.

**Ní ualach do dhuine an léann agus seo an chomhairle ó fhile anaitnid:**

*I d'óige oscail do mheabhair, Is bailigh an fhoghlaim leat; Oir an glór nach dtuigeann an ceannais cuma é ann nó as.*

**Is í seo a leanas paidir an mhúinteora:**

*Cuir ar mo chumas múineadh le heagna, mar cabhraim i múnlu na haigne. Ullmhaigh mé chun múineadh le firinne, mar cabhramse i múnlu coinsiasa. Spreag mé chun múineadh le fis mar cabhramse i múnlu na todhchaí. Cuir ar mo chumas múineadh le grá mar cabhramse i múnlu an domhain.*

*Áiméan.*

Teachers and students will be returning to schools before the end of this month. Leaders are already preparing for the new academic year. They must establish new school routines that support the health and safety of students and staff and prevent Covid-19 from spreading in the schools. We hope they will be successful. A good start is half the work. Let us pray for our teachers and educators at this challenging time as they care for and provide education for young people. Bless them in their work. We advise students to remember the following from Irish folklore: Three things you can never get back: a day absent from school, a Sunday without Mass and a day away from one's trade. **Learning is no burden and it is worth listening to this anonymous poet's advice:** *In your youth open your mind and acquire an education, for knowledge your intellect does not understand is useless.*

**This is a teacher's prayer:**

*Enable me to teach with wisdom as I shape the mind. Prepare me to teach with truth as I shape conscience. Encourage me to teach with vision as I help shape the future. Enable me to teach with love as I help shape the world. Amen.*

Clare Crusaders are delighted to announce our Annual Tractor Run which is taking place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm. Unfortunately due to current government restrictions we will NOT be able to hold our Annual Family Fun Day. If you would like to donate and support the clinic please do so by clicking on the link here: <https://give.everydayhero.com/ie/clare-crusaders-tractor-run>



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my  
God.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to  
you all the day long.

## 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 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the  
master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,

I remove you from your post,

and the same day I call on my servant  
Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.

I invest him with your robe,

gird him with your sash,

entrust him with your authority;

and he shall be a father

to the inhabitants of Jerusalem

and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David  
on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,

should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg

into a firm place;  
he will become a throne of glory  
for his fathers house.

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response:

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,

Discard not the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple.

R.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
Which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;

You increased the strength of my soul.

R.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
And the haughty he knows from afar.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,

Discard not the work of your hands.

R.

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

Rm11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God - how deep  
his wisdom and knowledge - and how  
impossible to penetrate his motives or  
understand his methods! Who could ever  
know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever  
be his counsellor? Who could ever give him  
anything or lend him anything? All that  
exists comes from him; all is by him and for  
him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter and on this rock I will  
build my Church.

And the gates of the underworld can  
never hold out against it.

Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of  
Caesarea Philippi he put this question to  
his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son  
of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is  
John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others  
Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,'  
he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon

Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he  
said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus  
replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a  
happy man! Because it was not flesh and  
blood that revealed this to you but my  
Father in heaven. So I now say to you:  
You are Peter and on this rock I will build  
my Church. And the gates of the  
underworld can never hold out against it. I  
will give you the keys of the kingdom of  
heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall  
be considered bound in heaven; whatever  
you lose on earth shall be considered lost  
in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples  
strict orders not to tell anyone that he was  
the Christ.

## 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 earth is replete with the fruits of  
your work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.