

Ennis Parish Newsletter

Cathedral Mass Times

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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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 30th August, 2020

From a Strictly Mathematical Point of View

What equals 100% ? What does it mean to give MORE than 100% ? Have you ever wondered about those people who say they are giving more than 100% ?

We have all been in situations where someone wants you to give over 100%. How about achieving 101% ? What equals 100% in life ?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help you answer these questions.

If:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P
Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Is represented by:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

Then:

H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K

$8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11=98\%$

AND

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E

$11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5=96\%$

BUT

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E

$1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5=100\%$

AND, just look how far the love of God will take you!

L-O-V-E-O-F-G-O-D

$12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4=101\%$

Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that while hard work and knowledge will get you close and attitude will get you there, it's the Love of God that will put you over the top!

In these busy days of love, with much activity happening in getting our schools reopened, take a few moments to remember the Love of God, and how that love shows in the Blessings that we often take for granted.



Priest on Duty 30th August: Fr. Pat Malone 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Mary Reidy, Claireen, Lahinch Rd.
Norman Timmins, Sonrisa, Woodstock View.

Sun 30th: 8am: Furseay Cunniffe, Clonroad.
9.30am: Micko & Peggy Murphy, Tulla.
Pakie & Frances Eustace, Kilrush Rd.

11.30am: Sean Hayes, Clonroad.
Norman Timmins & family, Shanaway Rd.
Fr. Michael Hickey, Market St., Ennis & USA.
William & Patricia Casey, La Verna, Cappahard.

Mon: 7.40am: John & Jim Leavy & decd family.
11am: No Intention Booked.

7.30pm: June & Jimmy Carey, Golf Links Rd.
Patrick Shannon, Dalcassian Park.
Margaret Flynn, Connolly Villas.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: Thomas & Geraldine Quinn, London.
Bernie & Agnes O'Shaughnessy, St. Michael's Villas.

7.30pm: Caroline O'Brien, Stonecourt 1st Anniv.
Cathal Clune, Linnane's Tce.
Ann Flynn, Turnpike Rd.
Michael Flanagan 1st Anniv & Flanagan & Corey Families, Limerick.

Wed: 7.40am: Michael Muldoon & decd family.
11am: Holy Souls.

7.30pm: Tom & Nora Malone, Ard na Gaoithe & Parnell St.

Thurs: 7.40am: Paddy (Dixie) Mahoney, Considine Rd.
11am: No Intention Booked.

7.30pm: Margie Dempsey & Maureen Spain, Dublin.

Fri: 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: No Intention Booked.
7.30pm: No Intention Booked

Sat: 11am: Joe & Mary Kelly, Showgrounds.
6.30pm: Jimmy Fenton, Ard na Gréine.
Martin Hurson, Dublin & Phoenix Court.
Tom & Margaret Spellissey, Steele's Tce.
Margaret McMahon, Carmody St.
James Cahill, Lisheen, Ballynacally.

Sun 6th: 8am: No Intention Booked.
9.30am: No Intention Booked.
11.30am: Ronan Kildea, Castlerock, Tulla Rd.
Margaret Smith, Cahercalla Heights.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 6th September, 2020

Readers: Group 3



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 30th 11am: Christy Moloney, Clancy Park.
Mon 9.30am: Sr Anthony Murrhy, Mullagh.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 6th 11am: Josephine McMahon, Shanaway Rd.

For those who cannot make our St. Anthony Novena on Tuesday Mornings, on Tuesday Evenings between 6.30pm-7pm there will be an opportunity to come to the oratory and light a candle to St. Anthony for your petitions. There will also be Eucharistic adoration and the prayer to St. Anthony will be prayed.

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge €50 x 2 & €100.00 We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.

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.

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: Maurice Greehy, St. Senan's Rd.
Sun 30th 10am: Rita Duggan, Claireen, Lahinch Rd.
11.45am: Helen McCabe, Newpark, Roslevan.
Mon 10.30am: Eugene Leonard, Ennis & Dublin.
Tues 10.30am: Mass as normal on Tuesday.
Wed: 10.30am: Mary & Derek Taylor, The Green & Sr. Finbarr O'Grady, Sligo
Thu 10.30am: Kurian Vc, Kincora Park.
Fri: 7pm: Michael Meere, Corrovorrin Green.
Sat 10.30am: Tom & Margaret Spellissey, Steele's Tce.
7pm: Owen McGowan, Fergus Lawn, Tulla Rd.
Sun 6th 10am: Noel Bane, Marian Ave.

A Prayer for results' day

Father God, may your presence be felt as young people prepare to receive their grades. May they know their worth and value are not based on academic achievement but on your great love for us. Help them to trust in your goodness, fix their eyes firmly on you and guide their steps along the path before them. amen

Rest in Peace

Gerald Haugh, Lissycasey; brother of Sr. Teresa, St. Xavier's; **Fr Brendan Cleary**, Clonlara, brother of Sr. Mona, Greendale.; **Sheila O'Driscoll**, College Green; **David Timlin**, Ashfield Park; **Mary Reilly**, Perth Australia, sister of Geraldine Halpin, Lissycasey (after school Tutor for. First Holy Communion); **Michael Molloy**, Dublin, late St Michael's Villas, brother of Anne Sheedy;

A Prayer as our Schools Reopen

Loving God, we ask you to wrap our school family in a cloak of love and protection as our schools reopen this year.

Bless our boards of management and staff as they continue the good work that they have already begun to ensure a welcoming and safe environment for all.

Bless our parents as they again entrust their children to us, confident we can all work together to help them become the very best that they can be.

Above all, God of Love, we ask you to extend your hand of blessing on our pupils as they joyfully reunite with their friends and all in the school community.

May they continue to progress in their studies and always know that they are safe, secure and protected in your loving embrace.

We know much will seem very different this year, but, Gracious God, we are confident that through the intercession of Blessed Edmund Rice, Venerable Catherine McAuley, St. Flannan, St. Clare and St. Anne, your love and care for each of us will never change.

May we show the same love and care for one another in all we do and say this year.

Amen.

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.



First Friday of September

The Priests of the parish will bring the sacraments of the sick to housebound parishioners this week. If you are currently housebound or know a parishioner who is confined and would like to receive Holy Communion and the Sacraments, please contact the parish office.

Online Donations

There has been a very generous response to our on line donation facility. We are very grateful for your support at this time. If you currently participate on line for mass you may wish to contribute in this way and can do so by visiting our website: www.ennisparish.com and follow the directions to donate. If you wish you may sign up to a regular subscription by this method.

This may indeed be the way of the future as it is unlikely we will be back to passing "the basket" any time soon if ever.

We are very grateful for the support we receive. Thank you

Return of Pyx

We would appreciate the return of Pyx not currently in use by Eucharistic Ministers.

A Word of Appreciation

On Friday 13th March when lockdown began, Fiona Walsh our Cathedral Choir Director suggested to me that she would organise a cantor and organist for the 11am & 7.30pm Masses in the Cathedral. She envisaged that this would help enrich the Liturgy as we reached out to people through the web and parish radio. Fiona put a panel in place and at every Mass since we have been blessed with beautiful music and singing.

Our thanks to those individuals who played and sang everyday. We received very positive words of appreciation from all over the world, from people who were confined to home and able to pray with us here in the Cathedral.

From this week on as some of those who volunteered are teachers who are returning to school, we will not be able to continue to have music at the 11am Mass. The seed sown will continue to flourish at the 7.30pm Mass.

Another initiative of the lock down were our afternoon concerts in August from a distance. Again our thanks to Fiona and the team she put together to reach out to people who had been cocooning and found it difficult to leave home.

May God who has begun this good work continue to bring it to fulfilment.



Tom Ryan P.P.

Season of Creation, September 1st—October 4th

This year's theme for season of creation is "cultivating hope" as we focus on building a better future for all humanity and for our common home.

Confirmation

On Saturday next we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Holy Family School at 11 am in the Cathedral.

Newly Baptised

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

Arabella Ryan, Annie Rose Harte

Sick & Retired Priests' Appeal.

Next weekend we have our annual appeal to help support the sick and retired priests and Bishop of our Diocese. We have an increasing number of elderly priests, some the last surviving member of their families who depend on this appeal to care for them in the twilight years of their lives. Some of these priests have given over 70 years service to our Diocese. Please use the envelope in the box for this appeal or put your contribution into an envelope marked Sick & Retired Priests. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

Séasúr an Chruthaithe 2020.

I Mí Mheán Fómhair, bí linn, a íosa; mí na torthúlachta, mí bhainte an arbhair, mí tús na scoilbhliana. Is iad intinní an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Guímid nach ndéantar slad ar acmhainní an phláinéid ach go roinntear iad ar bhonn cóir ómósach.

Inniu an chéad Domhnach de Séasúr an Chruthaithe 2020 a leanfaidh ar aghaidh go dtí 4 Deireadh Fómhair, Lá Fhéile Naomh Proinsias Assisi. Tá an chéad lá de Mheán Fómhair tiomnaithe do Lá Idirnáisiúnta Urnaí don Chruthú. Is é an téama atá tofa don bhliain seo ná lubhaile don Chruinne. Tá tábhacht ar leith ag baint le Séasúr an Chruthaithe don Eaglais Chaitliceach go háirithe ós rud é gur thiomnaigh an Pápa Proinsias an séasúr seo do Chúram na Cruinne. Is é seo a bhí le rá ag an bPápa. "Caithfidh a chinntiú gur teaghlach daonna amháin sinn. Is é an domhan ár n-áit chónaithe. Ní Dia sinn. Bhí an domhan ann i gcónaí agus tugadh dúinn é. Le linn na tréimhse seo iarrtar orainn onóir a thabhairt don Chruthaitheoir agus gréasán na beatha a chaomhnú."

Ba cheart dúinn go léir gach iarracht a dhéanamh chun an domhan mór a chóiméad slán sábháilte do na glúine atá le teacht. Chun cabhrú linn é seo a dhéanamh is féidir linn staidéar a dhéanamh ar Laudato Si, ciorclán an Phápa a foilsíodh Meitheamh 2015. ***A Dhia, doirt anuas orainn cumhacht do ghrá ionas go mbeimid in ann an bheatha agus an áilleacht a chosaint. Áiméan***

Be with us Jesus, during the month of September; the month of fruitfulness, the month of cutting the corn, the beginning of the school year. The Pope's intention for this month is: We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Today we mark the first Sunday of the Season of Creation 2020 which will continue until 4 October the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. September 1 is an International Day of Prayer for Creation. The theme this year is 'Jubilee for the Earth'. It is a special time for the Catholic Church especially since Pope Francis devoted this season to Care of the Earth. The Pope said we must realise that we are one human family. The earth is our home. We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us. During this season we are asked to honour the Creator and preserve the network of life. We ought to make every effort to keep the world safe for future generations. The Pope's Encyclical 'Laudato Si' which was published June 2015 has many insights and practical advice.

All-powerful God, pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Amen.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday, 23rd August: **€4,705.00**
Envelope Collection: **€4,574.00**
Online donations: **€131.00**

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

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

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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 Jeremiah.

Jr 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,

I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. **For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long; For you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you

Like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary To see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,

My lips will speak your praise. **R**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,

My mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**

For you have been my help; in the shadows of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you;

Your right hand holds me fast. **R**

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

Rm 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

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 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You

are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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 peacemakers, For they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted For the sake of righteousness, For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.