

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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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 13th September, 2020

ALL IS FORGIVEN

“Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me?

As often as seven times?’

Jesus answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times’.

Ernest Hemingway wrote a short story called “The Capital of the World.” In this story, Hemingway told the story of a father and his teenage son. The son had sinned against his father and in his shame he ran away from home. The father searched all over Spain for him, but still he could not find the boy. Finally, in the city of Madrid, in a last desperate attempt to find his son, the father placed an ad in the daily newspaper. The ad read:

“PACO MEET AT HOTEL MONTANA NOON TUESDAY ALL IS FORGIVEN. – PAPA.”

The father prayed that maybe the boy would see the ad and maybe, just maybe, he would come to the Hotel Montana.

On Tuesday, the father in Ernest Hemingway’s story arrived at the Hotel

Montana and he could not believe his eyes. A squadron of police officers had been called out to keep order among the eight hundred young boys named “Paco” who had come to meet their father in front of the Hotel Montana. Eight hundred boys named Paco read the ad in the newspaper and hoped it was for them. Eight hundred “Pacos” came to receive the forgiveness they so desperately needed.

Thanks be to God that forgiveness is available through Christ.

Who do you need to forgive?

Seek out that person while there is time.

God Bless.





Priest on Duty 13th September: Fr. Tom O'Gorman 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: John Cotter, Loughville. 1st Anniv.

Michael Kierse, St. Michael's Villas.

Seán & Bridie McMahon, Tulla Rd.

Sun 13th : 9.30am: Rita Keane, Loughville.

PJ Morgan, Loughville.

11.30am: Michael Tierney, Cahercalla Rd. 1st Anniv

Con Butler, Roseville, Clonroad. 1st Anniv.

Pauline Greer, Greenhill House, Ashline.

Veronica Drinan, Cusack Rd.

Peter Sheridan, Morrissey Ave.

Quinn Family, St. Michael's Villas.

Michael & Molly Meehan, Summerhill.

Mon: 7.40am: Joe Egan, Castlebar.

11am: No Intention Booked.

7.30pm: Nellie Bourke, Tulla Rd.

Tues: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.

11am: Sean McDonnell, Gallows Hill.

7.30pm: Aidan Frost, Castlewood Park.

Butler Family, Clonroad.

Wed: 7.40am: No Intention Booked.

11am: No Intention Booked.

7.30pm: Arne Thelander, Sweden.

John Mc Gann. Ard na Greine.

Thurs: 7.40am: No Intention Booked.

11am: No Intention Booked.

6pm: First Confessions –Gael Scoil.

7.30pm: Accord 50th Celebration.

8pm: First Confessions—Gael Scoil.

Fri: 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: No Intention Booked.

7.30pm: Eileen Downes, Steele's Tce. MM.

Sat: 11am: Bridie O'Connor, New Rd. MM.

Margaret McCarthy, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd. 1st Anniv.

Olive O'Malley, Fergus Park & Doora.

John Finn, Golf Links Rd.

12 noon: First Holy Communion Holy Family NS.

2pm: First Holy Communion Holy Family NS.

6.30pm: Nancy Shannon, Hermitage & Shannon & Hewitt families.

Dan & Mary O'Keeffe, Ardlea Rd.

Mary & John O'Dwyer, Castlewood Park.

Patrick Hynes, Clare Rd.

Michael McInerney, London & Ayle, Feakle.

Astrid Flynn, Corrovorrin Ave.

Bill McCannon, Market St.

David King, Doora.

Sun 20th: 9.30am: Paddy Reidy, Golf Links Rd.

John Corey & decd Corey family, Loughville.

11.30am: Andres Aguilar, Aughanteeroe 1st Anniv.

Fr. Peadar O'Loughlin, Loughville.

Eileen Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.

Jason Wood, Connolly Villas.

Kathleen McGovern, College View, Clare Rd.

Anne Smyth, Roscommon.

Finbarr O'Toole, Friars' Close.

Marissa McDonnell, Cathedral Court.

Reader's Roster for the Cathedral:

Sunday 20th September, 2020

Readers: Group 5

Newly Baptised

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



Finn Rachwal,
Riley Grace McGann

Chime, Ennis Outreach Clinic



Free and confidential support service on all aspects of deafness and hearing loss in children and adults.

Strictly by appointment only due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Advice & information on hearing loss. Assistive Technology for those with a Hearing Loss. Hearing aid care & Maintenance. Minor Hearing Aid Repairs. Hearing Aid batteries (€2 per card)

Wed 16th Sept, Wed 21st Oct, Wed 18th Nov & Wed 16th Dec.

10am - 1pm & 2pm - 4pm

Ennis Parish Office

Contact: Kathleen Daffy

kathleen.daffy@chime.ie

Tel: 061 467494

Now Enrolling: Free Painting and Drawing classes commencing in College of Further Education and Training, Campus, Clonroad Business Park, on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm.

No experience necessary To book a place or for more information contact 065 6897654 or email antoinette.houlihan@lcebt.ie

The College of Further Education and Training at its Clonroad Campus in Ennis are delivering a free Leaving Certificate programme for adults over 18. A single or number of subjects can be undertaken. For more information, contact Mike Ryan on 065 6824819 or michael.j.ryan@lcebt.ie. Or logon to <https://learningandskills.ie/ennis-campus/>.

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: Martin & Maureen Mullins, Marian Ave.

Sun 13th 10am: Noel Carmody, Kincora Park.

11.45am: Sean & Kay Horgan Kincora Park.

Mon 10.30am: Roche family, Fermoy, Cork.

Tues 10.30am: Church Closed for Covid Testing.

Sat 10.30am: Joe & Maura McDonagh, Meadow Court

7pm: Maria Fox, Golf Links Rd.

Sun 20th 11.45: Carol Quinn, London.

Rest in Peace



Frank Rice, Circular Rd.,

Teresa Sheerin Ryan, Kilmaley, formerly Tulla Road Ennis and Cranny ;

Bro Johnny Walsh, Castletown, Co. Laois Nuala Mercier, nee McGann, Blackrock Dublin & formerly Ennis, sister of the late Tommy Mc Gann Drumcliffe Rd., & John, Ard na Gréine

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, 6th September:

€4,084.00

Envelope Collection: **€3,809.00**

Online donations: **€275.00**

We thank the many people for their thoughtfulness in contributing to this appeal. Such generosity enables the Diocese to offer support to our sick and retired Bishop and Priests. Envelopes for this appeal are available in all Church Porches.

Sick & Retired Bishop & Priests' Appeal

€4,327.00

Envelope Collection: **€4,297.00**

Online donations: **€30.00**

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 13th 11am: Summerly family, Hermitage.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 20th 11am: John O'Brien, 1st Anniv, Esther & Tommy O'Brien, Hermitage.



Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge contributions of €500, €270, €100, €50x2

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

We are grateful to one parishioner who left a legacy of €500 in their will to this appeal.

All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.

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/>

Religious Gifts

Earlier this year our local Veritas Shop closed and the Friary Mass Office has limited supplies. With the help and support of Bro. Philip, O.F.M. from the Friary, we are delighted to let you know that the parish office has a selection of religious gifts for sale. Many of these gifts would be ideal for Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

First Holy Communion

On Saturday next, children from the Holy Family school will celebrate First Holy Communion at two separate ceremonies in the Cathedral, the first at 12noon and second at 1.30pm.

We congratulate the children, their parents and guardians. We thank the teachers who have prepared the children for the sacrament.

First Confessions

The children from the Holy Family school will celebrate the Sacrament on Tuesday morning from 9am-10.30am in the Cathedral.

On Thursday Evening at 6pm & 8pm in the Cathedral the children from the Gael Scoil will receive the sacrament.

Bro Johnny Walsh, Christian Brother



On Tuesday last 8th September the feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bro Johnny died peacefully in the care of the staff of Miguel House Castletown, Co. Laois.

Seán Seosamh Breathnach was born on the 7th August 1923 to John & Brigid Walsh nee Killoughery in O'Connell St. He received his education from the Sisters of Mercy, just down the street from his home and from the Christian Brothers in New Rd.

At 14 years of age on 25th August 1937 he joined the Christian Brothers in Cheshire, England. He made his solemn profession in 1945 and three years later on 8th September 1948 he set sail for India where for the next 60 years he faithfully served the people of India following the example of his founder Blessed Edmund Rice.

In December 2006, Bro Johnny as he was affectionately known retired to Ireland where he was assigned to the Synge Street Community of Brothers in Dublin.

For the past 12years, Brother Johnny has been a resident in Castletown Nursing Home in Co. Laois where he died peacefully on our Lady's Birthday, 72 years to the day he set sail for his missionary work in India.

Bro Johnny's Funeral Mass took place in Castletown on Thursday with burial taking place in the Christian Brothers' Cemetery, Marino, Dublin. To his nieces, nephews, family and Christian Brothers, we extend our sympathy and thanks for helping to form and shape a wonderful missionary from the town of Ennis.

Blessed Edmund Rice, Pray for him.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please note due to First Confessions at the Cathedral there will be **no Adoration on Thursday evening 17th September**. Adoration will take place Mon, Tues, Wed & Friday from 5pm until 7pm.

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.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Dia ar Lámh Linn.

Comhghairdeas le gach aon dalta sa pharóiste a fuair toradh na hArd Teistiméireachta an Luan seo caite. Bhí go leor deacra le sárú ag lucht scoile i mbliana de bharr an víreascorónach. Tréaslaímid chomh maith leis na múinteoirí agus na tuismitheoirí a chabhraigh leo an ceann scríbe seo ina saol a bhaint amach. Go raibh beannacht agus grásta Dé leo sa todhchaí agus iad ag tabhairt aghaidh ar chúrsaí i gcoláistí éagsúla nó sna hionaid oibre. Go raibh sé de mhisneach ag daoine óga an fód a sheasamh ar son an chirt agus na córa. Go dtuga an Spiorad Naomh neart agus misneach dóibh.

Tá baol agus bagairt dár saol ann fós ó Covid 19 agus táimid faoi bhuairt agus inní. Is cinnte go bhfuil Dia lámh linn. Seo a leanas leagan Gaeilge den iomann *The Clouds' Veil* le Liam Lawton atá feiliúnach don ghéarchéim agus is féidir linn machnamh a dhéanamh air agus sólas a fháil.

Fiú san oíche dhubh -Dia liom.

Fiú i lár an cheobhráin -Dia romham.

Fiú le scamail dhorcha thar mo cheann -Dia I gcónaí liom.

Fiú ar strae sna sléibhte-Dia liom.

Fiú sa stoirm fhíochmhar -Dia romham.

Fiú gan réalta le soilsíú thar mo cheann,

Dia i gcónaí ann -ar lámh liom.

Congratulations to all who received their Leaving Certificate results on Monday last. Schools had many difficulties to overcome because of the Corona virus. Congratulations also to teachers and parents who helped the students achieve their aims. May they have God's blessings and graces in the future, in college or in the workplace and may they have the courage to stand for justice and right. May the Holy Spirit bless them with strength and courage.

There is still danger and threat to our lives from Covid19 and we are anxious and fearful, but God is with us. Liam Lawton composed a beautiful hymn *The Clouds' Veil* which we can reflect on.

Even though the rain hides the stars,

Even though the mist swirls the hills,

Even when the dark clouds veil the sky, God is by my side.

Even when the sun shall fall in sleep,

Even when at dawn the sky shall weep,

Even in the night when storms shall rise,

You are by my side. God is by my side. God is by my side.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord,
to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

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 Ecclesiastics.
Si 27:30 - 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the
vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the
Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh,
he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by
the commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not
bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the
covenant of the Most High, and overlook the
offence.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is compassion and love,
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. R

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals everyone of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. R

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. R

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the
Romans. Rom 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its
influence on others; if we live, we live for the
Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so
that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This
explains why Christ both died and came to
life, it was so that he might be the Lord both
of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
You have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew Mt 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how
often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs
me? As often as seven times?' Jesus
answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-
seven times'.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may
be compared to a king who decided to settle
his accounts with his servants. When the
reckoning began, they brought him a man
who owed ten thousand talents; but he had
no means of paying, so his master gave
orders that he should be sold, together with
his wife and children and all his possessions,
to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw
himself down at his master's feet. "Give me
time", he said "and I will pay the whole sum."
And the servant's master felt so sorry for him
that he let him go and cancelled the debt.
Now as this servant went out, he happened

to meet a fellow servant who owed him one
hundred denarii; and he seized him by the
throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what
you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell
at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give
me time and I will pay you." But the other
would not agree; on the contrary, he had
him thrown into prison till he should pay the
debt. His fellow servants were deeply
distressed when they saw what had
happened, and they went to their master
and reported the whole affair to him. Then
the master sent for him. "You wicked
servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of
yours when you appealed to me. Were you
not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow
servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his
anger the master handed him over to the
torturers till he should pay all his debt. And
that is how my heavenly Father will deal
with you unless you each forgive your
brother from your heart.'

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

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the
shadow of your wings.