

# 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>

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 20th September, 2020

There once was a little boy who wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his bag with biscuits and a six-pack of juice and started his journey.

When he had gone a short distance, he met an old woman. She was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons.

The boy sat down next to her and opened his bag. He was about to take a drink from his juice when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her a biscuit.

She gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a juice also. Once again she smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was, and he got up to leave but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old woman and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face.

She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I had lunch with God." But, before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home.

Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied, "I ate biscuits and drank juice in the park with God." But, before her son responded, she added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

***Moral: God is everywhere. We just need to share our happiness and make others smile to feel him.***





# Priest on Duty 20th September: Contact 065 6869098



## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**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, Corrovorin Ave.  
Bill McCannon, Market St.  
David King, Doorra.

**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.  
Tony Mulrennan, Westfields.

**Mon: 7.40am:** Michael & Molly Meehan, Summerhill.

**11am:** Joan Dargan, Limerick Rd.

**7.30pm:** Donor's Intention.

**Tues: 7.40am** Book of Intentions.

**11am:** Pat Donoghue, Ennis. **1st Anniv.**

**7.30pm:** No intention Booked.

**Wed: 7.40am:** Margaret Foudy, Kilrush Rd. & Bridget O'Connor, Inagh.

**11am:** No intention Booked.

**7.30pm:** Nancy & Austin Mooney, Cornmarket St.  
Haulie Mc Mahon, Doolough. Recently Deceased

**Thurs: 7.40am:** No intention Booked.

**11am:** No intention Booked.

**7.30pm:** Micheál & Peggy Roche, St. Michael's Villas.  
Patrick, Elizabeth & Amelia Cahill, Cahercalla Est.

**Fri: 7.40am** Mass for the People.

**11am:** No intention Booked.

**7.30pm:** Jackie Browne, Ardlea Rd. **1st Anniv.**

**Sat: 10am:** Holy Communion Gael Scoil

**11.15am:** Holy Communion, Gael Scoil.

**6.30pm:** Mary Ellen & John Queally, Drumcliffe.  
Eileen Anne Lally, Ennis.

**Sun 27th 8am:** Joseph & Michael Clohessy,  
Caherfeenick, Cree & O'Donnell families.

**9.30am:** No intention Booked.

**11.30am:** David Timlin, Ashfield Park. **MM.**  
Mary Burke, Park Ave.  
PJ O'Donnell, Ballyalla.  
Bridie Williams (nee Guilfoyle), Ennis.

## 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.

**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 log on to <https://learningandskills.ie/ennis-campus/>.

We are having a half hour of adoration, prayer and beautiful music in Cloughleigh Oratory every Tuesday evening from 6:30-7:00. This is an opportunity to come and light a candle and we will conclude with the novena prayer to St. Anthony.

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## Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 27th Sept, 2020

Readers: Group 6



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

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

**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions

**Sat 11am:** Holy Communion– Scoil Christí Rí.

**Sun 11am:** Michael **1st Anniv.** & Patrick O'Brien, Cloughleigh Rd.

## 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:** Maria Fox, Golf Links Rd.

**Sun 20th 11.45am:** Carol Quinn, London.

**Mon 10.30am:** Teresa Moloney, Marian Ave.

**Tues 10.30am:** Mary McMahon & Ann Mullan, Ennis & UK.

**Sat 10.30am:** Bernard & Mary Woods, Summerhill.

**7pm:** Anne Fox & Pat McInerney, Corrovorin Green.

**Sun 27th 10am:** Carmel & Tom McInerney, The Crescent.

**11.45:** Jennifer Sherlock, Ruan. **1st Anniv.**

## Rest in Peace

Eileen A. Lally, daughter of Daniel Sullivan and Mary (Mae) Stack, Ennis,  
Mary Dillon, Kilkishen, mother of Maria Sheehan, Showgrounds Rd.,  
Moira Hannon, Bodyke, sister of John Cahir, St. Michael's Villas,  
Margaret Keenan, New York, sister of James O'Grady, College Pk.  
Kay McNamara nee Howley, Hillcrest, Roslevan.



*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.*

## 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.*

## Newly Baptised

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

Jessica Tierie  
Kristian Drafi  
Julius Horvath  
Olga Horvathova



## Feast of Our Lady of Mercy Thursday 24th September

A cross in the grounds of the Cathedral commemorates a parish mission that took place here in Ennis in November 1853.



During the Mission conducted by the Jesuits a meeting of parishioners was held in the Cathedral and a unanimous decision was taken to invite the Sisters of Mercy to establish a convent in the town to provide education for the girls of Ennis and the surrounding area. A fundraising committee was set up to raise the necessary money to purchase a property for the convent.

Dean Kenny the parish priest of Drumcliffe made contact with St. Mary's Convent of Mercy in Limerick pleading for sisters to come to Ennis. The following year 1854 the first arrived to establish the first Convent of Mercy in Row House in Arthurs Row. In 1855 St. Xavier's school, known as the Convent school opened its doors to 547 girls.

For the past 166 years there has been a Mercy presence in this parish. The Sisters were pioneers in education, healthcare, social services and spirituality in our parish.

An example of the vision the sisters had for education in Ennis can be seen in the Holy Family Schools built in 1965 by Mother Lelia McKenna. These schools have stood the test of time, bright and airy classrooms facing south, each classroom self contained with toilets and cloakrooms, ideal for Covid Times.

Catherine McAuley who in 1831 founded the Sisters of Mercy was a woman of great vision, an innovator, a woman of prayer and deep faith. She reminded her sisters that each day is a step we take towards eternity. The final step will bring us into the presence of God.

On Thursday next, we celebrate Mercy Day, a day of prayer in thanksgiving for the Mercy Tradition that has blessed so many over the past 166 years.

To the sisters in St. Xavier's Convent and in the many other communities in the parish we thank you for dedicating your lives to bring the good news to the poor and to heal the broken hearted.

**Venerable Catherine McAuley, pray for us.**

### First Holy Communion

On Saturday next in the Cathedral, children from the Gaelscoil will celebrate the sacrament in two ceremonies at 10am & 11.15am. In Cloughleigh Oratory, children from Scoil Chríost Rí will celebrate the sacrament in two ceremonies at 11am & 1pm. We congratulate the children and their parents and thank our teachers and school staff who have patiently journeyed with the children to bring them to this day.

### No 11am Mass on Saturday

Please note that due to First Holy Communion there will be no 11am Mass in the Cathedral next Saturday. Morning Masses in Ennis on Saturday will be in the Friary at 10am & St. Joseph's Church at 10.30am

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

### Religious Gifts

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.

Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday,  
13th September:

**€5,600.00**

Envelope Collection: **€5,530.00**

Online donations: **€70.00**

Sick  
&

Retired Priests: **€2,875.00**

## ***Sr. Eileen's Cúinne***

Naomh Maitiú.

Duine d'Aspal Íosa ab ea Naomh Maitiú agus ceiliúrtar a lá Fhéile ar 21 Meán Fómhair. Bailitheoir cánach ab ea é. Bhí drochmheas ag na Giúdaigh ar bhailitheoirí cánach. Cuid dá aicme a bhíodh ag bailiú cánacha do na Rómhánaigh nó do Héaród. Nuair a chas Íosa ar Mhaitiú dúirt sé leis "lean mise".

Scríobh sé a Shoiscéal as Aramais dá mhuintir féin na Giúdaigh chun a chruthú dóibh gurbh é Íosa as Nasaireit an Messiah ar labhair na fáithe faoi sa Sean -Tiomna. Luann sé mar sin ina Shoiscéal a lán de na tairngreachtaí úd i dtaobh an Messiah agus léiríonn sé mar a chomhlíonadh ina n-iomlán iad in Íosa. D'fhulaing Naomh Maitiú géarleanúint agus anbhás go háthasach ar son Íosa. *Naomh Maitiú guigh orainn inniu. Áiméan*

Ceiliúrfar Lá Fhéile Muire na Trócaire ar Meán Fómhair 24. Lá mór comóraidh is ea é do Shiúracha na Trócaire in Éirinn agus ar fud an domhain. Guimis ar a son agus iad ag saothrú agus ag moladh Dé lá i ndiaidh lae. Guimis freisin ar son a gcomhpháirtithe agus aon duine a bhí bainteach riamh le Siúracha na Trócaire. Go raibh siad dílis dá ngairm. *Go raibh an neart, an t-eolas agus an grásta ó Dhia acu iad siúd atá faoina gcúram a threorú mar is ceart agus is cóir. Áiméan*

St. Matthew was one of the Apostles and his feast day is celebrated 21 September. Matthew was a Tax Collector. The Jews despised those who collected taxes for the Romans or for Herod. When Jesus met Matthew, he said to him "follow me".

Matthew wrote his Gospel in Aramaic for his own people, the Jews, to prove to them that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah whom the prophets foretold in the Old Testament. He shows how the prophesy was fulfilled in Jesus. Matthew followed Jesus and suffered torture and death willingly for the sake of Jesus. *St Matthew pray for us today. Amen.*

The feast of Our Lady of Mercy is celebrated on 24 September. It is a great day of celebrations for Sisters of Mercy in Ireland and all over the world. We pray for them and for all those associated with them that they may be faithful to their calling. *Lord may they receive strength and knowledge to guide those in their care in the ways of justice and right. Amen.*

### Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge contributions of €500, €200 & €20

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

*All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.*

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

## 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 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity  
on him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving;

for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who  
speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

R: *The Lord is close to all who call him.*

I will bless you day after day

And praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
His greatness cannot be measured. R.

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 Lord is just in all his ways

And loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,

Who call on him from their hearts. R.

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

Ph 1:20-24.27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by  
my life or by my death. Life to me, of course,  
is Christ, but then death would bring me  
something more; but then again, if living in  
this body means doing work which is having  
good results - I do not know what I should  
choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want  
to be gone and be with Christ, which would  
be very much the better, but for me to stay  
alive in this body is a more urgent need for  
your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that  
would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessings on the King who comes,*

*In the name of the Lord!*

*Peace in heaven*

*And glory in the highest heavens!*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of  
heaven is like a landowner going out at  
daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He  
made an agreement with the workers for one  
denarius a day, and sent them to his  
vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he  
saw others standing idle in the market place  
and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too  
and I will give you a fair wage." So they went.  
At about the sixth hour and again at about the  
ninth hour, he went out and did the same.  
Then at about the eleventh hour he went out  
and found more men standing round, and he  
said to them, "Why have you been standing  
here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired  
us" they answered. He said to them, "You go  
into my vineyard too." In the evening, the  
owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call  
the workers and pay them their wages,  
starting with the last arrivals and ending with

the first." So those who were hired at about  
the eleventh hour came forward and  
received one denarius each. When the first  
came, they expected to get more, but they  
too received one denarius each. They took  
it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men  
who came last" they said "have done only  
one hour, and you have treated them the  
same as us though we have done a heavy  
day's work in all the heat." He answered one  
of them and said, "My friend, I am not being  
unjust to you; did we not agree on one  
denarius? Take your earnings and go. I  
choose to pay the last-comer as much as I  
pay you. Have I no right to do what I like  
with my own? Why be envious because I  
am generous?" Thus the last will be first,  
and the first last.'

## 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 Good Shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.