

# 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

Confessions will recommence from September 29th from Tuesdays through to Saturdays from 11.00a.m. - 12.00 noon. (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

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

Ennis Parish Web Site: <http://www.ennisparish.com> Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ennis.parish>

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday (Year A) 27th September, 2020.

We are not told the names of the father and his two sons in today's Gospel reading. They could be any of us, we could be any of them.

I wonder what thoughts went through the mind of the father. He asked his two sons for help. One son said "no", to him but immediately changed his mind and did what was asked of him. The other said "yes", but also changed his mind and didn't help. Could you really choose between the sons? Maybe it isn't our role to choose between anyone. Perhaps the purpose of the Gospel passage is to invite us to reflect on ourselves. I guess there is a bit of both sons in all of us. There are times when we all have good intentions which don't come to fruition. Maybe, there are moments when we say what we think will please another person but, without any real intention of carrying it out. There are also times when we get things wrong but we think better of it and correct our mistake.

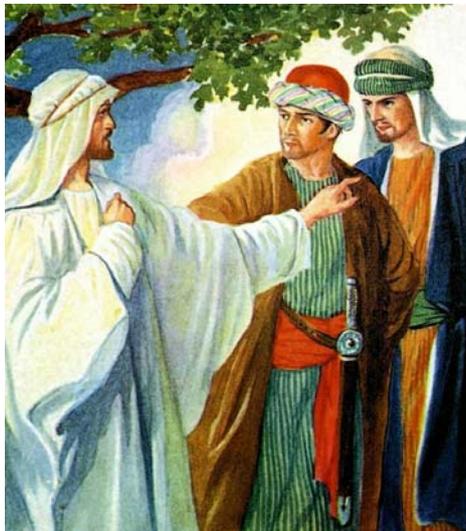
Everybody finds the few moments at the beginning of Mass when we pause, reflect and ask for God's mercy necessary and helpful.

Pause, reflect and listen are the key.

Life can be busy.

There are lots of important things that we need to do for our own sake and that of each other.

Perhaps coming to Mass on Sunday or during the present public health crisis joining Mass online is



one of the few occasions we have to pause, reflect and hear God's voice. It is an opportunity to look at our lives, our actions and attitudes through the eyes of Christ. Prayer opens our hearts to the beauty that dwells within each of us and the glory to which we are called. Prayer reminds us that each of us reflects a part of God's perfection that the world would not have known had we not been created.

We aren't told what the father in today's Gospel thought after his conversation with his sons. Maybe he was annoyed or disappointed. But one thing is certain – he still thought of the two boys as his sons. He still loved them just as the heavenly Father unfailingly thinks of every one of us as his daughters and sons and loves us with a love beyond all telling.

# Priest on Duty 27th September: Contact 065 6869098



## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

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

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

**8am:** No intention booked.

**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.

**Mon: 7.40am:** Linda & Howard Kendall & Kendall  
Family, UK.

**11am:** Eugene & Seamus Curley, Limerick Rd.

**7.30pm:** Christy Howe, Mary Cauley, Anna Clancy &  
Gerald Haugh.

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

**11am:** Charlie, Bridie & Seán McEnery, Circular Rd.  
Special Intention.

**7.30pm:** Joseph Keane, Summerhill.

**Wed: 7.40am:** Betty & Rose Dempsey & family,  
Maynooth.

**11am:** No Intention booked.

**7.30pm:** No Intention booked.

**Thurs: 7.40am:** Doreen McCourt & Bernard Flanagan,  
& decd family, Maynooth.

**11am:** Patrick & Josephine Kelly, Ard na Gréine.

**7.30pm:** McAllister family, Hermitage.

Patsy Woods, Golf Links Rd.

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

**11am:** Gerard Guerin, St. Michael's Villas.

**7.30pm:** No intention booked.

**Sat: 11am:** Noreen Greene, College Park.

Maisie Kearney Wallace, Market St. & London.

**6.30pm:** Fursey O'Connor, Gallows Hill.

**Sun 4th: 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** No intention booked.

**11.30am:** Sr. Columba Murphy, St. Xavier's Convent,  
Ennis. **MM.**

Anne Mangan, Turnpike Rd.

## Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 4th October, 2020

Readers: Group 7



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 27th 11am:** Michael O'Brien, 1st Anniv. &  
Patrick O'Brien, Cloughleigh Rd.

**Mon 9.30am:** Moyra Lynch, Mullagh.

**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.

**Wed 9.30am:** Holy Souls.

**Thurs 9.30am:** Frank Crowe, Killimer.

**Fri 9.30am:** Patrick Joseph Ward & Ward family,  
Ennis & Galway.

**Sun 4th 11am:** Batty Fitzpatrick, Cragleigh.

## Newly Baptised

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

Siún Dara Heaney

Oisín Michael Clancy



## Adoration in Cloughleigh Oratory

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.

## 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.

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## This week's Feast Days

### Tuesday 29th September:

SS Michael, Gabriel &  
Raphael (Archangels)

### Wednesday 30th September:

St. Jerome "Ignorance of  
scripture is ignorance of God"  
*St. Jerome*

### Thursday 1st October:

St. Therese Patron of the  
Missions

### Friday 2nd October:

Feast of the Guardian Angels

### Saturday 3rd October:

Bl. Columba Marmion, born in  
Dublin in 1859

### Sunday 4th October:

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi



Feast Days

## 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:** Anne Fox & Pat McInerney, Corrovarrin  
Green.

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

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

**Mon 10.30am:** Eithne Carey, Pine Grove.

**Thu 10.30am:** Martin Keane, St. Senan's Rd.

**Sat 10.30am:** Mary Roberts, Kincora Park. **1st Anniv**  
Raymondo Sabroso, Philippines.

**7pm:** Tom & Mae Minitier, Kincora Park.

**Sun 4th 10am:** Frances & Denis Callinan, Shannon  
Park.

## 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

Marie O'Leary nee Cunningham, Connolly Villas  
Haulie McMahon, Brixton late of Coore, brother of  
Teresa Longe, College Pk



*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 20th September,

13th September: €3,618.00

Envelope Collection: €3,443.00

Online donations: €175.00

Sick & Retired Priests: €815.00

## Priests' Autumn Collection

The Autumn collection for the Priests of the parish will be taken up at all Masses in the parish next weekend 3rd/4th October. This is one of just four appeals in the year to support the priests of the parish. Unfortunately it was not possible to hold both the Easter and Summer collections as lockdown was in place. We are very grateful to parishioners who sent in contributions at that time.

At the present time it is not possible to distribute envelopes to homes, so we have envelopes for this appeal available in the porches of all of our churches. Please feel free to share with family or friends who you know will support this appeal. We thank all our parishioners and those who worship in our Churches for their ongoing support of the priests of the parish.

### First Friday of October.

Friday next, 2nd October the priests and Deacon Damian will bring Eucharist to our sick and housebound parishioners who would like to receive the sacraments, please contact the parish office.

### October—Month of Mission

The Killaloe Diocese together with the Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles invite you to join in an online Mission themed prayer meeting on Wednesday 7th October.

To register <http://bit.ly/killaloe>

Live stream at [facebook.com/OLAsisters](https://www.facebook.com/OLAsisters)

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are available in:

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**Friary:** Tuesday to Saturday 11am—12noon until further notice.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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### 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 include baptism candles and gifts, holy water fonts, medals and a selection of candles.

### Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge contributions of €500, €200 & €5

We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. *All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.*

### A new Beginning

This week sees the reopening of third level education. It will be different this year for so many students and their families with online learning part of the new normal.

It is also a time of new beginning for the class of 2020 who recently received grades.

Think of all the books in libraries and book stores: some are best sellers and many more hope to follow in the same direction.

Each book is different, with a unique storyline and a unique finish.

Our lives are like books, and each day makes up the chapters, some lively, some are exciting, more are plain and predictable. But there are also chapters in our lives that need closure, and with closure comes the invitation to start anew.

God gently invites us to see each day as a fresh new beginning. Today is always the most important chapter. It is a vital link in our life story and any attempt by us to try to make today worthwhile makes it a great chapter. There are many great chapters waiting to be written.

**Start today!**



### Scripture Cake



#### Ingredients:

18oz. 1 Kings 4.22a: 8oz Jeremiah 6.20

8oz. Nahum 3.12: 2tbs. 1 Samuel 14.25

2tsp. Luke 13.21a (use dried)

12 fluid oz Judges 5.25:

8oz Samuel 30.12b: 4oz Numbers 17.8

6 Jeremiah 17.11: pinch Matthew 17.11

Season to taste 2 Chronicles 9.9

**Method:** Add lemon juice and follow Solomon's advice in Proverbs 23.14

Put oven dish of water in the bottom of oven to prevent cake drying out. Line deep cake tin with silicone paper. Set oven to No. 4 (350). Mix ingredients well. Dip fingers in warm water to moisten top of cake slightly. Bake in pre-set oven for 1 hour; reduce heat to No.3 (325) for further 1.25-1.5 hours. Cover cake with double layer of greaseproof paper at this stage. Test with skewer. If skewer comes out clean, cake is cooked. Leave in tin until cold. Enjoy!

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Lá Fhéile Michil 29 Meán Fómhair.

Ceiliúrtar na Naoimh Micheál, Gabriel agus Raphael Ardaingil ar 29 Meán Fómhair. Ba é Naomh Micheál ceannaire na n-aingéal a bhí dílis nuair a déirigh aingeal an uabhair amach in aghaidh Dé. "Ansin bhris cogadh amach sna fláithis, níor mhór do Mhicheál agus dá chuid aingeal troid leis an dragan. D'fhreagair an dragan agus a chuid aingeal an cath, ach níor rug siad bua, agus ní bhfuarthas a n-ionad sna fláithis feasta." Apac. 12:7.

De réir an traidisiúin tá baint aige le muir is le tír. Marcaíonn sé ar mhuintir capaill bháin sciath ina lámh chlé agus sleá trí-mhéarach ina lámh dheas agus é ar tí an drágán a mharú. I nDeireadh Fómhair 1884 thit an Pápa Leo X111 i laige tar éis dó Aifreann a cheiliúradh agus ní de bharr taom croí nó stróc. Bhí dath an bháis air rud a scanraigh gach duine a bhí i láthair. Tar éis tamaill tháinig sé chuige féin agus dúirt sé leis na daoine go bhfaca sé radharc uafásach. Chonaic sé an diabhal agus a chuid aingil ag troid ar fud an domhain chun anamacha a bhreith leo ach ina dhiaidh sin chonaic sé Naomh Micheál á gcaitheamh isteach in Ifreann. Chum sé an phaidir seo a leanas agus dúradh é tar éis gach Aifreann ar fud an domhain go dtí 1969 nuair a rinneadh athruithe sa Liotúirge tar éis an Dara Comhairle

A Naoimh Micheál Michil Ardaingéal, cosain sinn in am an chatha, bí mar dhídean againn in aghaidh urchóide agus chealgairreachta an diabhal. Go mbagraí Dia air, impimid go humhal. Agus déan-sa a cheannfort na sluaite neamhaí an t-áibhirseoir a theilgean síos go hIfreann, trí chumhacht Dé, agus ina theannta sin na hanspioraid eile atá ag imeacht ar fud an domhain le fonn anamacha a chuir i mbealach a gcaillte, Áiméan

The Feastday of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels is celebrated on 29 September. Saint Michael was the leader of the angels who were faithful when the other angels, through pride, rebelled against God. "Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven." Apoc. 12:7.

According to tradition he is associated with sea and land. He rides a white horse with a shield in his left hand and a three fingered spear in his right hand about to kill the dragon.

In October 1884 Pope Leo X111 collapsed after saying Mass, but not from a heart attack or stroke. He was the colour of death and scared all those present. When he recovered, he told the people he had seen a terrible sight. He saw the devil and his angels fighting all over the world to bring souls with them into hell, but later he saw Saint Michael casting them into hell. He composed the following prayer and it was said at the end of every Mass worldwide until 1969 when changes were made in the Liturgy after the Second Vatican Council.

Saint Michael the Archangel defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
You have done with true judgement,  
For we have sinned against you  
And not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
And deal with us according to the  
bounty of your mercy.

## 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 Ezekiel.

**Ezk 18:25-28**

The word of the Lord was addressed to  
me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord  
does is unjust." Listen, you House of  
Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what  
you do that is unjust? When the upright  
man renounces his integrity to commit sin  
and dies because of this, he dies because  
of the evil that he himself has committed.  
When the sinner renounces sin to become  
law-abiding and honest, he deserves to  
live. He has chosen to renounce all his  
previous sins; he shall certainly live; he  
shall not die.'

**The word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

### Response

*Remember your mercy, Lord.*

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth,  
and teach me:

For you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,

And the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me,

Because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

he guides the humble in the right path

he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

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

**Ph 2:1-11**

If our life in Christ means anything to you,  
if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit  
that we have in common, or any  
tenderness and sympathy, then be united  
in your convictions and united in your  
love, with a common purpose and a  
common mind. That is the one thing  
which would make me completely happy.  
There must be no competition among  
you, no conceit; but everybody is to be  
self-effacing. Always consider the other  
person to be better than yourself, so that  
nobody thinks of his own interests first  
but everybody thinks of other people's  
interests instead. In your minds you must  
be the same as Christ Jesus.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*If anyone loves me he will keep my word,*

*And my Father will love him,*

*And we shall come to him.*

*Alleluia!*

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

**Mt 21:28-32**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the  
elders of the people, 'What is your  
opinion? A man had two sons. He went  
and said to the first, "My boy, you go and  
work in the vineyard today." He  
answered, "I will not go", but afterwards  
thought better of it and went. The man  
then went and said the same thing to the

second who answered, "Certainly, sir",  
but did not go. Which of the two did the  
father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus  
said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax  
collectors and prostitutes are making  
their way into the kingdom of God  
before you. For John came to you, a  
pattern of true righteousness, but you  
did not believe him, and yet the tax  
collectors and prostitutes did. Even after  
seeing that, you refused to think better  
of it and believe in him.'

## 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

**Remember your word to your  
servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am  
brought low.**