

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

Confessions are suspended until further notice.

Friary

Confessions are suspended until further notice.

Baptisms

Baptisms are currently suspended.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Monday to Friday in the Cathedral from 5pm until 7.15pm

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) - 11th October, 2020.

The Generosity of God

Food plays an important part in our lives. It not only nourishes the body it also nourishes the spirit. It is believed that soldiers in a prisoner-of-war camp would share stories of favourite recipes. This was in the midst of meagre rations eaten in uncertainty. We might have thought it better to avoid the topic of past meals, but no, the memory of pork bones, Christmas cake and cool beer evoked family and friends, and so enabled the soldiers to survive the hardships they were enduring.



Isaiah reminds his people of God's merciful love, "*Here at God's place he will make a banquet for us.*" *There will be the best food and plenty of prize winning wines. God will heal us, "with his own hanky will he wipe our eyes."*

This rich symbolism conveys a very joyful image of the faithful generosity of God, and

the certainty that God cannot forget us. God is present where all people can sit down together, putting aside differences.

Imagine the best gathering you've ever been to: God's vision is that life should be lived in the same fellowship, not once a year but always. The symbol of the meal, from banquet to beans on toast, to Eucharist, is a reminder, that the land belongs to God and we are the stewards. That all food belongs to God. That we listen to the words of Jesus "you feed them". That all can expect:

The mercy of God

The compassion of God

The forgiveness of God.

*God send us your grace
so that we see and believe*

in the amazingness we can create at mealtime.

Amen

Deacon on Duty 11th October: Br. Damian Casey - Contact: 065 6869098

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30pm: Ann Higgins, McNamara Park. 1st Anniv. Teresa Ryan, Kilmaley, Tulla Rd.,Cranny & Trim MM. Special Intention

Sun 11th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: No intention booked.

11.30am: Frank Rice, Circular Rd., Hermitage. MM.

Mon: 7.40am: Murphy & Keating family. Special Intention.

11am: Kathleen & Michael McGrath,O'Callaghan's Mills.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Tues:7.40am: Book of Intentions.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Wed:7.40am: Mary Shaloo, O'Callaghan's Mills.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Irene Meere, Limerick Rd. & deceased family. Eileen Mungovan (nee Killeen), Tulla Rd.

Thurs:7.40am: Mary Lernihán, Gallows Hill.

11am: Renie Browne, 1st Anniv, & Mick Browne, Circular Rd.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Fri:7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Marie O'Leary (nee Cunningham), Connolly Villas. MM.

Sat:11am: Andy Hogan, St. Flannan's Tce.

Margaret Linehan & Downey family, Cork & Hermitage.

James & Bridget Dilleen, Clonroad.

Maura Kelly, Abbey St.

John Raftery, Galway.

Michael & Delia Kearney, Gort Rd.

6.30pm: Anne Manton, Rosmeen, Ardlea Rd.

Ellen Gill, Sandfield Park.

Paddy & Lena Kearney, Circular Rd.

Kieran Casey, Turnpike Rd. & Military Barracks.

Sun18th:8am: Mai & Pat Tynan, College Rd. & Limerick.

9.30am: Michael Halpin, Carmody St.

Maura Cotter, Victoria Court.

11.30am: John Joe Moroney, Cusack Rd.

Martina & Bernie Browne, Circular Rd.

Michael Evans, Golf Links Rd.

James Shannon, Shannon Park.

Daily Programme for this week in the Cathedral.

Monday to Friday

7.40am Mass

11am Mass & Rosary

7.30pm Mass & Rosary

Saturday

11am Mass & Rosary

6.30pm Mass

Sunday

8am, 9.30am & 11.30am Mass

All ceremonies take place behind closed doors at the present time but can be viewed on the parish webcam www.ennisparish.com/webcam and on our radio link (106.4fm). All churches will open each day as normal for personal prayer with the exception of mass times in the Cathedral. The Parish Office will remain open at present. A priest will remain on duty and can be contacted at 065 6869098.

An Hour of Prayer

On Monday night from 8pm to 9pm in the Cathedral we will stream live and broadcast from behind closed doors a conducted hour of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We invite you from your home to join us for this hour of prayer.

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge contributions of €50 and €1,000.

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

All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.

Cloughleigh Oratory will be opened on Tuesday and Saturday Evenings for private prayer between 6:30-7:30.

You are welcome to come, pray and light a candle for your intentions. Masses will continue on Facebook for the moment.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday 4th
October 2020

€1,361.00

Envelope Collection:

€1,266.00

Online donations:

€95.00



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: Anna McLoughlin, Ard na Gréine.

Sun 11th 10am: Mary Forde, Roslevan.

11.45am: Edward Gaynor, Castlelawn. 1st Anniv.

Wed 10.30am: Sr. Mary Mercy Meaney, Kilkenny.

Sat: 7pm: Francis McMahon, Morrissey Ave.

Newly Baptised

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

Priscilla Margaret McCarthy;

Ava Mary Keane O'Loughlin;

Maja Manes;

Kaytlin Philomena Mongans;



At this time of year we usually gather with expectant parents in a celebration of new life in the Cathedral. As we are unable to do so this year, please pray for and share this prayer with expectant parents.



Saint Gerard's Prayer for Mothers

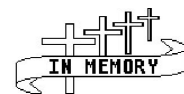
Saint Gerard you were especially sensitive to the needs of mothers.

Pray for me and my baby.

Ask our good Lord to keep us happy and safe, and bring us to a joyful birth.

Amen

Rest in Peace



Paul Hurson, Roslea, Clareen;
Annette Moylan (née Madigan), Golf links Rd;
Gerry Ryan, Clonroadmore & Barefield;
Nancy Hehir (née Moroney), Ard na Gréine;
Michael Browne, Caherea, Lissycasey
brother of Goretti Gleeson, Westfields;



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Kitty O'Regan, John Paul Ave.

Fri 9.30am: Special Intention.

Sun 18th: 11am: John, Peg & Peter Moloney, Clareen.

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.

St. Anthony's Brief: We thank all who supported the Franciscan Friars by purchasing a copy of the latest edition of St. Anthony's Brief. Copies of the magazine @ €2 each are available for sale in both the Friary and Cathedral.

Sr. Benedict Kenny RIP



Sr. Benedict Kenny, St. Xavier's Convent, Bóthar na Trócaire, Ennis died peacefully on Sunday 27th September in the compassionate care of the Sisters and Staff of Catherine McAuley House, Limerick.

Born on 8th June, 1925, Teresa Mary Kenny was the eldest of five children of Thomas Kenny and Mary McNamara, Main St., Corofin. She was educated at her local Primary School and at Coláiste Muire, Ennis. She was predeceased by her brothers John and Jim, her sister Lil and nephew Jim and is survived by her sister Monica Brosnan, Limerick, nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews. She joined the Sisters of Mercy at St. Xavier's Convent, Ennis in September, 1943, taking Benedict as her religious name; she made profession of perpetual vows in May, 1949.

A graduate of Carysfort College, Dublin, Benedict taught for some years in Killaloe, before returning to Ennis and Holy Family School where she continued to work until her retirement in 1993 – including a six-year term as Principal in Holy Family Junior School. Such was her commitment to special needs education that she participated in the first course in that area offered by the Department of Education in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. She took an active part in fund-raising for the setting up of St. Clare's and St. Anne's Schools.

On retirement, Benedict lived at Ardlea Close, Ennis and enjoyed a very full and active life. Her service in Ennis Parish was recognised in 2005 when she was presented by Bishop Willie Walsh with the Bene Merenti Medal. The citation on that occasion said everything '.....in recognition of her lifetime of service as a Sister of Mercy and in appreciation of her dedicated service as a primary teacher, choir director, organist at St. Joseph's church, parish sister, with particular outreach to the sick, and for her involvement in various parish Groups and Liturgies'.

May her gentle soul rest in peace.

CHIME Hearing Services: We know people are missing our monthly outreach clinics. If you require tubing, batteries or support please contact: Sarah Tynan- Community Resource Officer

Tel: 061-467494 or 086 0653042

Email: sarah.tynan@chime.ie

Priests' Autumn Collection.

We thank the many people who gave generously to the Autumn Collection for the Priests of the Parish last weekend. As this was the first collection we were able to hold in 2020 for the priests, we are most grateful for your contribution. If you would like to contribute please place an offering in an envelope and mark it Priests' Collection and return it to any of the churches. If you are reading this online and wish to contribute, please go to the Donate Button on the parish website. This is a safe and secure way to contribute. To everyone who supports us your priests, we say 'thank you'.

World Mission Sunday Day 18th October -

World Mission Sunday is Pope Francis' annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so the life-giving work of overseas' missionaries can continue. Worryingly, it is in jeopardy. The pandemic will mean less offerings for this vital collection. The implications for overseas communities in the months ahead will be devastating. In many of our poorer parishes in Africa, Asia and Latin America, it is missionaries who are on the front line. They already do so much. Walking hand-in-hand with struggling communities, long before and long after any emergency. COVID-19 adds even more challenges for these women and men, many of whom are in war-torn countries, remote areas where political conflicts, violent protests, extreme poverty, malnutrition and diseases are rife. These are crises faced on a daily basis and looking beyond COVID-19, sadly these crises will remain. **Your** support of World Mission Sunday will play an enormous part in easing suffering by providing overseas' missionaries with essential aid. Envelopes for this appeal are available in the parish office or the porch of the Church and can be returned during the month of October. Overseas' missionaries are in urgent crisis and need both our prayers and financial support.



**A Religious Community
in Ennis require the following;**

Experienced part time cook
&

Experienced part time cleaner

Email CV to;
rooney@edmundrice.eu

Closing date for
applications 16 October

Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Paidreacha.

I spioradáltacht Cheilteach bhí ár sinsear an-tugtha do Dhia. Bhí paidir ar leith acu do gach ócáid.

Ag dul ar aistear

Dia idir mé agus uisce mo bháite,

Dia idir mé agus tine mo dhóite,

Dia idir mé agus bás gan chairde,

Dia idir mé agus taisme bóthair.

Going on a journey.

God between me and drowning,

God between me and fire.

God may I not die in debt,

God between me and the road accident.

Paidir agus duine ag cur tús le hobair ar bith.

Iarraidimid Ort, a Thiarna,

d'anáil naofa a chur fúinn

chun sinn a stiúradh inár ngníomhartha

agus neart do ghrásta a bhronnadh orainn

chun iad a thabhairt chun críche,

ionas gur uaitse a thosófar ár n-uile bhriathar

agus ár n-uile ghníomh feasta,

agus gur tríot a chríochnófar iad;

trí Chríost ár dTiarna. Áiméan.

Prayer before work

Direct, O Lord, we beseech you,

all our actions by your holy inspirations,

and carry them on by your gracious assistance,

that every prayer and work of ours

may begin always from you,

and by you be happily ended.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Críost sa Chruthaíocht

Níl lus ar lár

Nach bhfuil lán dá thoradh

Níl cruth ar thrá nach bhfuil lán dá shonas

Íosa ba chomhair a mholadh.

Níl beatha i bhfarráige níl airc in abhainn

Níl cáil i bhfoilmhe

Nach bhfuil dearbh do mhaitheas

Íosa ba chomhair a mholadh

Níl éan ar sceith

Níl réalta in aer

Níl sian faoin ngrian

Nach dtóg scéal dá mhaitheas

Íosa ba chomhair a mholadh. Áiméan

Christ in Creation

No flower in field

No fish in stream

No bird on wing

No shape on shore

No star in sky

No living thing

But is rich in Him

And blessed in Him

And sings of Him

Jesus praise to you. Amen.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday from 5pm to 7pm

The Cathedral.

**Sacraments of Reconciliation
& Baptism** are currently suspended.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of 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 prophet Isaiah.

Is 25:6-10

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine
wines, of food rich and juicy,
of fine strained wines.
On this mountain He will remove the
mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
He will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his peoples shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

*R. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
Where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
To revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;
He is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
No evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
With these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes
My head you have anointed with oil;
My cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness
shall follow me
All the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
For ever and ever. **R**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians. Ph 4:12-14.19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be
rich too. I have been through my initiation
and now I am ready for anything anywhere:
full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or
plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with
the help of the One who gives me strength.
All the same, it was good of you to share
with me in my hardships. In return my God
will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as
lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our
Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Word was made flesh
and lived among us;*

To all who did accept him

He gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of
the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who gave a feast for his
son's wedding. He sent his servants to call
those who had been invited, but they would
not come. Next he sent some more
servants. "Tell those who have been invited"

he said "that I have my banquet all
prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle
have been slaughtered, everything is
ready. Come to the wedding." But they
were not interested: one went off to his
farm, another to his business, and the rest
seized his servants, maltreated them and
killed them. The king was furious. He
despatched his troops, destroyed those
murderers and burnt their town. Then he
said to his servants, "The wedding is
ready; but as those who were invited
proved to be unworthy, go to the cross-
roads in the town and invite everyone you
can find to the wedding." So these
servants went out onto the roads and
collected together everyone they could
find, bad and good alike; and the wedding
hall was filled with guests.

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 rich suffer want and go hungry
But those who seek the Lord
lack no blessing.**