

Ennis Parish Newsletter

Mass Times

Cathedral-Mass celebrated privately

www.ennisparish.com/webcam

106.4fm

Monday to Friday 7.40am, 11am & 7.30pm

Saturday 11am & Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday 8am, 9.30am & 11.30am

Friary-Mass celebrated privately

St. Joseph's-Mass celebrated privately

Monday to Friday 10.30am

Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm

Sunday 10am & 11.45am

Cloughleigh-Mass celebrated privately- available to view on Cloughleigh facebook page

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 7pm

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Feast of All Saints (Year A) 1st November, 2020.

November to Remember

In July of 1992, a part of my world changed forever when my mother died. The memories of those days are still very vivid, and I'm not sure if it's a case of the pain of that loss fading or that I've learned to live with that pain. Either way, November, the month where as a Church and a people we remember in a particular way the souls that have gone before us, always brings to mind the memories of my mam, both the happier times and the sad last days. However, one thing that was so important for us as a family at that time, was that we all got the opportunity to say goodbye.

This year has been one of the most extraordinary years in living memory. Each one of us, young and old, have been affected in one way or another by this terrible thing called COVID-19. Between quarantining and "lockdowns" I think we will not be sorry to see the back of it. One of the most painful experiences which has occurred because of this virus has been the reduction of numbers of people allowed at funerals, even to the point where grieving families have had to choose between who can enter the church building and who must stay outside. Having journeyed with some bereaved families through these times, I

have seen the pain, but I can't even begin to imagine how it must truly feel, not being able to be present at that final goodbye, which we as a Church, a nation and a people do so well.

I am aware that this November, the month to remember, will be particularly painful for a lot of people, because unlike me with my mam, you were cruelly denied the opportunity to be present at their funeral mass. I hope that in some small way, you will take comfort from our prayers which accompany you always. I pray also that you will take hope from the Gospel which promises us that death is not the end and for those who go before us, life is changed and not ended. I pray also

that as we remember the Holy souls in this month, we will take comfort from words written by Frank Downes OP in an online article in 2010:

***Where there is soul there is beauty;
where there is soul there is love
Where there is soul there is life;
where there is soul there is hope.***

May our loved one's souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Always
&
Forever





Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Mary & Pakie Ryan, Dalcassian Ave.

Sun 1st November 8am: No Intention Booked.

9.30am: John & Mary Broderick, Loughville.

Kathleen Downes, Marian Ave.

11.30am: Teresa & Billy Fitzgerald, Clare Rd.

Martin & Maureen O'Halloran, Claireen.

Kathleen O'Meara, Sharavogue, Birr.

Mon: 7.40am: No Intention Booked.

11am: No Intention Booked.

7.30pm: Ben Sheehan, Turnpike Rd. 1st Anniv

Tamara Shannon, Greendale.

Tues 7.40am: Book of Intentions.

11am: Tony Monahan, Clancy Park.

7.30pm: Michael & Babs Kenny, Cooraclare.

Johnny, Margaret, Teresa, Mary & John Joe

Moroney, Hermitage.

Eugene McNamara, Claireen & Cloverhill.

Wed 7.40am: Forgotten Souls.

McNamara family, Barrett's Lane & McNamara Park.

11am: Donor's Intention.

7.30pm: Claire, Flan, Christy, Paddy & Fr. Michael

Donohoe, Parnell St.

Thurs: 7.40am: Forgotten Souls.

11am: Mick Malone & Malone family, Crusheen.

7.30pm: Mary, Charlie & Patrick O'Grady,

Monica & Michael Clohessy, McNamara Park.

Clem & Mary Ryan, Parnell St.

Fri: 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Peggy Connolly, College Park. 1st Anniv.

Sat: 11am: Dymrna Smyth, Greystones.

Michael & Margaret Hackett & Margaret Cullinan.

6.30pm: Nancy Hehir, Ard na Greine MM.

Annette Moylan, Golf Links Rd. MM

Betty McMahon, Enfield, Co. Meath. 1st Anniv.

Mary Averil Fahy, College Green.

Sun 8th: 8am: No Intention Booked.

9.30am: Delia Lynch, Fergus Park.

Mary Harvey, Cahercalla Estate.

Nellie Forde, Market St.

Paddy & Helen Casey, Parnell St.

11.30am: Paddy Neylon, Gort Rd. 1st Anniv.

Nora Keavey, Claireen.

Sean Connolly, "St.Patricks" Ard na Greine.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 8th 11am: Mary & Tom Darcy, Castlerock, Tulla Rd.



"Peace Smiles"

Bishop Fintan has just published his latest book: "Peace Smiles", rediscovering Thomas Merton, Trappist Monk and well known author. The book published by Veritas will be launched virtually on November 12th. Copies of the latest book can be purchased for €10 in the Parish Office. We congratulate Bishop Fintan in his latest achievement.

Daily Programme for this week in the Cathedral.

Monday to Friday

7.40am Mass

11am Mass & Rosary

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Saturday

11am Mass & Rosary

6.30pm Vigil Mass for Feast

of All Saints, followed by Rosary

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.

Cloughleigh Oratory will open every day, Monday - Saturday between 12:00p.m. - 1:00p.m. for private prayer and an opportunity to light a candle. Tuesday Evening Private Eucharistic Adoration Prayer will continue as usual between 6:30p.m. - 7:00 p.m. For the moment, masses will continue to be held in private but can be viewed live on Facebook at the Cloughleigh Christ Rí Oratory page and also on Fr. Ger Fitzgerald's page.

Parish & Friary Offices

Both Offices will be open this week from Monday to Friday. For out of hours service at the Friary please ring 087 4697971

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday from 5pm to 7pm

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge a contribution of €100.00 All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.



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: Jimmy & Bridget Burke, Milltown Malbay.

Sun 1st 10am: Deceased Carmody family, Gort Rd.

11.45am: Deirdre O'Brien, Shannon Park.

Thu 10.30am: Delia Lynch (nee Brohan), Fergus Pk.

Fri 10.30am: Thomas Keating, Inagh

Sat 10.30am: Deceased Dillon family, St. Senan's Rd.

7pm: Eugene McNamara, Cloverhill & Claireen.

Sun 10am: Margaret & John Canny & family,

Cragmoher, Mike McCabe, Tara, Co. Meath & Corofin.

Support for the Parish

Thank you to all who support our parish, particularly at this difficult time. Many have been very generous. Nevertheless since lockdown in March our income has been severely curtailed in comparison to the previous year.

Some ways to support us at this time:

- 1.) Weekly envelopes can be left into any of the churches.
- 2.) Online at www.ennisparish.com via the donate button.
- 3.) Standing order forms available at the parish office.
- 4.) Remembering Ennis Parish in your will.

We are unable this November to gather together to remember at the cemetery service. A prayer as you make your own visit.

Visiting a Graveyard

May perpetual light shine upon the faces of all who rest here.

May the lives they lived unfold further in spirit.

May all their past travail find ease in the kindness of clay.

May the remembering earth mind every memory they brought.

May the rains from the heavens fall gently upon them.

May the wildflowers and grasses whisper their wishes into light.

May we reverence the village of presence in the stillness of this silent field.

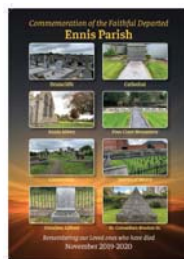
J O'Donohue.



Ennis Parish, Remembering our Dead

The parish of Ennis remembers 152 parishioners, resident and native of the parish who have died since All Soul's Day last year. As you enter the Cathedral and at the Sacred Space in the Sanctuary their memory is recalled.

The parish has printed a limited number of books with pictures of the deceased. These books are available in the Parish Office. Due to the cost involved in producing these books at a time when the parish income has decreased, we respectfully ask that a donation be made for each book.



Blessing of the Graves

Bishop Fintan and the parish team have visited all cemeteries in the parish and blessed the graves. The ceremony of the blessing will be available to view and pray this weekend on our parish website and on the Diocesan social media. See www.ennisparish.com

Monday 2nd November, All Soul's Day

A day of special remembrance and prayer for all the faithful departed. We invite you to join us on the parish radio link 106.4fm or our parish webcam for a special mass of remembrance for all who have died in the past year on Monday Evening at 7.30pm.

We will remember all those whose funerals were celebrated in our parish since this time last year. We also remember family members and friends who died away from home and because of restrictions we were not in a position to attend their funerals.

Friary & Poor Clare Heating Fund Appeal

It is winter time again and both the Franciscan Friary and Poor Clare Sisters would appreciate your kind generosity for heating both the Friary and Poor Clare Monastery. All contributions to the heating fund will be very much appreciated. Each year the Friars and Sisters depend on the generosity of the people and assure us all of a remembrance in their daily prayers.

Contributions can be left into the Friary, Poor Clare's or the Parish Office marked "Friary & Poor Clare Heating Appeal". You can also donate online on the Parish Website using the donate button and noting that your contribution is for the heating fund of the Friars & Poor Clare's.

November Masses for the Holy Souls

It is good to remember that Jesus came to earth, but he did not stay, though as God you would imagine he could have. Rather "he went to prepare a place for us". November is the month when we remember our dead and pray that we will be ready to join them in peace when "God's bus finally makes that stop for us".

Each priest will offer masses during the month of November for all who are on the list of the dead in our parish. We invite you to submit the names of those you would like to have remembered during those masses.

Envelopes are available in all our churches and can be returned during the week. masses will begin on Monday 2nd November All Souls' Day.

November, a month of Prayer and Remembrance for our dead.

First Friday

Friday next 6th November, the Feast of All the Saints of Ireland. However due to level 5 restrictions it will not be possible for the priests of the parish to visit sick and housebound parishioners this month.

This Sunday at 3pm every Bishop in Ireland will lead a short service of Prayer & Remembrance of our dead from their Cathedral. Here in Ennis Bishop Fintan will lead us in prayer. All are invited to join with him through our parish webcam or parish radio link 106.4fm in the Ennis Area.

Rest in Peace

Pauline Guerin, McNamara Pk.;
Martin McMahon, Leitrim, Kilmihil, brother of Pdraig, Kevin Barry Ave.,
Josie Carpenter, Moyriesk, Quin, sister of Sheila O'Halloran, Avondale, Kilrush Rd.
Theresa Corbett, Rylane, Tulla, Mother of Mary, Micheál & Joe.



Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday

25th October 2020

€3,060.00

Envelope Collection:

€2,769.00

Online donations: €291.00

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí na Samhna.

Mí na Samhna, mí na marbh, mí titim na nduilleog. I mí na Samhna, bí linn a fosa. Ba é seo an chéad lá den bhliain i bhféilire na gCeilteach. Bhí an bhliain Cheilteach roinnte in dhá shéasúr, solas agus dorchadas, Bealtaine agus Samhain.

Ceiliúraimid Lá Fhéile na Naomh Uile inniu. Ceiliúradh bua atá inti go bhfuil ceann scríbe sroichte ag ár muintir go léir atá imithe romhainn. Déanaimid gairdeas leis na sluaite atá imithe ar neamh, roinnt mhaith díobh aitheanta ach a bhformhór nach bhfuil. Mar is eol dúinn ón chéad leabhar Apacailipsis "is iad an dream atá gafa tríd an duainéis mhór; nigh agus gheal siad a n-éide i bhfuil an Uain." (Apacailipsis 7:14). Chosain siad agus d'fhógair siad an soiscéal i rith a saoil. Tá siad i bhfochair Dé anois ag guí ar ár son.

Naoimh Dé, tar i gcabhair orainn.

Naoimh Dé, bí linn i gcónaí.

Naoimh Dé, tabhair dúinn do ghrá. Aiméan.

Tugtar Mí na Marbh ar mhí na Samhna freisin. Bíonn an Eaglais de shíor ag guí ar son na marbh. Tá an mhí áirithe seo ceaptha aici mar chuimhneacháin na bhFírean uile atá marbh, ár ngaolta, ár gcomharsana, ár gcairde agus go mór, mór iad siúd nach bhfuil duine ar bith beo fágtha acu ar an saol seo chun guí ar a son. Bhí sé de nós i gcónaí ag ár sinsear cuairt a thabhairt ar shéipéal agus ar reilig i rith na míosa agus guí ar son na marbh. Ba mhaith an rud dúinne gan scaoileadh leis an nós ársa seo. Is é seo an ghuí a chloistear go mion minic i bpaidreacha na hEaglaise

"Suaimhneas síoraí tabhair dóibh a Thiarna agus go lonraí solas suthain orthu. Go bhfaighe anamacha na bhfírean go léir trocaire ó Dhia agus cónaí faoi shuaimhneas. Aiméan

November, the month of the Holy Souls, month of falling of the leaves. Lord be with us during the month of November. This was the first day of the Celtic Calendar. The Celtic Year was divided into two seasons, light and darkness. Today we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. It is a victorious celebration because those who have gone before us have reached their goal. We rejoice with them. Some are recognised saints, most are not. As we know from the first book of the Apocalypse "These are the people who came through the great testing, and their robes have been washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb" (Apocalypse 7: 14). They defended and proclaimed the gospel during their lives. They are now in the presence of God praying for us.

Saints of God come to our aid.

Saints of God be with us always.

Saints of God grant us your love. Amen.

November is called the Month of the Holy Souls. The Church constantly prays for those who have died. This month is devoted to remembering them. At his time of year, we especially remember and pray for our loved ones, our neighbours, our friends and those who have nobody left to pray for them. It is a traditional custom to visit a church and graveyard during the month, to pray for the dead. We ought to keep these customs and practise them. We hear this prayer at Mass to remember those souls gone before us. **Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace. Amen**

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in hour of all the Saints, at whose festival the angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

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 Apocalypse Apoc 7:2-4. 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, "Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, "Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words: "Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen."

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, "Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?" I answered him, "You can tell me, my Lord." Then he said, "These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb."

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. R.

Who shall climb the mountain of the lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. R.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. R.

A reading from the first letter of St John 1 Jn 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,

*And I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle;
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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 clean of heart, for they shall see God.

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.