

# 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](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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 4th October 2020

### Saint Francis of Assisi

When many people think of St. Francis, they conjure up the image of a medieval 'Dr. Dolittle' type figure, who used to speak to the animals! This image couldn't be further from the truth. It is true that on one occasion, Francis was reported as having preached to the birds, when the people were not interested in what he had to say. The reason for this particular event of preaching is quite simple; Francis saw every living creature, human, animal and indeed all of creation, as brother and sister.

He saw God in everything and indeed all of God's creation was a companion to Francis.

In the Canticle of Brother Sun, composed by Francis, we see this sense of companionship played out explicitly - *Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water, Brother Fire, Sister*

*Mother Earth and Sister Bodily Death.* Francis had a unique awareness of the mystery of God present in the world.

Pope Francis remarked once: "*Some people want to know why I wished to be called Francis. For me, Francis of Assisi is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation.*"

As this month of reflecting on caring for creation draws to a close, perhaps we might embrace that same vision of St. Francis; to see God in everything around us and moreover to realise that we are all created in the image and likeness of God Himself.

Like Francis of Assisi, we too are called to be people of peace, love and of joy, caring for ourselves, one another, and the world around us.

May the Lord give you Peace!





# Priest on Duty 4th October: Fr. Joy Contact: 065 6869098



## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Furse O'Connor, Gallows Hill.  
Seamus Stokes, Milford, Limerick.

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

**9.30am:** Paraic Henehan, Mayo.

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

Anne Mangan, Turnpike Rd.

**Mon: 7.40am:** No intention booked.

**11am:** Joe & Brian Sheehan, Drumbiggle Drive. Francis Froz.

**7.30pm:** Patrick, Mary & Patsy Ward & Geraldine Molloy, Cloughleigh.

Elizabeth (Lily) Broderick, Ardcarraig, Drumbiggle.

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

**11am:** Donor's Intention.

**7.30pm:** Maureen O'Halloran, Collins Pk. **1st Anniv.**

**Wed: 7.40am:** Malachy, Camillus & Cornelius McInerney, Doora.

**11am:** Sheehan & Jordan families, Drumbiggle Drive.

**7.30pm:** Des McCarthy, "Oklahoma", New Rd.

**Thurs: 7.40am:** Martin Meaney, Cranny.

**11am:** Nestor family, Moyhill.

**7.30pm:** Margaret Minihan, Phoenix Court. John & Mary Haugh, U.S.A. & Lissycasey.

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

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Brendan Mulkere, Drumsallagh, Crusheen. MM.

**Sat: 11am:** James Bradley, Showgrounds Rd. Pauline Lucey, Cahercalla Cross.

**6.30pm:** Ann Higgins, McNamara Park. **1st Anniv** Teresa Ryan, Kilmaley, Tulla Rd., Cranny & Trim, Co. Meath. MM.

**Sun 10th: 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** No intention booked.

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

**Roster for Cathedral:**  
Sunday 10th October, 2020  
Readers: Group 8

## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

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

**Mon 9.30am:** Special Intention.

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

**Fri 9.30am:** Margaret Minihan, Phoenix Court.

Every Tuesday Morning at 9:30am mass in Cloughleigh we recite the Novena prayer to St. Anthony. You are welcome to attend this mass to seek the powerful intercession of this saint.

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Ennis West Men's Shed is now open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00-2:00pm. A great community space. For further information contact Finbar on (087) 6256218.

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The next meeting of Ennis Toastmasters' club is this Tuesday October 6 @ 8pm via zoom. Guests and new members welcome. Further details: Geraldine tel: 0872074328'

## Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

October 4th this Sunday is the day of celebration for all Franciscans as they honour their founder St. Francis. For the past 780 years the town of Ennis has a Franciscan Presence and this continues today with the present Fraternity of Friars.

We thank Friars Paschal (Guardian), Joe, Elzear, Cletus, Philip, Albie & Damian for continuing to bring us the joy of the Gospel and for their ministry amongst us.

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### St. Anthony's Brief

This Franciscan Magazine telling the story of how the Friary brings the gospel to the world is available for sale in both the Friary and Cathedral. Your €2 contribution for this magazine helps support the Friars' mission areas of the world.

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### Blessing of Animals

To celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, the Friars will hold the traditional Blessing of Animals outside the Friary on this Sunday at 3pm. Please observe social distancing when you bring your animal for blessing.

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### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

### Newly Baptised

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

**Lisa Kate Nolan,**  
**Luca Michael Anthony Ryan,**  
**Cara Agnes Hegarty Rynne,**  
**Aurelia Charlotte Guzek**  
Zelazkorf



## 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:** Tom & Mae Minitier, Kincora Park.

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

**11.45am:** Tony Kenny, Castlewood Pk.

**Mon 10.30am:** Agnes Meaney, Surrey.

**Tues 10.30am:** Senan & Bridget Ryan, O'Connell St., Kilkee.

**Thu 10.30am:** Gerry & Frances Garvey, Roslevan.

**Sat 10.30am:** Bill Ryan, Highfield Park.

**7pm:** Anna McLoughlin, Ard na Gréine.

**Sun 10th 10am:** Mary Forde, Roslevan.

**11.45am:** Edward Gaynor, Castlilawn. **1st Anniv.**

## Rest in Peace

**John Rutherford,** Clairen Drive;  
**John Bannon,** Lahinch Rd.;

**Sr. Benedict Kenny,** St. Xavier's Convent, Bothar na Trócaire,

**Alphonsus Tubridy,** Mullagh Village, brother of Monica Farrell, Cahercalla Estate, Grlie Stemberidge, Morrissey Ave, Lucy Leahy, Ruan;

**John & Mary Haugh,** U.S.A, brother and sister in law of Sr. Teresa Haugh, St. Xavier's Convent;

**Tim Moloney,** Ballyphilip, Nenagh, brother of Willie, Cahercalla

**Seamus Kinnane,** Mill Rd. & formerly St. Michael's Villas.



*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.*



## Priests' Autumn Collection

This weekend the Autumn Collection for the Priests of the parish takes place at all masses. There are only four appeals in the year and with lockdown it was not possible to hold the Easter or Summer collections. We are grateful to those who sent in contributions at this time.

### 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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### Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge a contribution of €50

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

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

### Adoration in Cloughleigh Oratory

Cloughleigh Oratory hosts a half hour of adoration, prayer and music every Tuesday Evening between 6:30-7:00pm. This is an opportunity to come and light a candle and we will conclude with the novena prayer to St. Anthony.

**The Holy Family Schools Parents' Association** will hold a cash for clobber collection, on Oct 16th, as a fundraiser for our schools. Because of Covid guidelines bags will only be able to be collected this day. There will be a central drop off point that morning from 9-11 at the school receptions for those of you who wish to drop off bags. Unwanted clothes, curtains, bed linen, blankets, bags, belts, shoes, towels etc are welcome.

### 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.

**Free to a good home.**— Piano. Apply Ennis Parish Office: Tel. 6824043



Day for Life  
4th October

**"Hope in Him,  
hold firm and take  
heart" psalm 27**

There were 6,666 abortions in Ireland last year. We, the Catholic Church have a message of hope and a story of love; together we can promote a culture of life.

Day for life is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning of and value of human at every stage and in every condition.

### October Month of Rosary

The Rosary developed a parallel with the Monastic Office with 150 psalms mirroring the 150 Hail Mary's of the Rosary Cycle, Many religions use beads to quiet the mind. The repetition of prayer and the handling of the beads create a space allowing the Spirit to whisper to our hearts the wonder and mystery of God's love for us.

October invites us to recover a renewed appreciation of the rosary as a contemplative and Christ—centered prayer. In this Mission Month we pray especially for all missionaries, peace keeping soldiers, development workers and NGO's who are serving overseas.



### Some Good News

On Thursday last 1st October two new students started their journey of discernment for the diocesan priesthood for the Diocese of Killaloe. On Friday 2nd October the Franciscans received a new postulant, beginning his discernment of the Franciscan way of life. Please pray for these three men and for our seminarian Antun who has returned to Maynooth for his final year of theological studies.

### 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.

Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday 27th  
September,  
Development Fund:

€3,233,00

Envelope Collection: €3,233.00

Online donations: €130.00

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### Deireadh Fómhair.

Cuirimis fáilte roimh mhí Dheireadh Fómhair, mí na Coróineach Muire, tús na bliana acadúla. A lósa, bí linn i rith na míosa le do bheannachtaí agus do ghrá dúinn. Is iad intinní an Phápa don mhí seo ná: de bhua an bhaiste, go gcuirtear le rannpháirtíocht na dtuata, go mór mór na mban, i réimsí freagrachta na hEaglaise. D'iarr Ardeaspag na hÉireann Eamon Martin ar mhuintir na hÉireann le déanaí an Choróin Mhuire a rá inár dteaghligh mar chosaint ar Covid-19.

Ceiliúrtar féile Phaidrín Pháirtigh na Maighdine Glórmhaire Muire ar 7 Deireadh Fómhair. Thaibhsigh an Mhaighdean Mhuire do Naomh Dominic i 1208 agus d'ordaigh sí an Choróin Mhuire a mhúineadh do na daoine. Chuirfeadh an phaidir iad ag machnamh ar bheatha an tSlánaitheora agus ar a bhás agus a aiséirí. Is é an Choróin Mhuire sciath dhíne na gCríostaithe.

Is féidir linn iarracht a dhéanamh ár ngrá don Mhaighdean Mhuire a léiriú i rith na míosa tríd an Choróin Mhuire a rá go rialta mar a rinne ár sinsir romhainn agus an t- iomann seo a rá freisin:

*A Mhuire na ngrást, a Mháthair Mhic Dé,  
go gcuire tú ar mo leas mé.*

*Go sábhála tú mé ó gach uile olc,  
go sábhála tú mé idir anam is corp.*

*Go sábhála tú mé ar muir is ar thír,  
go sábhála tú mé ar lic na bpian.*

*Garda na n-aingeal os mo chionn,  
Dia romham agus Dia liom. Áiméan*

Let us welcome the month of October. This is the month of the Rosary.the beginning of the academic year. Jesus, come to our aid with your love and many blessings during the month of October. The Pope's intention for this month is: We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church. Archbishop Eamon Martin asked the people of Ireland recently to say the family Rosary during the month of October as a protection against Covid - 19

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated October 7. Our Lady appeared to Saint Dominic in 1208 and instructed him to teach the Rosary to the people. It would help them to reflect on the life, death and resurrection of Our Lord. The Rosary is a protective shield for Christians. We can show our love for Our Lady by saying the Rosary during the month as our ancestors did and to recite this hymn also.

*O Mary of graces and mother of Christ  
O may you direct me and guide me and guide me aright.*

*O may you protect me from Satan's control  
And may you protect me in body and soul.*

*O may you protect me by land and by sea,  
And may you protect me from sorrows to be;*

*A strong guard of angels above me provide;  
May God be before me and God at my side.*

*Amen.*

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
And there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,  
And all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
You are the Lord of all.

## 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 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.  
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it.  
In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.  
What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?  
I expected it to yield grapes.  
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?  
Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.  
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn.  
I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant.

He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

*R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel*

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
To plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
To the Great River it stretched out its shoots. R.

Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
Devoured by the beasts of the field. R

God of host, turn again, we implore,  
Look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
The vine your right hand has planted. R

And we shall never forsake you again:  
Give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. R

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

Ph 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I call you friends, says the Lord,  
Because I have made known to you  
Everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!*

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

Mt.21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants

and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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 Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
To the soul that seeks him.