

# Ennis Parish Newsletter

## Mass Times

Cathedral-[www.ennisparish.com/webcam](http://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

St. Joseph's-[www.ennisparish.com/webcam](http://www.ennisparish.com/webcam)

Monday to Friday 10.30am

Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm

Sunday 10am & 11.45am

Cloughleigh-Monday to Friday 9.30am

Sunday 11am

Friary 1.05pm -Monday to Friday

10am Saturday

7.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 12 noon

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Cathedral

Monday to Friday 7pm. Saturday after Vigil Mass

Friary

Tuesday to Saturday 11am to 12noon.

Baptisms

The sacrament can now be celebrated with limited numbers. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a date and time.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place

Monday to Friday in the Cathedral from 5pm until 7pm

Phone Numbers:

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## Third Sunday of Advent (Year B) Gaudete Sunday 13th December 2020

### The Joy of Christmas

Today, the third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. We light the rose coloured or pink candle on our Advent wreath. We are edging closer to the joy of Christmas when Jesus, the Word made flesh, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem. The entrance antiphon sets the theme:

*"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near".* Paul urges the Thessalonians in our second reading: *"Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God".* Our search for joy and happiness is relentless - the common goal we all share, mystic and addict, hermit and Bon viveur, Saint and sinner.

Joy has been a constant theme in the encyclicals and apostolic exhortations of Pope Francis so far, for example, *Evangelii Gaudium*:

**The Joy of the Gospel** 'fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus'. *Amoris Laetitia*:

**The Joy of Love** experienced by families is also the joy of the Church. *Gaudete et Exultate*: Rejoice and be Glad calls us all to holiness, 'for the Lord has chosen each one of us to be holy and blameless before him in love (Eph 1:4). *"Far from being timid,*

*morose or melancholy, or putting on a dreary face, the saints are joyful and full of good humour"* #122. As C.S Lewis puts it, **"Joy is the serious business of heaven"**. Let us radiate joy in anticipation of the Lord's coming. 🌸

We're now past the halfway point in our preparation for Christmas. Joy, prayer and thanksgiving characterise our Advent liturgy. Like John the Baptist in today's gospel, we are called to make our lives a pointer to Jesus, our Risen Lord, living incognito in our world...*"there stands among you - unknown to you - the one who is coming after me"*. In his farewell discourse with his disciples at the Last Supper, Jesus, the true source of all joy, tells them, "It is to the glory of my

Father that you should bear much fruit and be my disciples....I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete". (John 15: 8,11).

Today then let's celebrate our joy in Christ's redeeming work among us, realising that he who is to come is indeed already among us "unknown to us".



# Deacon on Duty 13th December: Bro. Damian Casey, OFM

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## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Loreto Ryan, Shallee Drive.

Michael Hanrahan, Corrovorrin Grove. **1st Anniv.**

Paddy & Ciss Hanrahan, St. Michael's Villas.

Liam Slattery, St. Michael's Villas.

Vincent McHugh, Clonroad.

Dr. Donough Moylan, Bindon St.

**Sun 13th: 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** Griffin family, Ardlea Rd.

**11.30am:** Peggy Corry, Loughville.

Ignatius McCarthy, Tulla Rd.

Jim Whymys, Cusack Rd.

Patrick Molloy, Dalcassian Park

Don Farrell, Cahercalla Estate.

Rigoberto Aquilar, Aughanteeroe, Gort Rd.

**4.30pm:** Bridget Keenan, Roslea, Clareen.

**Mon: 7.40am:** Special intention.

**11am:** Frank Fox & Fox family, Market St.

John & Bridget Stokes, Corofin.

**7.30pm:** No intention booked.

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

**11am:** Michael Stokes, Milford, Limerick.

**7.30pm:** Ella Burke, Phoenix Court. & Mill Rd.

Mary O'Grady Gormley, Childers Rd.

Maria Ryan (nee Browne) College Rd. & Tipperary.

**Wed: 7.40am:** Brian, Tessie & Brian Jr. Kelly, Limerick Rd.

**11am:** Tom, Brid & Caimin Corbett, Bodyke.

**7.30pm:** Frank Kearse, Connolly Villas.

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

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Michael, Margaret & Martin Fitzpatrick, St. Patrick's Tce.

Patricia, Jackie, Declan & Anne Hayes, & Phyllis O'Grady, McNamara Park.

Ita & Paddy Gilligan, Cloughleigh Rd.

Teresa & Frank White, Clare Rd.

**8.30pm: Advent Carol Service.**

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

**11am: Feast of St. Flannan.**

Vivian Thomas Lee, Fr. Jim Kennedy &

Lee & Kennedy families, Gallows Hill.

Bonifacio Sabroso, Phillipines

**7.30pm:** Madeline Killeen, 'Goretti', Clonroadbeg. **MM.**

**Sat: 11am:** Tommy Lorrigan, College Park.

Frances McInerney, Park Ave. & Parnell St.

Rickie & Pat Loughnane, Ennis & Abbeyfeale.

Bernie Corry, Enniscorthy & Cree.

Nellie & Denis Wylde, Clonroad.

**6.30pm:** Annie O'Brien, Dysart.

Paddy & Amy Molloy, Dalcassian Park.

**Sun 20th 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** Donal O'Brien, Turnpike Rd.

Patrick Gregan, Knock, Inch.

Peggy Kearney, Summerhill.

**11.30am:** John Costin, Gallows Hill. **1st Anniv.**

Christine O'Sullivan, Shragh & London.

Thomas Byrnes, Hillcrest, Tulla Rd.

Donal Cahill, Hazelgrove, Roslevan.

Maureen Martin, Woodstock View, Shanaway Rd.

Marie O'Loughlin, Castlewood Park

Martin Slattery, Kevin Barry Ave.

**Bambinelli Sunday:** This weekend, we bless the figure of Baby Jesus for use in your crib at home.

## Cathedral Renovation

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €100, €100. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. *All contributions for this work very much appreciated*



### Carols from the Cathedral

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30pm with Soprano Janet Woods and Michael Hennessy. Available to watch or listen on Parish Webcam, Facebook, Parish Radio link 106.4fm.

**Ennis Parish Office** now has available a large selection of Religious, Christmas, Baptismal Gifts, Candles, Cribs, Advent Calendars and much more. All proceeds to Ennis Parish Restoration Fund

**Readers of the Word:** We remind our Readers of the Word in the Cathedral to please call to the Parish Office to collect new Missal for 2021 and their Roster.

### Christmas Food Appeal 2020

Christmas is the busiest time for both St. Vincent de Paul and Clarecare who co-ordinate and share food parcels donated by the public. However this Christmas is going to be different with Covid 19 and restrictions. The safety of the public and their volunteer members is paramount. Therefore both of these groups are asking the public that instead of buying a physical toy or items of food that they buy a voucher or make a cash donation. Please **do not** leave food parcels or toys at the Jesse Trees in our Churches this year.

## Rest in Peace



**Charlie Kenny, Ruan & Carmody St.**

**Bridget Beakey, Collins Park, Mary Conway (nee Fitzpatrick), Station Rd.**

**Joseph Kuruvilla, Kearla, India, father of Milu Ann, Hazelwood.**

**Phil Hegarty, Cork, sister of Ann Mullarkey, College Green.**

**Victor O'Loughlin, Essex, London, late of Turnpike.**

**Jim Arthur, Dublin & Ballyea brother of the late Paddy Arthur, Parnell St.**

## 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 : 12 noon:** Oliver Conway, Pine Grove. **MM.**

**7pm:** Maureen Whyte, Kincora Park. **1st Anniv.**

Martin Whyte & Joan Connolly Whyte, Kincora Park & Portlaoise.

**Sun 13th 10am:** Eileen Leydon, London.

**Mon 10.30am:** Bridget Orchard & John McMahon, UK & Ennis.

**Tues 10.30am:** John Leydon, Sligo.

**Wed 10.30am:** James O'Keefe, Lifford

**Sat 10.30am:** Christine & Kathleen Kearney, Kincora Park.

**Sun 20th 10am:** Catherine & Michael Griffin, Maurice's Mills.

**11.45:** Sean & Clare McGrath, Lifford Rd.



## Cloughleigh



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 13th 11am:** Kathleen Shannon, Cloughleigh Rd.

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

**Fri: 9.30am:** Special Intention.

## Friary News Daily Mass During Advent

Monday -Friday 1.05pm

Saturday 10am & Vigil 7.30pm

Sunday 12noon

**Confessions:** Tuesday-Saturday 11am-12noon

### Friary Mass Office

Monday -Friday 10am -5pm

The office will close on Christmas Eve at 12.30pm and reopen on Monday 4th January 10am

### Christmas Arrangements

Assuring everyone of a remembrance in the daily prayers of both the Poor Clare Sisters and the Franciscan Fraternity.

Fr. Guardian, the Franciscan Fraternity and the Poor Clare Sisters

### 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](http://www.ennisparish.com) via the donate button.
- 3.) Standing order forms available at the parish office.
- 4.) Remembering Ennis Parish in your will.



## Feast of St. Flannan

Friday 18th December is the feast of our Diocesan Patron, St. Flannan. Bishop Fintan will celebrate the 11am Mass in the Cathedral on Friday in honour of St. Flannan.

Season of Advent  
13th December—24th December  
Advent Programme SS Peter & Paul Cathedral

**Simplify  
Christmas**



**Celebrate  
Christ**

- ◆ Morning Prayer of the Church will be prayed at 7.30am Monday to Friday.
- ◆ The Rosary will be prayed daily after 11am & 7.30pm masses Monday to Friday and after 11am Mass on Saturday.
- ◆ Eucharistic Adoration: Monday to Friday 5pm to 7pm
- ◆ Confessions: The Sacrament will be available each evening Monday to Friday at 7pm and after the Vigil Mass on Saturday.

Share a cup of Warm Wishes on Christmas Day: Tea bags in specially designed bags available at Parish and Friary Offices and selected local outlets - €3 for one or two for €5. An ideal Christmas decoration. All proceeds to Cathedral Restoration Appeal

**Masses for Christmas:** Following discussion and consultation in Ennis Parish and the Abbey Pastoral Area, the decision has been made to offer thirty-three Masses at different times in Churches in Ennis and Doora Barefield parishes in response to the wishes of people to attend Mass at Christmas. Beginning at 4pm on Christmas Eve and going through to midnight, from 7am on Christmas Morning up until the last Mass at 6.30pm on Christmas Night, there will be thirty-three Masses offered in seven different Churches in both parishes. People are welcome to the Mass and are reminded that capacity in all Churches is capped in line with Government guidance on attendance at public worship. There will not be a ticketing system in place but when each Church has reached its capacity people will be advised to choose the next available Mass time. All who come to Mass are asked to observe social distancing, to hand sanitise, wear a face mask and sit in the designated seats that are clearly marked in all Churches. People are asked to comply with stewards who will direct them to their seats. Please note that there will be no Children's Christmas Masses in any of the Churches this year. The following is the timetable agreed for both parishes.

### Ennis Christmas Mass Schedule for Ennis and Doora Barefield

Christmas Eve		Christmas Day	
4.00pm	Cathedral	7.00am	Cathedral
4.30pm	Barefield	8.00am	Cathedral
5.00pm	St. Joseph's		Friary
5.30pm	Cloughleigh	8.30am	St. Joseph's
6.00pm	Church of Our Lady, Roslevan	9.00am	Cloughleigh
	Friary	9.30am	Cathedral
6.30pm	Cathedral	9.45am	Doora
7.00pm	St. Joseph's	10.00am	Friary
8.00pm	Friary		St. Joseph's
	Barefield	11.00am	Cloughleigh
8.30pm	Cloughleigh	11.15am	Barefield
	St. Joseph's	11.30am	Cathedral
9.00pm	Cathedral	11.45am	St. Joseph's
10.00pm	Friary	12 noon	Church of Our Lady, Roslevan
	Doora		Friary
Midnight	Cathedral (Polish)	1.00pm	Cathedral (Polish)
		6.30pm	Cathedral

**Please Note: There are no Specific Children's Masses this year**

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach na Lúcháire (Gaudete Sunday). Inniu an tríú Domhnach den Aibhínt agus tá an Nollaig buailte linn nach mór. Go traidisiúnta tugadh Domhnach Gaudete nó Domhnach na Lúcháire ar an tríú Domhnach den Aibhínt agus is briathra tosaigh na Loinneoire don Iontróid ná: "Bí gá lúcháireach i gcónaí sa Tiarna. Deirim arís é: bíodh lúcháir oraibh. Bíodh bhur gceansacht le feiceáil ag an saol mór, mar ní fada uainn an Tiarna". (Fil 4:4-5). Díríonn téama na hAibhínte ár n-aire ar theacht Íosa ar an saol seo. I Liotúirge an Bhriathair san Aifreann inniu meabhraítear dúinn gurbh é Naomh Eoin Baiste a d'uillmhaigh an bealach don Tiarna agus tá lúcháir an Tiarna le brath ina mhísean. Ina sheanmóir Domhnach na Lúcháire 2014, dúirt an Pápa Proinsias gur chóir do dhaoine gan bheith róbhuartha faoi na rudaí nach bhfuil déanta acu chun bheith réidh don Nollaig ach bheith ag smaoineamh ar na rudaí iontacha atá faighte acu sa saol. Caitheann an sagart éide rósdathach agus lastar an choinneal rósdath i bhFleasc na hAibhínte. Meabhraíonn an t-athrú datha dúinn misneach a bheith againn agus leanúint ar aghaidh lenár n-ullmhúcháin spioradálta go mór mór le paidreoireacht agus le troscadh. **A Dhia, go dtuga tú neart agus misneach dúinn tréithe fóna a chothú ionainn féin i gcónaí. Aiméan**

Today is the third Sunday of Advent and Christmas is near. Traditionally it is called Gaudete or Rejoicing Sunday and the first words of the Introit of the Mass are: "Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. (Phil 4: 4-5). The theme of Advent focuses on the coming of Jesus. In the Liturgy of the Word today, we are reminded that St. John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord and joy is felt in his mission. Pope Francis in his 2014 Gaudete Sunday Homily said that we should not worry too much about what we have not done in preparation for Christmas but to think about all the good things life has given us. The priest wears rose-coloured vestments and the rose-coloured candle is lighting on the Advent Wreath. The change of colour is a reminder to increase our courage and to continue with our spiritual preparation especially through prayer and fasting. **Lord, may you give us the strength and courage to develop and foster virtue now and always. Amen**

#### 'From a Distance' Concert

This Sunday from 3pm to 4pm with **Helen Houlihan**. Available to watch or listen on Webcam, Facebook or Parish Radio 106.4fm.

Ennis Parish Development Fund  
for Sunday 6th **December 2020**  
**€4,742**

**Envelope Collection: €4,516**  
**Online Donations: €226**

**We need help:** As we prepare for Christmas Masses, which we are very happy to celebrate for parishioners, we can only do so with your help. With thirty-three Masses to be celebrated on Christmas Eve/Day we need stewards to assist people to their seats and welcome them to the different Masses. Without stewarding these Masses cannot go ahead. Please consider offering your services for one of the Masses, so that others may come to Mass. To offer help please call to the Sacristy or Parish Office and leave your details.

# Today's Scripture Readings

**Entrance Antiphon**  
Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I say, rejoice  
Indeed, the Lord is near.

## 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.**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**  
Is 61:1-2.10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for the Lord has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,  
to bind up hearts that are broken;  
to proclaim liberty to captives,  
freedom to those in prison;  
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.  
'I exult for joy in the Lord,  
my soul rejoices in my God,  
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,  
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,  
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,  
like a bride adorned in her jewels.'  
'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,  
as a garden makes seeds spring up,  
so will the Lord make both integrity and  
praise spring up in the sight of nations.'

**The word of the Lord**

**Responsorial Psalm**  
*My soul rejoices in my God.*

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her  
nothingness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

**R**

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.  
He fills the starving with good things,

**R**

sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy. **R**

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.**

1 Th 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly;  
and for all things give thanks to God,  
because this is what God expects you to  
do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or  
treat the gift of prophecy with contempt;  
think before you do anything - hold on to  
what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you  
perfect and holy; and may you all be kept  
safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body,  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God has called you and he will not fail  
you.

**The word of the Lord**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The spirit of the Lord*

*has been given to me.*

*He has sent me to bring good news  
to the poor.*

*Alleluia!*

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John. Jn 1:6-8.19-28**

A man came, sent by God.  
His name was John.  
He came as a witness,  
as a witness to speak for the light,  
so that everyone might believe through  
him.  
He was not the light,  
only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a  
witness. When the Jews sent priests and  
Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who  
are you?' he not only declared, but he  
declared quite openly, 'I am not the  
Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you  
Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the  
Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they  
said to him, 'Who are you? We must take  
back an answer to those who sent us.  
What have you to say about yourself?' So  
John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:  
a voice that cries in the  
wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'  
Now these men had been sent by the  
Pharisees, and they put this further  
question to him, 'Why are you baptising  
if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah,  
and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I  
baptise with water; but there stands  
among you - unknown to you - the one  
who is coming after me; and I am not fit  
to undo his sandal-strap.' This  
happened at Bethany, on the far side of  
the Jordan, where John was baptising.

**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**

**Say to the faint of heart:**

**Be strong and do not fear.**

**Behold, our God will come,  
and he will save us.**