

# Ennis Parish Newsletter

## Mass Times

Cathedral-[www.ennisparish.com/webcam](http://www.ennisparish.com/webcam)  
106.4fm

Monday to Friday 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 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

No Confessions until Jan 2nd

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:

Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: [info@ennisparish.com](mailto:info@ennisparish.com)

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

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The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph (Year B) 27th December 2020.

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## Wood Walking

This is an extract from a poem by Bro Richard Hendrick OFM Cap that speaks to the glories that surround us in this season.

Spend time walking in the company of your family and the Holy Family and enjoy.

### A Meditation

When you walk  
the woods,  
do so at their pace.  
Not yours.

Pause before you enter their embrace,  
and breathe deep.  
Slow down to their  
ancient pace of root,  
and branch, and story.

Then,  
with a bow, enter;  
and allow their cathedral coolness  
to enfold you,  
and their greened light to anoint you  
with sylvan sacrament  
of stained glass dappling;  
and your healing will begin.

Listen long enough  
and they will teach you their tongue:  
words of wood, and weather, and water,  
united in one song of praise that began  
with the first Divinely led step  
into the dance of inter-breathing  
that you have forgotten how to sing  
until now.

Touching their great slowness,  
be reborn of their wisdom that promises,  
for every Winter a Spring,  
and roots deep enough  
to outlast any Summer drought  
until Autumn's coolness  
comes.

When you walk  
the woods,  
do so at their pace.  
Not yours.





**Priest on Duty 27th December: Fr. Dariusz Plasek**  
**Contact: 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**6.30pm:** Bernard McNeill, Limerick Rd.  
 Michael, James & Margaret Meehan, Killimer, Kilrush.  
**Sun 27th 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** Gertrude Vaughan, The Market.  
**11.30am:** Mary Browne, Circular Rd.  
 Pat O'Brien, Magowna, Inch & McNamara Park.  
 Anastasia & Michael McNamara & Patrick  
 Linnane, Labasheeda.  
 Martina O'Dea, Teresa & John Wilson,  
 Labasheeda.  
 Dan, Peggy, Margaret & Sean Mullins, Monreel,  
 Ennistymon.  
**Mon: 11am:** Patrick Clohessy, Loughville. MM.  
 Una Ryan nee McNamara, Brookville.  
 John, Maisie, Jim & Martin Bradley, Limerick Rd.  
**7.30pm:** Roger Fox, Clancy Pk.  
**Tues: 11am:** Book of Intentions.  
**7.30pm:** Micheál Frawley, Cahercalla.  
**Wed: 11am:** Cyril Lynch, Sunnyside, Circular Rd. MM  
**7.30pm:** Frances & Frank Roughan, Ballynealon,  
 Fountain.  
**Thurs: 11am:** Bridie Connellan, Cahercalla Wood.  
 Joe & Tess Kerin, Clonroadmore.  
**7.30pm:** Sr. Stephanie Conway, Convent of Mercy.  
**Fri: 11am:** Ann Ryan, Childers Rd., Cloughleigh.  
 Mary & Dan O'Keeffe, Ardlea Rd.  
**7.30pm:** No Intention Booked.  
**Sat: 11am:** Frank Hogan, Newhall. MM  
 Mairead Connors, Station view, Ennis & Island  
 McGrath & formerly Roscommon. **1st Anniv.**  
**6.30pm:** Thomas McMahon, Carmody St.  
 Michael & Anne Tierney, Kilrush Rd.  
 Ann Keogh, Hazlewood.  
**Sun 3rd 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** Pat Lynch, Clonkett, Cranny.  
**11.30am:** P.J. Malone, Beechpark.  
 David Barrett, Willow Pk.  
 Mary Keane, Hermitage. **1st Anniv**  
 Michael **1st Anniv** & Rose O'Donoghue, Limerick Rd.



**Cloughleigh**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**  
**Sun 27th 11am:** Peggy & Michael Whelan & family,  
 Cree.  
 Jim O'Driscoll & family, Castleconnell & Ennis.  
**Tues: 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Sun 3rd 11am:** Mai Molloy nee McNamara, Ennis &  
 Dublin.

**Parish & Friary Offices reopen Monday**  
**4th January 9.30am**

**Ennis Parish Development Fund**  
**Sunday 20th December 2020**  
**€6,026.00**  
 Envelope Collection: **€4,950**  
 Online Donations: **€1,076**

**Priests Christmas**  
**Collection**

Christmas collection for the support of the Bishop and Priests. We thank all who contributed to this appeal. contributions are still welcome.

From 26th December, St. Stephen's Day we return to mass behind closed doors via webcam/ radio from both the Cathedral and St. Joseph's Church

**Mass each day this week:**

**St. Joseph's Church**  
 10.30am

**Cathedral**  
 11am & 7.30pm

**Cloughleigh:**  
 Tuesday to Friday 9.30am

8-9pm Monday  
 Holy hour from the Cathedral  
**Weekend Masses**

**Cathedral**  
 Vigil Saturday 6.30pm  
 Sunday: 8am, 9.30am,  
 11.30am

**St. Joseph's Church**  
 Vigil Saturday 7pm  
 Sunday 10am, 11.45am

We invite you to join in worship via our webcams accessible at:  
[www.ennisparish.com](http://www.ennisparish.com);  
 parish radio 106.4fm

**Rest in Peace**



Seán Hegarty, Dublin brother of Michael, Elm Pk.;  
 Colin Barton, Cahercalla Heights;  
 Marie Walsh, Feenagh, Clooney & late Old Gort Rd.;  
 Babies Mick & Ollie McCarthy, sons of Ethan & Ciara, Woodhaven;

**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:**

**7pm:** Mary & Dan Doorty, Tulla Rd.  
**Sun 27th 11.45am:** Eric Mc Nevin, Corrovorrin Green.  
**Mon 10.30am:** Dr. Brian Gallagher, Tulla Rd.  
**Tues 10.30am:** Maureen & Paddy Shannahan, St. Senan's Rd.  
**Wed 10.30am:** Winifred Leydon, Sligo.  
**Thu 10.30am:** Michael, Imelda & Johnny Hayes, Rockmount.  
**Fri 10.30am:** Maura Hegarty, Elm Park.  
**7pm:** PJ & Kathleen Foudy, Ivy Hill.  
**Sat 10.30am:** Noel Ballinger, Gort Rd.  
**7pm:** Pauline Gibbons, Kincora Park.  
**Sun 3rd 10am:** Michael Hogan, Lahinch & Corrovorrin. **1st Anniv.**  
**11.45:** Paddy & Mary Darcy, 'Arbutus House', Glenoir.

**New ways to support the parish.**

This weekend once again we are in lockdown. Even when we are able to open, we will for sometime continue to have restricted congregations. We will not be passing the baskets for some time to come, maybe who knows we may never return to the traditional collection. We appreciate that we have many very supportive parishioners who contribute to the parish. In response to the present circumstances we have introduced a number of new ways in which you can support the parish along of course with the traditional methods

- Envelope boxes
- Collection box in the church
- Cheques made payable to Ennis Parish and posted or delivered to the Parish Office
- Standing Order forms available from the Parish Office
- Electronic Transfer to our Bank Accounts:  
 BIC FOR BOTH ACCOUNTS: BOFI IE2D  
 Parish A/C IBAN:  
 IE87BOFI90421030178010 BIC:  
 Remuneration account IBAN:  
 IE50BOFI90421075354292

Please consider Ennis Parish when making your will. This will enable the parish to continue to proclaim the Gospel, thanks to your generosity and thoughtfulness.

In 2019 we launched a Cathedral renovate appeal to help create a fund to respond to ongoing needs of the building e.g. the floor, the 12 windows, boilers, heating, the organ. We are so grateful for €53,192 which was contributed in 2019 to this appeal. In recent weeks we started renovating the Parochial House and providing toilets for us in the Cathedral and Adoration Chapel. This work is expected to be completed in the Autumn of 2021 and has been made possible by the prudent planning of previous years. This or any financial statement does not reflect the amount of voluntary time parishioners give in making our parish a vibrant and welcoming place for all.

Mile Buíochas  
 Tom Ryan P.P.

# Ennis Parish Development Fund

## Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

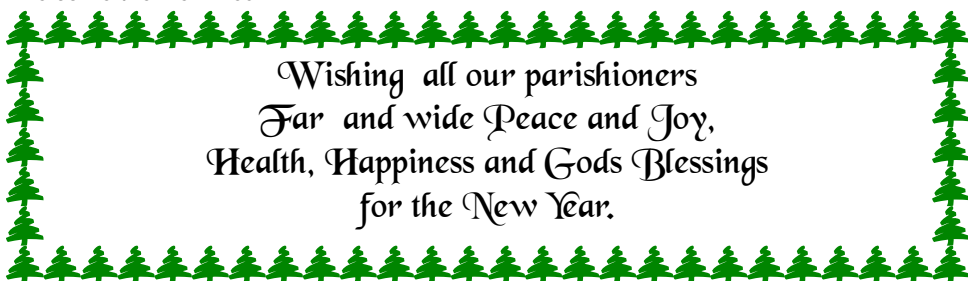
	2019	2018
	€	€
Income	459,309	462,823
Tax Refunds	40,854	56,389
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>500,163</b>	<b>519,211</b>
Wages and Salaries	154,930	159,588
Contributions to Diocesan Collections	85,561	83,253
Pastoral Care	20,647	23,135
Maintenance of Parish Churches & Buildings	41,105	66,551
Contributions to House Account	10,052	15,000
Friary Heating Fund	10,000	10,000
Shrine Candles	20,165	29,539
Church/Liturgical Requisites	9,170	13,653
Meetings, Functions & Courses	13,624	9,734
I.T, Equipment & Office Supplies	65,708	42,060
Light & Heat	29,872	34,000
Insurance	19,750	17,782
Bank Charges	2,272	2,472
Other Expenditure	15,439	24,348
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>498,295</b>	<b>531,116</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>1,868</b>	<b>-11,904</b>

**Summary of Parish Accounts for 2019** On this the last Sunday of the year, we publish our accounts for 2019. These accounts are prepared externally and submitted as part of the Diocesan Consolidated Accounts which are submitted to the Charity Regulator each year. Our accounts for 2020 are likely to be very different due to the current lockdown and restrictions. We are very grateful to those who have supported us during this time.

**Coronavirus effect on our Collections** The pandemic has had a huge effect on how we gather and indeed on our parish finance and collections. We are most grateful to those who have supported us during this time. Our weekly collections in 2019 averaged €6,000 each week, have been severely affected. We are grateful to those who have continued to support the parish during this difficult time.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January; New Year's Day** The first day of the year is the day the church sets aside for honouring Mary. Mary represents true discipleship. Mary exhibits a life of healing, seeing and telling of God's marvellous deeds. Mary inspires us to consider deeply the significance of events in our own lives. Do we journey through life oblivious to the world around us or do we resolve to make some kind of impact? Maybe instead of making new year resolutions to lose weight, we should resolve this year to be more like Mary.

**Praying out the Old . Welcoming the New** Join us on the web or parish radio from the Cathedral on New Year's Eve from 11.30pm to 12.15am as we pray out 2020 and welcome the New Year.



## **Sr. Eileen's Cúinne** Féile an Teaghlaigh Naofa

Inniu ceiliúránn an Eaglais Féile an Teaghlaigh Naofa. "Agus d'fhás an leanbh agus neartaigh, é lán d'eagna; agus bhí grásta Dé ina luí air" (Lúcás 2:40). Ba bhall de chlann é Íosa Críost. D'fhás sé aníos faoi chúram Muire agus Íosaef i Nasaireit. Chuir an Teaghlach Naofa a muinín i nDia agus lean siad a thoil agus chuir siad i gcríoch é ina iomláine. Tugann an Fhéile seo deis dúinn smaoineamh ar Theaghlach Nasaireit agus ar ár dteaghlaigh féin. Más gá déanamid iarracht bhreise, go háirithe inár dtinteán féin cairdeas agus síocháin a chothú agus a bhunú.

Is mó teachtaireacht atá tugtha ag an bPápa Proinsias don domhan uile maidir le grá Dé agus grá sa teaghlach. Is é seo ceann díobh: "Nach i bhfad níos fearr a bheadh ár saol teaghlaigh dá n-úsáidimis na focail 'le do thoil', 'buíochas leat' agus 'tá cathú orm'." ***A Íosa, déan teaghlaigh a dhaingniú i do ghrásta agus i do shíocháin. Áiméan.***

Tá Grianstad an Gheimhridh thart le roinnt laethanta anuas agus as seo amach beidh na laethanta ag dul i bhfad. De réir an tseanchais bíonn síneadh de choiscéim coiligh gach ré lá as seo go Féile Bhríde, mar sin bímis dóchasach mar tá laethanta geala amach romhainn. Bain taitneamh as an Nollaig agus go mbeirimid beo ag an am seo arís.

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family "And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him." (Luke 2 :40). Jesus was a member of a family. He grew up in Nazareth in the care of Mary and Joseph. The Holy Family put their trust in God and fulfilled His will. This feast provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the Holy Family of Nazareth and on our own Christian Families and if necessary, to endeavour to promote friendship and peace in our own homes.

Pope Francis delivered many messages to the world regarding God's love and love in the family He has said "How much better our family life would be if we used the words 'please', 'thank you' and 'I am sorry' .***Jesus, strengthen families with your grace and peace. Amen***

The Winter Solstice has come and gone and now the days will be getting longer. According to folklore the length of every other day increases by a cock-step until St. Brigid's Day and every day after that. Let us be hopeful as there are bright days ahead. Enjoy the remainder of the Christmas Season and may we thrive until this time next year.

### **Cathedral Renovation**

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of: €250, €100x 4, €50 x 4 We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

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

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste,  
And found Mary & Joseph and the Infant  
lying in a manger.

### 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 Genesis.

**Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3**

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram  
in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your  
shield; your reward will be very great'.

'My Lord,' Abram replied, 'what do  
you intend to give me? I go childless...'  
Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me  
no descendants; some man of my  
household will be my heir'. And then this  
word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He  
shall not be your heir; your heir shall be one  
of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking  
him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and  
count the stars if you can. Such will be your  
descendants' he told him. Abram put his  
faith in the Lord, who counted this as  
making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as  
he had said, and did what he had promised  
her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to  
Abraham in his old age, at the time God had  
promised. Abraham named the son born to

him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah  
had given birth.

**The word of the Lord**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Response:*

*He, the Lord, is our God.*

*He remembers his covenant for ever*

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
O sing to him, sing his praise;  
tell all his wonderful works! **R**

Be proud of his holy name,  
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.  
Consider the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face. **R**

Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.  
O children of Abraham, his servant,  
O sons of the Jacob he chose. **R**

He remembers his covenant forever,  
his promise for a thousand generations,  
the covenant he made with Abraham,  
the oath he swore to Isaac. **R**

### A reading from the letter to the

**Hebrews. Heb 11:8.11-12.17-19**

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the  
call to set out for a country that was the  
inheritance given to him and his  
descendants, and that he set out without  
knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in  
spite of being past the age, was made able  
to conceive, because she believed that he  
who had made the promise would be  
faithful to it. Because of this, there came  
from one man, and one who was already  
as good as dead himself, more  
descendants than could be counted, as  
many as the stars of heaven or the grains  
of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when  
put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered  
to sacrifice his only son even though the  
promises had been made to him and he  
had been told: It is through Isaac that your  
name will be carried on. He was confident  
that God had the power even to raise the  
dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was  
given back Isaac from the dead.

**The word of the Lord.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia*

At various times in the past

And in various different ways,  
God spoke to our ancestors  
through the prophets'

But in our own time, the last days,  
He has spoken to us through his Son.

*Alleluia!*

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke.**

*Lk 2:22.39-40*

When the day came for them to be  
purified as laid down by the Law of  
Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up  
to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.  
When they had done everything the Law  
of the Lord required, they went back to  
Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.  
Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and  
he was filled with wisdom; and God's  
favour was with 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

**Our God has appeared on the earth,  
and lived among us.**