

Ennis Parish Newsletter

Mass Times

Cathedral-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

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

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Second Sunday After Christmas (Year B) 3rd January 2021.

In Memoriam,

Ring out, wild bells

One hundred and seventy years ago in a world plagued by cholera epidemics, Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote "Ring out old shapes of foul disease". Could he ever have guessed that his words would ring so true this New Year. Like him, this past year has left us with much to mourn and grieve, much to unburden ourselves of, and leave behind. We also see the light of hope, green shoots and the promise of better times ahead as we embrace a New Year. Right up there are the vaccines that may take us to safer, healthier times. We are on the final straight of a gruelling race, let's not slip up now. Remain vigilant, that we may see happier times and celebrate with loved ones once again as before. Happy New Year!

In Memoriam, [Ring out, wild bells]

Alfred Lord Tennyson - 1809-1892

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.



Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

*Fáilte-Bienvenue-Willkommen-Benvenuto-Bienvenido-Witajcie-Bemvindo-
Welkom-Velkomin-Vitejte-Karibu-Croeso-Valkommen-Tervetuloa-Welcome*

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Thomas McMahon, Carmody St.
Michael & Anne Tierney, Kilrush Rd.
Ann Keogh, Hazlewood.

Sun : 8am: No Intention Booked.

9.30am: Pat Lynch, Clonkett, Cranny.

11.30am: Michael 1st Anniv & Rose O'Donoghue,
Limerick Rd.

P.J. Malone, Beechpark.

David Barrett, Willow Pk.

Mary Keane, Hermitage. **1st Anniv**

Mon: No 7.40am Mass.

11am: John & Maisie Hayes, Hermitage.

7.30pm: Fionnuala Fitzpatrick & Blake & Fitzpatrick
families, Clonroadmore.

Tues: No 7.40am Mass.

11am: Pat McInerney, Cork.

Phyllis Liptar, USA.

Haulie & Martin Reidy, Golf Links Rd.

Maureen O'Brien, St. Michael's Villas.

7.30pm: No Intention Booked.

Wed: No 7.40am Mass.

11am: Flan & Mary Hynes, St. Michael's Villas.

Tubridy family, Clohanbeg, Cree.

Noel, Josie & Bertie Garry, Sandfield Park.

Gerry O'Callaghan, Willow Park.

7.30pm: Andrew & Patrick Woods, McNamara Park.

Michael McMahon, Gallows Hill.

Michael Lynch, Clare Rd.

Thurs: No 7.40am Mass.

11am: Maura & James Doohan, Lissycasey.

7.30pm: Albert Mounsey, Marian Ave.

Fri: No 7.40am Mass.

11am: Mass for the People.

7.30pm: Mary Conway (nee Fitzpatrick), Station Rd. MM.

Sat: 11am: Kevin Keane, Connolly Villas.

Christy Moloney, Ennis & Kilmaley. MM.

6.30pm: Mary English, Clonroad.

Jimmy, Mary & Michael Enright, O'Connell St. & Wexford.

Sun 8am: Bridie Rynne, Castlewood Park.

Mary & Patrick Rynne, Lissycasey.

Nora & Joe McDonagh, Galway.

9.30am: Patrick Feeney, St. Michael's Villas.

Vincent Neylon, Parnell St.

Tom Kelly, College Road.

11.30am: Paddy Guthrie, Ard na Gréine.

Dominic (Donny) Martin, Morrissey Ave. **1st Anniv.**

Jim & Peggy Casey, White House, Shanaway Rd.

Andrew McShea, Showgrounds.

Louis Galvin, Honeywell, Limerick Rd.

Liam & Owen Madigan, St. Michael's Villas.

Hospital & Sick Calls

3rd January, 2021

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman

Please call: 065 6869098

Feast of The Epiphany

On Wednesday 6th January we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany Masses will be broadcast from the Cathedral at: 8am; 11am & 7.30pm and St. Joseph's Church at 10.30am.



Adoration of

The Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday 5pm to 7pm in the Cathedral.

Cathedral Masses & Ceremonies this week:

Available on Webcam and Parish Radio 104.6fm

Monday; Tuesday; Thursday & Friday:

11am: Mass & Rosary

7.30pm: Mass & Rosary

Monday Holy Hour 8pm - 9pm

Wednesday:

Feast of The Epiphany:

Masses 8am; 11am & 7.30pm

Saturday: 11am Mass & Rosary

6.30pm Vigil Mass & Rosary.

Masses from St. Joseph's

Church. Available on webcam:

Monday-Saturday: 10.30am

Saturday Vigil: 7pm

Sunday 10am & 11.45am

All our Churches are open daily

for Private Prayer or a visit to the Crib.

Parish Office

Re-Opens this Monday 4th

January at 9.30am

*Have A
Blessed
New Year!*

Jesus Our Constant Friend

Jesus, help me to know you

as the friend of sinners,

the seeker of the lost,

the giver of new beginnings.

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: Pauline Gibbons, Kincora Park.

Sun 10am: Michael Hogan, Lahinch Rd

& Corrovarrin. **1st Anniv**

11.45am: Paddy & Mary Darcy, 'Arbutus Hse', Glenoir.

Fri 10.30am: Maureen Burke (nee Ensko),

Marian Ave. & South Wales.

Sat 10.30am: Imelda Micks, The Crescent.

7pm: Peter & Paulette Cosgrove, Castlewood Park.

Sun 10am: Toss O'Sullivan, New Rd.

11.45: Sean Curtin, Willow Park. MM

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of: €100, €50x 2, €40; €20; €15 and €10. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

All contributions for this work very much appreciated.

Thank You - Priests Collection

A word of gratitude to the many people who supported the Priests Christmas Collection. As this was only the second appeal of the year, many people were very generous. The Bishop and Priest's of the parish thank you for your generosity.

If you still wish to contribute you may do so by dropping your contribution into the box at the back of the Cathedral; Calling to the Parish Office; using the Donate Button on the Parish website, which is a very safe and secure way to contribute to the support of your Priest's and parish.

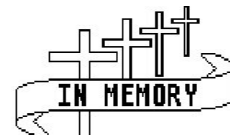
New Boxes of Parish Envelopes

This weekend, our new box of envelopes for 2021 begins. Our thanks to the many parish representatives who helped deliver the boxes before Christmas. These envelopes have proved to be essential to the financial life of the parish during lockdown as they ensured a constant flow of income that allowed the parish to meet daily current expenditure. If you have not received your new box of envelopes please contact the parish office.

Rest in Peace

Pat Stevens, Summerhill & Kilmaley;

Maura Hogan, Templederry, mother of Fr. Tom Hogan.



*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.*

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11am: Mai Molloy (nee McNamara), Ennis & Dublin.

Mon 9.30am: Special Intention.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Thu 9.30am: Special Intention.

During these current restrictions Cloughleigh Oratory will open for private prayer every day, Monday-Friday from 10:00-1:00. This will begin from January 4th

Prayer for Hope after a hard year.

God, thank you for helping us to make it through this difficult year. Thank you that you've carried us through the uncertainty of deep waters, through the flames of trials, and through the pain of hard losses. We are constantly aware of how much we need you, your grace, your strength, your power working through even the toughest days. Help us to keep our focus first on you this season. Please forgive us for giving too much time and attention to other things, for looking to other people before coming to you first. Help us to reflect again, on what Christmas is really all about. Thank you that you came to give new life, peace, hope, and joy. Thank you that your power is made perfect in our weakness. Help us to remember that the gift of Christ, Emmanuel, is our greatest treasure, not just at Christmas, but for the whole year through. Fill us with your joy and the peace of your Spirit. Direct our hearts and minds towards you. Thank you for your reminder that both in seasons of celebration and in seasons of brokenness, you're still with us, for you never leave us. Thank you for your daily powerful Presence in our lives, that we can be assured your heart is towards us, your eyes are over us, and your ears are open to our prayers. Thank you that you surround us with favour as with a shield, and we are safe in your care. We choose to press in close to you today, and keep you first in our hearts and lives. Without you we would surely fail, but with you, there is great hope. Thank you for your healing power, thank you for bringing us into this new season ahead. We look forward to all that You still have in store. in Jesus' name, Amen

Seekers of Hope

It's the whole world that comes with the wise men to the crib, drawing close to the infant God, that they might find in him meaning in life and light for living. We draw close, Lord, with all those who have lost hope, all those for whom faith is nothing more than a long night to be got through. All those who have lost the taste for seeking and struggling. We draw close, Lord, with all those who are handicapped in body or mind, with those who are paralysed in their suffering, with those left to their loneliness, whom nobody ever comes to console. We draw close, Lord, with all those who've had their place taken, with those living in poverty and hunger, with those whose dignity has been trodden on, with those who have forgotten the colours of peace. We draw close with confidence to you, child of the crib. Look, we've come seeking hope!

Public Celebration of Mass

With level 5 restriction in place the celebration of Mass is only available online on our parish radio link 106.4fm.

Our churches will remain open for personal prayer or a visit to the Crib.

Christmas Ceremonies

Our thanks to all involved with our Christmas Masses and the preparation of our Churches. We thank God that all who wished to be present for Christmas Mass had the opportunity to do so. So many people made this possible, our gratitude to all.

Parish Calendar 2021

Our Parish Calendar is available free of charge in any of our Churches; our gift to you for your home.

Radio Maria Ireland - is an Irish run Catholic talk radio station. Prayer, Catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies, all commercial free listen via:

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New Year Wishes

2020 has been a difficult and challenging year for all of us and we the Bishop, Priests, Friars, Brothers and Sisters are very privileged to part of the faith community of this town of Ennis.

We have witnessed over the past few months outstanding generosity and service to our Parish. People have really stood up and gone the extra kilometre to support the Parish, Friary and Poor Clare Community through sharing time talents and finances.

We wish to thank all our volunteers, choirs, musicians, ministers of Word and Eucharist, stewards, parish and office staff, sacristans, housekeepers, finance and pastoral councils and the many thousands who have joined our parish view web cam since last March.

Thank you. As we embrace 2021 keep coming to our lovely churches to pray, light a candle or just to remind yourself that God is near.

A safe and healthy new year to all.

St. Paul's Sunday Missal

The 2021 Sunday Missal is for sale in the Parish office for €7. An ideal companion for Sunday Mass on preparation especially when participating online or listening on the radio.

Ennis Parish Development Fund
Sunday 26h December 2020
€5,075

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Sollúntacht Eipeafáine an Tiarna.

Cuirimis fáilte mhór roimh an Bhliain úrnua 2021 agus sinn ag fágáil sláin le 2020. Ní dhéanfar dearmad go deo ar 2020 de bharr an víreascorónach a scaip go gasta ar fud na cruinne agus a chuir isteach chomh mór sin ar shaol daoine le dianghlasáil agus srianta chun é a cheansú. Níl leigheas ar an doilíos ach é a mharú le foighne. Iarraimid ar Dhia a bheith linn i rith na bliana lena ghrásta agus beannachtaí agus deireadh a chur leis an bpaindeím. Is í intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Go dtuga an Tiarna grásta dúinn maireachtáil i gcomhbhráithreachas iomlán lenár mbráithre agus lenár siúracha ó chreidimh eile, ag guí ar son a chéile, ag fáiltiú roimh chách.

Ar an 6 Eanáir ceiliúrtar Sollúntacht Eipeafáine an Tiarna. Tugtar Lá Nollag Beag nó Nollaig na mBan ar an bhféile seo chomh maith. Ar na fir a thiteann obair an tí ar an 6 Eanáir, Tá traidisiún ann go bhfaigheann mná lá saoire ó dhualgais an tí ar an lá seo. Ciallaíonn an focal 'Eipeafáine' foilsíú nó fógairt. Fógraíodh gurb é Iosa Críost Slánaitheoir an domhain. Tháinig na Saoithe ón Oirthear chun ómós a thabhairt do Mhac Dé. Foilsíodh an Slánaitheoir do na Gintlithe i bpearsana na Saoithe a fuair treoir ó réalta go Beithil. Bhí a fhios acu gur rugadh Rí a raibh urraim ar leith ag dul dó. Shléacht siad go talamh roimhe agus bhronn siad tabhartais an-luachmhar, ór, tuis agus miorr, air. Ghabh na Saoithe bóthar eile abhaile ag tabhairt neamhaird ar achainí Héaród. Má leanaimid Iosa Críost tiocfaimid chuig an bhFlaitheas.

Go dtuga Dia treorú dúinn bóthar ár leasa a leanúint. Aimeán

Let us welcome the New Year 2021 as we say goodbye to 2020 a year that will never be forgotten because of the rapid spread of the coronavirus worldwide that disrupted lives with restrictions and lockdown. There is no remedy for affliction but patience. We ask God to bless us with His graces during the year and to end the pandemic. The Pope's intention for the month of January is: May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on 6 January. This feast is also called Little Christmas and Women's Christmas. Women get a break from housework on this day and it is done by the men. The word "Epiphany" means proclamation. Jesus Christ was proclaimed Saviour of the world. The Three Kings arrived from the East to honour the Infant Jesus. They represented the Gentiles and were directed by a star to Bethlehem. They knew that a King was born who deserved homage and respect. They knelt to worship Him and offered Him precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They returned home a different way disregarding Herod's request. If we follow Jesus Christ, we will reach Heaven.

May God guide us and set us on the right course. Amen

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, Your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

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 Ecclesiastics Eccles 24:1-2.8-12

Wisdom speaks her own praises, in the midst of her people she glories in herself. She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High, she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One.

Then the creator of all things instructed me, and he who created me fixed a place for my tent.

He said, 'pitch your tent in Jacob, make Israel your inheritance'.

From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall remain.

I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle,

and thus was I established on Zion.

In the beloved city he has given me rest,

and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.

I have taken root in a privileged people, in the Lords property, in his inheritance.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

The Word was made flesh and lived among us.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,

He has blessed the children within you. R

He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth

And swiftly runs his command. R

He makes his word known to Jacob,

to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;

He has not taught them his decrees. R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Eph:1:3-6. 15-18

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved.

That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans;

Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John John 1: 1-18

In the beginning was the Word:

the Word was with God

and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things came to be,

not one thing had its being but through him.

All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of all people, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light

that enlightens all people;

and he was coming into the world.

He was in the world

that had its being through him,

and the world did not know him.

He came to his own domain

and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who did accept him

he gave power to become children of God,

to all who believe in the name of him

who was born not out of human stock

or urge of the flesh or will of man

but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh,

He lived among us, and we saw his glory,

the glory that is his as the only Son of the

Father, full of grace and truth.

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

To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become children of God.