

Ennis Parish Newsletter

Mass Times

Cathedral-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

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

Cathedral Sacrament of Reconciliation

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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The Baptism of the Lord (Year B) 10th January, 2021

Today we celebrate the Baptism of The Lord. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on what Baptism is all about. All of us put down roots somewhere or other. We belong to a place or a community. Jesus put down roots among us. He belongs where we are. He was baptised into our world, our church, our community. We baptise our children and we invite them to be part of our Christian community.

There are seven sacraments and the first is Baptism. Being baptised gives us the right to receive all the other sacraments. What is involved in all sacraments is that we make a promise. A simple promise but the living out of this promise makes a huge difference to our communities and our humanity.

The parents of a baptised child make a promise to bring their child to be the best possible person that they can be. They promise to bring up their child to be a part of the Christian community, very much rooted in their own place, their own community.

All of us know that their baby being baptised has no idea whatsoever what is happening or what is being promised for them. As they grow in the Christian home and Christian community they learn of Jesus and the Christian way of life and living. They become aware of the promise that was made for them at baptism.

On confirmation day they have the opportunity to confirm those promises themselves and so there is a big connection between baptism and confirmation. The spirit of Christ is present to us to

make a difference to the future, as Christ made a difference to humanity.

When a baby is born there is great rejoicing and baptism day gives us the opportunity to celebrate. We invite their grandparents and special friends and family. All this is very good, but unfortunately sometimes the party and celebrations take over and we forget about the promises and commitments we have made. We fashion and form our children and are responsible for the future through them.

After Christ's baptism he went about changing the future and so can we. We need to ask ourselves who we are and why we are here and like Christ we must live up to the promises we make to one another and to God.





**Priest on Duty 10th January:
Contact: 065 6869098**



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Mary English, Clonroad.
Jimmy, Mary & Michael Enright, O'Connell St. & Wexford.
Andrew Carroll, Newhall.
Mary Brogan, College Green.

Sun 10th 8am: Bridie Rynne, Castlewood Park.
Mary Ann & Patrick Rynne, Lissycasey.
Nora & Joe McDonagh, Galway.

9.30am: Patrick Feeney, St. Michael's Villas.
Vincent Neylon, Parnell St.
Tom Kelly, College Road.
Bronislava Kudzma, Lithunia.

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.

Mon: 7.40am: No Intention Booked.

11am: Stephen Cunningham, Labasheda.
Patrick Mc Mahon, Carmody St.

7.30pm: Frances Arthur, Parnell St. & Station Court.
Catherine Considine, Hermitage.
Special Intention.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Martha Kennedy & Frank Barrington, Parnell St.

7.30pm: Joseph Connery, Dalcassian Pk.

Wed: 7.40am: Andrew Cunningham, Donegal & Florida.

11am: Bartholomew Torpey, Shragh & London.
Joseph Coffey, Circular Rd.
Paddy & Mai McMahon, Labasheda.
John Lynch, Mullagh.

7.30pm: Alice Brennan, O'Connell St.
Lucy Bradley, Showgrounds Rd.

Thurs: 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Tom & Nor Harnett, Tralee.
Mae O'Donnell nee Pender, Chicago & Kilmihil.

7.30pm: Christina Griffin, Parnell St.
Michael & Billy Shanahan, Clonroadmore.
P.J., Lily & Sr. Maeve Brooks, College Pk.

Fri: 7.40am Seán Foudy, Kilrush Rd.

11am: Lorraine O'Gorman, Hermitage.

7.30pm: Pat Barrett, Cork. **MM**

Sat: 11am: Brother Mathias Comyns, Kilkee.
James Sheedy, Greendale, Clonroad.

6.30pm: Tony Shannon, Clancy Pk.
Mary & Bill Hanley, Parnell St.

Sun 17th 8am: No Intention Booked.

9.30am: Mary Bolger, Turnpike Rd.
Brid Vaughan, College Rd.
John Downes, Marian Ave.

11.30am: Delia & James Armstrong, Cahercalla.
Michael Griffin, O'Connell St. & Clarecastle.
Patrick Lyons, Avondale.
John Neylon, Darragh.
Fr. Johnny Meehan, Summerhill.
Tom Talty, Turnpike & Kilnamona.

**New Years Greetings
from the Franciscans.**

May we take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy New Year and a blessed Epiphany. As the situation with Covid-19 deteriorates in our own country and throughout the world, we are well aware of the negative impact this is having on many people at many different levels. Many of us feel caught between fear and frustration. Indeed, as the virus spreads, we are being advised to put even more severe restrictions in place. This is undoubtedly for everyone's health and safety. Accordingly, our Mass Office will be closed for the time being but people are invited to put their requests in the Friary letter box or phone 087 4697971, forward stamped addressed envelopes, always leave your name and contact number. We can then post these out to you

Above everything, we would like to take time to thank you for your kind generosity and loyal support during this most difficult time, especially those who have contributed towards our Heating Fund. We take none of this for granted but want you to know that you and your loved ones are being remembered daily in our Masses and Prayers. We also are leaving the Friary Crib up a little longer than usual as it is a reminder to us that God is for us, often in ways that are hidden, and that we are not alone during this Covid pandemic.

**Fr. Paschal OFM, Guardian
Sr. Bernadine,
Poor Clare Abbess.**

**Cathedral
Renovation Appeal**

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of: €300, €50, €40 We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.
All contributions for this work 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:

7pm: Peter & Paulette Cosgrove, Castlewood Park.

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

11.45: Sean Curtin, Willow Park. **MM**

Mon 10.30am: Michael Moloney, Marian Ave. **1st Anniv**

Tues 10.30am: John & Maureen Arthur, Tulla Rd.

Wed 10.30am: Agnes, Seán & Patrick Keane, Clare Rd.

Thu 10.30am: Linda Lee Drennan, Claireen, Lahinch Rd.

Fri 10.30am: Anthony Dormer, Rosanore.

Sat 10.30am: Philomena Barrow, Drumcliffe.

7pm: Ann O'Connor, Corrovorrin Grove.
Brid Madigan, Ivy Hill.

Sun 17th 10am: Anne, Annie & Peter Barry & deceased family, Ard Mhuire, Shanaway Rd.

11.45: John & Catherine Behan, Kilkee.

Sharing a Cup of Tea

There were many people around the world who shared a cup of tea at 3.30pm on Christmas Day and made a connection with a loved one. This was made possible by the generosity of a small group of parishioners who over the last year spent time sewing little bags to hold a teabag. All proceeds €5,824 have been donated to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal. Our thanks to the very committed group who made this a special occasion for others while at the same time raising very needed funds for the Cathedral. Special thanks to those who sponsored the material and tea bags and to TM Office Supplies, Cootes' Shop, Kilrush Rd., The Vegetable Shop, Turnpike Rd, Friary Office and Parish Office who sold tea bags.

Rest in Peace

Breda McMahon (née Hennessy)
Lifford Rd., Ennis & Clarecastle,
Teresa Murphy, Hermitage;
Tom Skerritt, Ennistymon, brother of Breda Ryan,
Clancy Pk.



Parish Statistics

**Births
Deaths
Marriages**

	2020	2019
Baptisms	118	210
Marriages	11	24
Funerals	128	155



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: .Book of Intentions.
Thurs 9.30am: Bridget Crosse Kinnane, Davitt Tce.

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 outside of Mass times.

Parish Calendar 2021

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

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.

Why Baptism?



This feast always comes at the beginning of a new year, a time associated with resolutions and new beginnings. What makes us truly human is that we are capable of making decisions and promises and of sticking faithfully to them.

Baptism for Jesus meant that the will of his Father became the meaning and message of his life. Indeed, there is a sense in which we can say that every Baptismal Font is a "tributary" of the River Jordan.

My name was called
Helen / Paul "I baptise you....."

In our lives there are decisions, moments, opportunities when God calls us to new beginnings, renewed fidelity, deepening trust, more generous service. Our calling is to be like Christ to have his values, his attitudes, his way of dealing with people. It's a decision which must be renewed daily, a decision to follow Jesus Christ, a commitment to try to grow in my faith. It may be to heal a quarrel, to let a grievance go, to give up the drink, to serve my neighbourhood in a new way.

In Baptism I became a "Child of the Light". In this way I was called to be a "light". Through me others see the "light" and in this way are empowered to "shine" in their particular way.!

Daily Programme for this week in the Cathedral.

Available on webcam & parish radio link 106.4fm

Monday to Friday

7.40am Mass
11am Mass & Rosary
7.30pm Mass & Rosary
8-9pm Monday Eucharist hour of prayer

St. Joseph's Church

Monday to Saturday

10.30am Mass
Saturday Vigil 7pm
Sunday 10am 7 11.45am

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. A priest will remain on duty and can be contacted at 065 6869098.

New ways to support the parish.

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.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
Sunday 3rd January 2021
€3,133.50
€201.00 on line

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Baisteadh ár dTiarna Iosa Críost.

Ceiliúrtar Féile Bhaiste an Tiarna ar an Domhnach seo. Inniu cloiseann Iosa glór an Athar. 'Is tusa mo mhac muirneach. Is duit a thug mé gnaoi. (Lucás 3:21-22). Tháinig an bheannacht agus fáiltiú céanna sin anuas ar gach duine againne ar lá ár mBaisteadh, agus aon uair go mbraithimid an misneach lag, nó easpa muinín ionainn féin, ba chóir dúinn an soiscéal seo a léamh agus a ghuí.

Ócáid thábhachtach i saol ár Slánaitheora ab ea a bhaisteadh in abhainn na hIordáine. Ní ionadh go bhfuil Baisteadh Iosa mar cheann de rúndiamhra an tsolais sa Choróin Mhuire. Lena bhaisteadh chuir Iosa in iúl croílár a mhisean. Ba é sin na daoine a bhí ar seachrán i ndorchadas a bpeacaí a thabhairt chun athmhuintearas le Dia. Léirigh Iosa gur theastaigh uaidh na peacaigh a thionlacan agus croí na trócaire a thaispeáint dóibh.

Tugann Féile Bhaisteadh ár dTiarna deis dúinn athnuachan a dhéanamh ar cad go díreach a chiallaíonn ár mbaisteadh féin agus sinn ag maireachtáil agus ag obair le daoine eile. Tá dlúthbhaint idir ár mbaisteadh agus baisteadh Iosa. Táimid baiste in ainm na Tríonóide. Ba é Comhartha na Croise an chéad phaidir a d'fhoghlaimíomr agus gach uair a deirimid é, táimid ag cur in iúl ár muinín agus ár ndílseacht mar dheisceabail ár dTiarna.

Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá chuig an Tríonóid Naofa: *Athair, Mac is Spiorad Naomh, bíodh an Triúr -in-Aon linn lá is oíche, ar chúl na dtonn nó ar thaobh na mbeann. Áiméan.*

The Feast of Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on this Sunday. Today Jesus hears the voice of the Father. 'You are my beloved son in whom I am well pleased. (Luke 3: 21-22). On the day of our Baptism we all received the same blessing and welcome, and whenever we feel powerless or lack confidence in ourselves, we could read and pray this gospel.

The Baptism of our Saviour in the River Jordan was an important event in the life of Jesus. It is no wonder that it is one of the Mysteries of Light in the Rosary. In the Baptism of Jesus we see the essence of his mission which was the people who strayed in darkness be reconciled with God. He showed that he wanted to accompany sinners and show them his mercy.

This Feast gives us an opportunity to renew the meaning of our own baptism as we live and work with others. There is a close connection between the baptism of Christ and our Baptism. We were baptised in the name of the Blessed Trinity. The Sign of the Cross was the first prayer we learned and every time we recite it we express our trust and loyalty as disciples of Jesus.

We can recite this prayer: *May Father, Son and Holy Spirit enfold us day and night, on the seashore, or on mountain high. Amen*

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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 55:1-11

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and you will have good
things to eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

See, I have made of you a witness to the
peoples, a leader and a master of the nations.

See, you will summon a nation you never knew,
those unknown will come hurrying to you,
for the sake of the Lord your God,
of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to
him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity
on him, to our god who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways

not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.
Yes, as the rain and the snow come down
from the heavens and do not return without
watering the earth, making it yield and giving
growth to provide seed for the sower and
bread for the eating, so the word that goes
from my mouth does not return to me empty,
without carrying out my will and succeeding in
what it was sent to do.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.*

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

R

Give thanks to the Lord,
give praise to his name!

Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name.

R

Sing a psalm to the Lord

for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of
Israel.

R

A reading from the first letter of St. John

1 Jn 5:1-9

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has
commanded us;

this is what loving God is -

keeping his commandments; and his
commandments are not difficult,

because anyone who has been begotten by
God has already overcome the world;

this is the victory over the world— our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the
Son of God:

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,

but with water and blood;

with the Spirit as another witness -

since the Spirit is the truth -

so that there are three witnesses,

the Spirit, the water and the blood,
and all three of them agree.

We accept the testimony of human witnesses,
but God's testimony is much greater, and this
is God's testimony,

given as evidence for his Son.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*John saw Jesus coming towards him,
and said:*

*This is the Lamb of God who takes away the
sin of the world. Alleluia!*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Mk 1:7-11

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist
said, 'Someone is following me, someone who
is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to
kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I
have baptised you with water, but he will
baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from
Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the
Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up
out of the water than he saw the heavens torn
apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on
him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are
my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified
that this is the Son of God.