

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

Friary

Masses are currently suspended

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Cathedral & Friary

Currently suspended

Baptisms

Currently suspended

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place
Monday to Friday in the Cathedral from 5pm until 7pm

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 17th January, 2021.



Light in the Dark

This is a particularly difficult newsletter cover to write. This is so because not only do we find ourselves in the season of winter, and in the grip of a seemingly never-ending pandemic coupled with a litany of restrictions, but we also saw the release during the week of the report

of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes. The findings of this report have given us a stern reminder of sad and tragic past failures, which must never be repeated. Furthermore, one need only turn on the news in these days to discover that the world seems to be changing, the storm clouds gathering.

Amidst all of this, where can hope be found? I recently came across an article written by a Colorado journalist called Sue McMillin, wherein she describes the journey through the storm that was 2020. In the article entitled "*This winter try to find light in the reflection of a dark 2020*" McMillin bemoans the fact that perhaps we are not all, as Leo Varadkar had hoped, in this together. Instead, she says that perhaps it is more realistic to say that we are all going through the same storm together but are equipped with different resources to do so. These resources, material, spiritual and psychological, range from plentiful to the very little and everywhere in between. As we wait for the elusive return to normal, it is worth considering the

resources we have to weather these storms that are sweeping upon us at the moment, and whether or not we may need to share those resources or have them replenished in some way.

However, as we await 'normality' and may be even too weary to do anything but tear up the old calendar and hang the new with a shred of hope for better days, it is also worth reflecting as a Church on these times. This is particularly true in light of the report, and indeed as daylight once again begins to lengthen in the new year, we must not let a rush to "return to normal" cause us to forget what we learned in the darkness. This learning, which occurs almost Nicodemus-like, in the dark of the night, is important for it is where paradoxically, hope can be found. From the darkness, God called forth the light which burst forth at the dawn of creation, from the darkness of Calvary, God enacted his plan of salvation and from the darkness of the tomb, God brought forth life, and there is the hope for us who believe. Even in the darkness, God still works, however, it is not up to us to understand these workings. The Gospels are filled on every page with people who didn't understand the workings of God and are furthermore filled with examples of God concealing his work from people (just read the resurrection account in Mark's Gospel). This is where faith is so important. So in these times, let us pray for faith in God's work, which involves not only the healing of creation but also the bringing of life from death and let us pray that the light that shines in the darkness and will not be overcome will shine in our lives and nourish and replenish us so that together we will make it through the storm.

Priest on Duty 10th January

Contact: 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

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

Sun 17th: 8am: Michael McCormack, Ballyegan, Birr.
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.
Michael Carrig, Essex, U.K.

Mon: 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Vivian (Thomas) Lee, Fr. Jim Kennedy & Lee & Kennedy families, Gallows Hill.
Micko Murrhly, Mullagh.
Danny Higgins, Clancy Park.
John & Josephine O'Gorman, Kilkee;
Marie O'Gorman, Shannon Pk.
John Fitzgerald, Bristol, England.

7.30pm: Tony McEnery, Dalcassian Park.
Gillian Brennan, Considine Rd.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Wed: 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Alfie McDonagh, Station View.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Thurs: 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Donor's Intentions.
Kathleen Sorce, Cappamore, Barefield.
John & Bridget Guilfoyle, Hermitage.
Paddy McCann, Bristol & Swinford.

7.30pm: Helen & Michael Coffey, Hermitage.

Fri: 7.40am Mass for the People.

11am: Eileen Dinan, Cahercalla Heights, Kilrush Rd.

7.30pm: Carmel Nestor, Golf Links Rd. **1st Anniv.**
Bridget Moroney, McNamara Park. **1st Anniv.**

Sat: 11am: Paul Dilleen, Shanaway Rd.
Roisin McMahon, Doolin.

6.30pm: Frances Ball, Connolly Villas.
James Cox, Dalcassian Ave.
Ena Whelan, Fountain Cross.

Sun 24th: 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: No intention booked.

11.30am: Willie Perkins, Gallows Hill.
Thomas Hayes, Askeaton, Co. Limerick.
Peadar O'Brien, St. Michael's Villas.
Marie Hogan, Shanaway Rd.
Flan O'Reilly, Clare Rd.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 24th 11am: Fergal Landy, Considine Rd.
Cloughleigh is open for private prayer every day,
Monday—Friday from 10:00 - 1:00

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of: €450.00 We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. All contributions for this work very much appreciated.

Primary School Enrolment for School Year 2021 - 2022 Ennis Parish Schools' Agreed Application System.

Parents/Guardians wishing to enrol their children into Junior Infants (2nd Class in the Holy Family Senior School) are advised that application forms are available **from each school on their websites or by email request.**

The closing date for Receipt of Completed Application Forms is Thursday, February 4th @ 3 pm.

The agreed system operates for the following Ennis Parish Schools:

**Ennis National School
Holy Family Junior School
Holy Family Senior School
Scoil Chríost Rí,
CBS Primary School
Gaelscoil Mhíchíl Cíosóg**

Complete application forms to be returned to the school online or by post



Now more than ever it is important to have internet skills and to keep in touch with family and friends so Age Action is offering 5 hours of free remote tutoring by phone / video call to help older people use their smartphone, computer, tablet or Ipad. The programme called **Getting Started KIT** takes place in your own home at a time that suits you and includes a free guide. For further information call 091 527831 or e-mail gettiingstartedgalway@ageaction.ie

**Ennis Parish
Development Fund
Sunday 10th
January 2021
€3,629.00
Online €592.00**



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: 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.

Mon 10.30am: Donor's Intention.

Tues 10.30am: Callinan & Crowley families, Tullabrack, Cooraclare & Klmihil.

Wed 10.30am: Cyril Courtney, Sandfield, Ruan & Clooney.

Thu 10.30am: Eileen & Willie O Carroll, Ennis.

Fri 10.30am: Susan & Vincent Crowley, Kilrush.

Sat 10.30am: Bridget & George O'Neill, Clareabbey, Clarecastle.

7pm: Margaret Waters, Tullycrine.

Sun 24th 10am: William & Mary Lynch, Corrovorrin.
11.45: Barry, Frankie & Fergus O'Connor, Pearse Ave.

Support for the parish.

We have traditionally depended on the passing of the collection basket at weekend masses for support.

Thank you to the many who have found new ways of contributing to support the parish during this time of lockdown. The generosity of so many means we continue to meet our commitments and pay our way at this time.

Ways to contribute to our parish.

1. Weekly envelope: Boxes available from the Parish Office. Collection box in the church
2. Cheques made payable to Ennis Parish and posted or delivered to the Parish Office
3. Standing Order forms available from the Parish Office
4. Electronic Transfer to our Bank Accounts:
5. 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.

Samaritans Ennis and Clare are currently recruiting new volunteers. Everybody is welcome to apply.



For information please log on to volunteer.samaritans.org, text 085 176 3491 or email: samaritansrecruitmentennis@gmail.com.



At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe." (John 17:21) Traditionally the week of prayer is celebrated between 18-25th January, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

The 2021 theme for the week is "Abide in my love You shall bear much fruit."

It was discerned by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland and finds its origin in the Gospel of John (John 15:5-9)

Tá Covid -19 ag dul in olcas sa tír le déanaí ach bíodh dóchas againn. Is é an dóchas lia gach anró, a deir an seanfhocal. Ba cheart dúinn na srianta atá curtha i bhfeidhm ag an Rialtas a chleachtadh go beacht. Thug an Taoiseach Micheál Martin le fios gurb iad freagracht phearsanta agus dea-iompar daoine a choimeádfaimid saor ón gcruachás. Dúirt sé go bhféadfaí damáiste ollmhór a dhéanamh dá n-éireadh daoine faillíoch de bharr vacsaíne a bheith ar fáil anois.

Is féidir linn go léir guí go mbeidh deireadh le Covid-19 go luath. Is ansa le Dia guí ná gol. Is féidir iarraidh ar an Mhaighdean Mhuire teacht i gcabhair orainn sa phaidir seo a leanas. An Memorare.

Cuimhnigh, a Mhaighdean Mhuire róghrámhar, nár chualathas trácht ar aon duine riamh a chuir é féin faoi do choimirce ná a d'iarr cabhair ort ná a d'impigh d'idirghuí is gur theip tú air. Lán de mhuinín asat, dá bhri sin, rithimse chugat, a Mhaighdean na Maighdean is a Mháthair. Is chugatsa a thagaim, is os do chomhair a sheasaim, i mo pheacach bocht atuirseach.

Ó a Mháthair an Aonmhic, ná diúltaigh do m'urnaithe ach éist leo go trócaireach agus freagair iad. Aiméan.

There has been a surge in the numbers with Covid -19 in the country recently. Let us be hopeful as hope is the healer of all hardship, according to the proverb. An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin pointed out that it is personal responsibility and good behavior that will keep us safe from the adversity. He said great damage could be done if people become negligent. Let us renew our prayer that Covid-19 will end soon. We can ask Our Lady as we recite the Memorare to come to our aid.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee,

O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Mother and Baby Home Report

The final Report of the Commission for Mother and Baby Homes was published this week. It is sad and harrowing reading. My heart goes out to the survivors. It is a dark time for all affected, reflecting on the sad reality of abuse in our Church. A full and unreserved apology has been issued this week and the full text of that and response to the report is available on <https://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/response-to-mother-and-baby-home-report/>.

✠ Fintan Monahan

Marriage Preparation

Accord Virtual Interactive marriage Preparation Programme 2021
For course dates and details and to book online: www.accord.ie

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.

A Prayer in this time of Corona Virus

Dear God in 1879 the apparition at Knock gave hope and courage to the people of Ireland in difficult times.

We ask that Our Lady may now protect your beloved people from the Coronavirus .

May its victims be strengthened by the spiritual support of the Christian Community and restored soon to full health.

We also pray for the medical personnel who deal with the virus.

This we ask for in confidence through Christ our Lord. Amen

Our Lady of Knock, Pray for us.

St. Joseph, Pray for us.

St. John the Evangelist,

Pray for us. Amen

Rest in Peace

Humphrey Counihan, Fergus Lawn;
Mary Considine, Hazlewood & Liscannor;

Paul Sexton, Ballard, Miltown Malbay and Shankill, Co. Dublin, uncle of Gerry Sexton, Drumcarnmore, Ennis;

Paddy McCann, formerly Bristol & Swinford, Co. Mayo, brother of late Delia Corey, Loughville;

Micko Hennessy, Shallee Drive;

Sid Watkins, Clancy Pk;

Andy Callinan, Sixmilebridge, brother of Thomas, Cuan an Chlair

Éibhleann Ní Ghríofa, Scéal Eile Book Shop, Ennis, Lisdoonvarna & Kilnamona

Mary C. O'Keeffe, Drumcliffe Rd. & Parnell St.

*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.*

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you,
O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name,
O Most High!

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 first book of Samuel

1 Sam 3:3-10.19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord
where the ark of God was, when the Lord
called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here
I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am,
since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call.
Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay
down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel!
Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and
said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He
replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back
and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no
knowledge of the Lord and the word of the
Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once
again the Lord called, the third time. He got up
and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you
called me.' Eli then understood that it was the
Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to
Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone
calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is
listening".' So Samuel went and lay down in
his place.

The Lord then came and stood by,
calling as he had done before, 'Samuel!
Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord,

your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was
with him and let no word of his fall to the
ground.

The Word of the Lord

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Responsorial Psalm
Response: *Here I am, Lord!
I come to do your will.*

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
He heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. R

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. R

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
In the depth of my heart. R

Your justice I have proclaimed
In the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. R

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

1 Cor 6: 13 - 15. 17-20

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for
the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who
raised the Lord from the dead, will by his
power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies
are members making up the body of Christ;
anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit
with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the
other sins are committed outside the body;
but to fornicate is to sin against your own
body. Your body, you know, is the temple of
the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you
received him from God. You are not your own
property; you have been bought and paid for.
That is why you should use your body for the
glory of God.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
You have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples,
Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him
and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.'
Hearing this, the two disciples followed
Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them
following and said, 'What do you want?'
They answered, 'Rabbi' - which means
Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and
see' he replied; so they went and saw where
he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that
day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became
followers of Jesus after hearing what John
had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon
Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his
brother and said to him, 'We have found the
Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he
took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at
him and said, 'You are Simon son of John;
you are to be called Cephas' - meaning
Rock.

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

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that
quenches my thirst.