

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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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B)

24th January, 2021

Weathering the Storm

The Gospel of St. Mark records numerous miracles performed by Christ during his life on earth. Many of them were witnessed by large crowds most of whom were seeking his healing touch – the feeding of the multitudes, the raising of the dead to life, the curing of lepers, changing water into wine etc. However one of the most stunning episodes was his walking on the waters as the disciples struggled rowing into heavy headwinds in the storm. Fearing for their safety, he came, much to their dismay and went to the boat with them and calmed the storm. 'Fear not', he said to them.

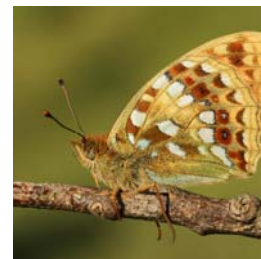
That particular narrative is very symbolic of the current trend of Covid-19. The world for all practical purposes is held hostage by the effects of this virus, where thousands are dying and all of us living in fear and trepidation. Notwithstanding the impact of the virus much of our traditional lifestyle has been disrupted in spite of the fact that a vaccine has been found that hopefully will curtail the spread of this global virus. It poses for us a deep sense of discernment as to how we can cope with its ill effects.

Apart from the fact that the first case of Covid seems to have originated in Wuhan, China. However the primary cause has raised many questions but scientists for centuries have conducted various tests and concluded that the extinction of millions of the earth's species has had a dramatic effect on the order of nature and subsequently our relationships with the natural world has been disrupted. Over the past year one hundred scientists have produced papers outlining scientifically the effects of our human exploitation of nature particularly the destruction of forests, wetlands and environment. Pope Francis himself said 'we the exploiters end up being the greater victims of nature's destruction of the bio-diversity.' Over the past fifty years some 40% of the world's population are threatened with severe floods, food shortage and human disasters, the dichotomy between the

rich and the poor growing larger. It is clearly evident that billions of people across the globe are forced to leave their homeland because of environmental disasters in justice and violence and seek to refuge in other areas.

As humans and especially as Christians we have to acknowledge that God created a world with natural resources to sustain us in life. We have now reached an impasse calling on the world to not only protect our living environment but to share the goods of the earth equally. It is difficult to assume that this has been the norm when we read of such violations of greed and inequality. For example in 2017/2018 \$3.2 trillion was expended in militarism while almost 30% of the world's population live in want.

While we hope for a return to normal living models of life, we, like the disciples in a storm at sea, can welcome not only the vaccine that's on the horizon but the saving power of Christ by his healing touch.



*Lord, creator of all that is good in the universe,
we give you glory for our creation,
in your name we bind all forces that have come
against us and our families
and seal all of us into protection of your precious blood
that was spilt for us on the cross.*



Priest on Duty 24th January Fr. Joy

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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Frances Ball, Connolly Villas.
James Cox, Dalcassian Ave.
Ena Whelan, Fountain Cross.
Colin Barton, Cahercalla Heights.MM

Sun 24th: 8am: Donors Intentions.
9.30am: John & Mary Hunt, Kilkee & Dublin.
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.
Kathleen Hassett, Toonagh, Fountain.
Kazimierz Bielasiwicz, Poland.

Mon: 7.40am: Donal & Anna Mae Maher, Clonaslee, Co. Laois.

Decd members Griffin family, Feakle.

11am: No Intention Booked.

7.30pm: Michael O'Donohue, Edenvale, Kilrush Rd.

Tues: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.

11am: Mary Glynn, Knock. Kilrush.

7.30pm: Margaret (Peggy) Flynn, Connolly Villas.

Wed: 7.40am: Mary, Paddy, Seán & Lucy Kissane,
Mary & Seán Feehan, Ennis, Dublin & Cork.

11am: No Intention Booked.

7.30pm: No Intention Booked.

Thurs: 7.40am: No Intention Booked.

11am: Elizabeth & Hanrahan Family, Circular Rd.

7.30pm: Daisy Redican, O'Connell St.

Fri: 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Austin O'Callaghan, Clancy Park.

William & Liam O'Sullivan, Inisgrove, Lahinch Rd.

7.30pm: No Intention Booked.

Sat: 11am: Patrick Twomey, McNamara Park.

Lions' Club Ennis Remembrance Tree Memorial Mass.

6.30pm: Al Wrafter & Bernadette Wrafter (nee Dunne),
Tullamore & Ennis.

Patrick & Kitty Hogan, "Maryville", Aylmers Cross.
Mary Arthur, Gort Rd.

Francie O'Halloran, Collins Park.

Sun: 31st 8am: No Intention Booked.

9.30am: No Intention Booked.

11.30am: Frank Fitzpatrick, College Green.
Michael & Bridget Singleton, Hermitage.
Larry Clohessy, Hermitage.

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



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@g
mail.com.

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: Margaret Waters, Tullycrine.
Sun 24th 10am: William & Mary Lynch, Corrovarrin.
11.45am: Barry, Frankie & Fergus O'Connor,
Pearse Ave.
Thu 10.30am: PJ & Moira McMahon, Rosslare.
Fri 10.30am: Susan Cosgrove, Fernhill, Gort Rd.
1st Anniv.

Sat 7pm: Vicky Keane, Corrovarrin Drive.
Sun 31st 10am: Joe Moran, Corrovarrin Grove.
11.45: Bill Hanrahan, Ashfield Park.
Peter Burke, Lifford Rd.

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.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 24th 11am: Fergal Landy, Considine Rd.

Mon 9.30am: Special Intention.

Tue 9.30am: .Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Michael & Mary O'Neill, Miltown Malbay.

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: €300.00 & €105.00. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. All contributions for this work very much appreciated.

Rest in Peace

Barry O'Halloran, Clare Rd.;
Betty Colleran, Clarecastle, mother of Philip & John, Ennis.;
Peter Melville, Kiltartan, Gort, Co. Galway, brother of Marie Keatinge, Kilrush Rd
Una Conway, Marian Ave;
Anne Moore, Cork, sister of Marian O'Donoghue, Cahercalla Rd.;
Henry McMullan, McNamara Pk.;
Tony Cassidy, Giorroga Heights, Gort Rd.;
Kazimierz Bielasiwicz, Poland, father of Liliana Lacka, Abbeyville.
Catherine Boland, Station Rd.;
Pat Moloney, Gaurus;
Margaret Talty, Knockatoor, Inagh, mother of Mary Callinan, Cahercalla.



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 & 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.

Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes



As we prepare for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Thursday 11th February, World Day of Prayer for the sick, the Franciscan Pilgrimage and the Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage will host a Novena of Prayer.

This Novena will be available on the parish webcam : www.ennisparish.com/webcam or our parish radio link 106.4fm on weekdays starting Wednesday 3rd February @ 7.30pm, Saturday 11am & Sunday 11.30am.

The Novena will be conducted by Bro Damian Casey, O.F.M. Franciscan Pilgrimage Director and Fr. Tom Ryan, Killaloe Pilgrimage Director.

The theme for Catholic Schools this year is: **Catholic Schools:**

Communities of Faith and Resilience.



The daily themes are as follows

Monday: Catholic Schools:
Communities of Faith

Tuesday: Catholic Schools:
Communities of Learning

Wednesday: Catholic Schools:
Communities of love

Thursday: Catholic Schools:
Communities of Resilience

Friday: Catholic Schools:
Communities of Hope

As we live through an unprecedented time of challenge and uncertainty, our faith and our resilience can be tested. We can ask questions like "will things ever be the same again?", "When can we get back to normality?", "Where is God in all of this?" In response to this, we reflect upon how Catholic Schools are communities of faith and resilience. In Catholic Schools, we are called to support each other and to have faith in the promise of the Good News. Catholic Schools are inspired by the belief that God has created each one of us with capacity to give love and receive love. This love is bound in faith and is more resilient than any virus.

While each Catholic School is such a community, every Catholic School fosters the holistic development of its students, promotes their well being and offers them cultivation of a deeper, loving relationship with God. Jesus teaches us to love one another as he has loved us. This week, we celebrate the gifts and talents we have in following Jesus' teaching. This year we celebrate how we are called to be communities of faith and resilience, through our thoughts, words and actions. In doing so, we live out the meaning of the beautiful hymn

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where charity and love are, God is there

As our school buildings remain closed this week we are conscious of the domestic school taking place at home.

A Prayer in this time of Corona Virus

Almighty and Eternal God,
our refuge in every danger,
to whom we turn in our distress
in faith we pray,
Look with compassion on the afflicted,
grant eternal rest to the dead,
comfort to mourners,
healing to the sick,
peace to the dying,
strength to healthcare workers,
inspiration to the scientists,
wisdom to our leaders,
the courage to reach out to all in love,
So that together we may
Give glory to your Holy Name.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach Bhriathar Dé.

Dhá bhliain ó shin d'fhógair an Pápa Proinsias go mbeadh Domhnach Bhriathar Dé á cheiliúradh go bliantúil ar an tríú Domhnach Saor i mí Eanáir. Thug an Pápa aitheasc mar gheall ar thábhacht Bhriathar Dé inár saol agus conas mar a chabhraíonn sé linn aithne a chur ar Íosa. Tá iliomad glórtha mórthimpeall orainn agus tá géarghá le Briathar Dé a chlos thar aon ghlor eile, a dúirt an Pápa. Chun cabhrú linn mhol sé dúinn an Bíobla a bheith ar oscailt ar an mbord nó cóip a bheith ar fáil taobh linn.

Daichead bliain ó shin foilsíodh An Bíobla Naofa in Éirinn. Tobar spioradálta ár gcine a bhí sa Bhíobla riamh anall. Rinneadh staidéar ar an mBíobla thar leabhar ar bith eile i Mainistreacha na hÉireann. Tá na samplaí is sine den Ghaeilge scríofa le fáil i lámhscríbhinní an Scrioptúir. Ag tras-scríobh an Bhíobla rinne na manaigh a ndícheall maidir le peannaireacht agus ornáideachas mar a fheictear i Leabhar Cheanannais.

Sna laethanta seo agus sinn faoi dhianghlasaíl d'fhéadfaimis am a chaitheamh ar léamh Bhriathar Dé sa Bhíobla. **A Thiarna, iarraimid ort cabhrú linn ár gcrideamh agus naofacht a chleachtadh agus sinn ag machnamh ar Bhriathar Dé.**

Sunday of the Word of God.

Two years ago, Pope Francis instituted Sunday of the Word of God to be held every year on the third Sunday in Ordinary Time in January. In his address, he stressed the importance of the Word of God in our lives and how it can help us to get to know Jesus. The Pope stated that we are surrounded by many voices and we need to hear the Word of God more than any other voice. To help us he advised to keep a copy of the Bible close by or to have a copy of it available to us.

Forty years ago the Holy Bible was translated and published in the Irish Language (*An Bíobla Naofa*). The Bible has always been a spiritual fountain for our ancestors. The Bible was studied in Irish monasteries. The oldest examples of written Irish can be found in the Scripture Manuscripts. The monks used highly decorated calligraphy and ornamentation as witnessed in the Book of Kells in writing the Bible. Now that we are in lockdown, we ought to spend time reading the Word of God in the Bible.

Lord we ask you to help us grow in that faith as we meditate on your word, so that we may grow in holiness through Christ our Lord.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
Sunday 17th
January 2021
€2,617.00
Online €296.00

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and
splendor,
strength and honour in his holy place

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 Jonah

Jon 3:1-5.10

The word of the Lord was addressed to
Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the
great city, and preach to them as I told you
to'. Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in
obedience to the word of the Lord. Now
Nineveh was a city great beyond compare:
it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on
into the city, making a day's journey. He
preached in these words, 'Only forty days
more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed'.
And the people of Nineveh believed in God;
they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth,
from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce
their evil behaviour. And God relented: He

did not inflict on them the disaster which he
had threatened.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: .

Lord, make me know your ways

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

*Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.*

R.

*Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
Because of your goodness, O Lord.*

R.

The Lord is good and upright.

*He shows the path to those who stray,
He guide the humble in the right path;
He teaches his way to the poor.*

R.

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

1 Cor 7:29-31

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those
who have wives should live as though they
had none, and those who mourn should
live as though they had nothing to mourn
for; those who are enjoying life should live
as though there were nothing to laugh
about; those whose life is buying things
should live as though they had nothing of
their own; and those who have to deal with
the world should not become engrossed in
it. I say this because the world as we know
it is passing away.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is close at hand;

Believe the Good News

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went
into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good
News from God. 'The time has come', he
said 'and the kingdom of God is close at
hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the
Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his
brother Andrew casting a net in the lake -
for they were fishermen. And Jesus said
to them, 'Follow me and I will make you
into fishers of Men.' And at once they left
their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw
James son of Zebedee and his brother
John; they too were in their boat, mending
their nets. He called them at once and,
leaving their father Zebedee in the boat
with the men he employed, they went after
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

**Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.**