

ENNIS PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mass Times

Cathedral-www.ennisparish.com/webcam

Radio link: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/our-parish/st-josephs-church-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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First Sunday of Lent (Year B) 21st February, 2021

The Springtime of Lent

We will have noticed lately the presence of two remarkable things—the first flowers of spring and the decaying but beautiful leaves that are the final form of last year's growth.

The flowers are stunning and hopeful and small and glorious, but the leaves too have a remarkable beauty of their own. They have been sitting and decaying all winter and now, as spring is about to begin, they take on one of their most beautiful forms yet.

With only the structure of vein's left, you can see the real foundation of the leaf. They will soon decay back into ground, and new things will begin to grow. The branches of the trees are bare. The flower gardens are barren and waiting. The first hopeful sprouts beginning to peak through. The time is ripe for Spring, ripe for Lent. Yes, the word Lent means SPRING!

We could all use a bit of Spring Cleaning this time of year. That is what Lent is for.....Lent invites us to clear out some of the things that hold us back and take a step toward our better selves, which also brings us closer to God and closer to others.

Lent is a time to challenge ourselves to choose better things; for our bodies, our souls,

and our spirits. The 40 days of Lent help us contain this new experiment and also help us have more space to figure out what else in our lives are blocking us from God, from others, and from being our best selves.

Joan Chittister, author of *The Liturgical Year*, says, "**Lent enables us to face ourselves, to see the weak places, to touch the wounds in our own soul, and to determine to try once more to live beyond our lowest aspirations.**"

It reorients, re-grounds, and re-centres us, empowering us to live in a more whole way. It offers us....*Spring*.

We yield up. We fall apart, so that we can bloom anew. Gertrud Mueller Nelson





Priest on Duty 21st February, 2021
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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Nora Kierse, St. Michael's Villas.
 Anthony Coyle, Gloenina, Gort Rd.
 Paddy & Mary Hogan, Tobartaoscain.
 Moloney family, Steele's Terrace.
 Francis Lyons, Golf Links Rd. & Jacinta Flynn, Clontarf.

Sun 21st 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Sr. Pauline Cahir, Larchill.
 Tony Dargan & Siobhán Dargan Colleran,
 Limerick Rd.
 John & Mary McMahon, Kanturk, Connolly.

11.30am: Catherine Boland, Clonroad. **MM.**
 Bridie Frawley, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd. **MM.**
 Vera Wall, Inchbeg & Limerick Rd. **MM**
 Senan Sheehan, Clare Rd., & Cillian O'Sullivan,
 Ballinskelligs.
 Mark Leyden, Shanaway Rd.
 Pat Jones, College Park.
 Maureen Quinn, Dublin & Galway.
 Christy Shannon & Shannon Family, Hermitage.

Mon: 7.40am: Andrew Woods, McNamara Pk.
11am: Cleary family, Carrowkilla, Ballynacally.
 James O'Halloran, Clare Rd.

7.30pm: Martin Healy, Loughrea.

Tues: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Jacksie & Lil Russell, Kilrush Rd.

Wed: 7.40am: Francis Clune, Barefield.
11am: Louis & Mary Cronin, Patrick & Una O'Regan & Mai Stuart.
7.30pm: Ann McCullagh, Tulla Rd. **MM.**
 Mary Pigott, Connolly Villas.
 Agnes Fox, Cornmarket St.
 Quinlivan family, Market St.

Thurs: 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: Mary Lynch & Mary Nagle, Liscannor.

7.30pm: Tom Flynn, Golf Links Rd.

Fri: 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Lucille Hayes, Pearse Ave.
 Ailish O'Dwyer McNamara, Bodyke.

7.30pm: Joan Kelly, Corrovorrin Drive. **MM.**

Sat: 11am: Canon Pat Taaffe. **1st Anniv.**
6.30pm: Mary Gallery, Rockmount. **MM.**
 Marion Sheill (Nee Casey), Friars' Close.
 Brid & Martin Moloney, Clare Rd.
 PJ Coote, Cahercalla.
 Patrick Hurson, Summerhill.
 John & Nora McGrath, Considine Rd.
 Simon O'Donnell, Kilrush Rd.

Sun 28th: 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: Johnny & Seamus Purcell, Ard na Gréine.
 Frank Lillis, Beechpark.

11.30am: Decd memb Finlay family, Portumna.
 Patrick, Mary & Patrick Jr. Quigley, Ballinacarra,
 Kilfenora.
 Michael Kelly, Beechpark.

**Daily Programme for this week
 in the Cathedral.**

**Available on webcam & parish
 radio link 106.4fm**

Monday to Friday

7.30am Morning Prayer
 7.40am Mass
 11am Mass & Rosary
 7.30pm Mass & Rosary
 8pm Friday only
 Stations of the Cross

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.

**Adoration
 of the
 Blessed Sacrament
 in Cathedral**



Monday to Friday from
 5pm to 7pm

Monday 8pm Conducted
 Eucharistic Adoration

**Ennis Parish Development
 Fund
 Sunday 14th February
 €3,724.00 - Online €406**

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: Patrick O'Donovan, The Crescent & Kyle O'Donovan, London.
Sun 21st 10am: Michael Duggan, Claireen, Lahinch Rd.
Sat 10.30am: Kathleen Reilly, Corrovorrin Crescent.
7pm: Mary, James & John Sexton, Ballard, Milltown Malbay.
Sun 28th 10am: John Mulkerrins, Snr., Marian Ave.
 11.45: Brendan Armstrong, Mountain View.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Breda & Patrick Whelan, Dalcassian Pk.
Fri 7pm: Patrick Murphy, Circular Rd.

Cloughleigh Oratory is open daily, Monday—Friday for private prayer between 10:00a.m -1:00p.m. You are welcome to pop in and light a candle for your intentions.

New Prayer Box now operating in Cloughleigh. Write your prayer, anxiety, petition or thanksgiving in strictest confidence on paper provided, pop it into the box and leave it in God's Hands. We will offer the Thursday Mass in Cloughleigh for all intentions in the box.

**St. Patrick's Day
 with a Difference**



This year, Clare County Council is organising and presenting an online St Patrick's Day Event with the theme of 'Connecting Clare', and everyone can get involved. The Council is inviting Clare People at home and abroad to celebrate St Patrick's Day together, by actively participating in the online event or by joining in on the day as a member of a global audience. The event is a wonderful opportunity for Clare People to showcase their talents across the globe so get creative, get thinking and get involved! Prizes to be won! For more details see www.clarecoco.ie

Rest in Peace

**Flan Mangan, Market Court, Drumbiggle;
 Joan Stack, Lifford Rd.;
 John Byrne, Corrovorrin Green & O'Connell 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.*

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of: \$100, €100 & €50 x3. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. All contributions for this work very much appreciated.

Trócaire envisages a just and peaceful world where:

- ◆ People's dignity is ensured and rights are respected
- ◆ Where basic needs are met and resources are shared equitably
- ◆ Where people have control over their own lives
- ◆ Where those in power act for the common good

We support people regardless of culture, ethnicity, gender or religion.

Trócaire boxes have been left in the porch of our churches if you wish to collect one. Alternatively there is a white envelope in your box of parish envelopes which you can use any time between now and end of March. Your support is very much appreciated.

A Columbarium for the Cathedral

Plans are underway for the inclusion of a Columbarium in the Cathedral. A columbarium is a chapel within the Cathedral used for the interment of the cremated remains of our faithful departed.

Following consultation and adoption by the Ennis Parish Pastoral Council and the parish finance committee, permission to proceed was granted by the Killaloe Diocesan Trust. Planning permission for the project was granted by Clare County Council and a company has been engaged to carry out the necessary work. The Columbarium will be located in the former Mortuary Chapel of the Cathedral. The Columbarium will provide a sacred resting place for 240 souls and offer families the consolation to pray there in a comfortable, prayerful, sacred environment.

Preliminary work has been carried out but progress is delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions.

More information will be provided over the coming weeks. If anyone would like any further information you are welcome to contact the parish office.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Chéad Domhnach den Charghas.

Sa tráth seo bliana, bímid ag smaoinreamh ar bhás agus ar aiséirí Chríost. Bíonn páirt againn ina bhás agus ina aiséirí nuair a dhéanaimid dearmad orainn féin chun toil Dé a dhéanamh agus chun cabhrú lenár gcomharsana. "Tá a fhios againn go bhfuil an bás scoite againn agus an bheatha shroichte againn, ó ghrá a bheith againn do na bráithre. An té nach mbíonn grá aige fanann sé sa bhás" (1 Eoin 3:14) Déanaimis machnamh ar phaidir Naomh Proinsias:

Déan gléas síochána díom i do láimh, a Thiarna

San áit ina bhfuil fuath go gcuire mé an grá

San áit ina bhfuil ciontacht go gcuire mé pardún

San áit ina bhfuil amhras go gcuire mé creideamh,

San áit a bhfuil éadóchas go gcuire mé dóchas.

San áit a bhfuil dorchadas go gcuire mé solas,

San áit a bhfuil brón go gcuire mé lúcháir

A Thiarna, deonaigh a spreagadh dom

Sólás a thabhairt seachas sólás a fháil.

seachas sólás a fháil

dul i dtuiscint ar dhaoine

seachas go dtuigfí mé féin

Grá a roinnt ar dhaoine

seachas grá a fháil uathu

Mar is le linn dúinn tabhairt

a fhaighimid féin

Is le linn dúinn pardún a thabhairt

a mhaítear dúinn

Is le linn dúinn bás a fháil. Áiméan.

During the season of Lent we reflect on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We take part in His death and resurrection when we forget ourselves to do God's will and assist our neighbours. "We know that we have passed out of death into life because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death". (1 John 3:14).

Let us reflect on the Prayer of Saint Francis:

Lord make me an instrument of Your peace

Where there is hatred let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness joy.

O Divine master grant that I may

Not so much seek to be consoled as to console. Amen

To be understood, as to understand.

To be loved, as to love

For it's in giving that we receive

And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned

And it's in dying that we are born

To eternal life.. Amen

Friary News

The season of Lent has just begun and we realise that Covid-19 has been with us almost a year now. There is a difference between the two. The latter we must address, for others as well as for ourselves, since we have no choice. This involves wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, getting vaccinated and following the recommended guidelines and restrictions which are meant to help everyone. By contrast, Lent invites us to be in solidarity with others through prayer, fasting and almsgiving and to be especially mindful of the poor, the elderly and the vulnerable. Both Covid and Lent involve others but the latter gives us a sense of belonging that is deeper than fear. This falls in line with the clear message of Jesus viz. that we all belong to the same Father who loves us and cares for us individually and for the world as a whole. After all, the same God causes the rain to fall and the sun to shine on everyone.

Last week we suggested being gentle with ourselves and with others while using trust and thankfulness as daily bookends to help us do this. At least, that is the theory. However, we also acknowledged that maintaining our emotional balance in these difficult times is not always easy. They say that emotions are what we have most of and know the least about. Telling others how to sort their lives out is always easier than solving our own problems. Indeed, dealing with anger, anxiety and fear is far from easy. The challenge is to respond rather than to react. This is easier said than done. Sadly, more often we find the latter happening. It has been said that "if the only tool you have is a hammer, then, you tend to see every problem as a nail." Often, we hear the phrase, "I've nailed it." However, Lent seems to be a time for naming more than nailing. Rather than acting out i.e. venting in word or deed which we might later regret, it is probably more helpful just to admit to myself, "I am angry" and then, rather than analyzing the "why" till death, simply asking the Lord, "help me to deal with it." We could do the same with anxiety and fear. I believe this is relational prayer at its best because it is using an applied spirituality to deal with my real life situation.

During Lent, people traditionally eat less food. We know that Jesus was tempted to turn the stones into bread in the desert and that his response was "not by bread alone do we live but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." True but, Covid or no Covid, we must eat to stay alive and talking of food, we will soon need a temporary cook to replace the existing one here in the friary. More information is available from the ad that is posted in the porch of the friary church or, if you would like to know more, you can email at hr@franciscans.ie. As always, you are constantly remembered in our daily prayers and Masses.

Fr. Paschal McDonnell OFM and St. Bernardine, Abbess of the Poor Clares.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

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.**

A reading from the book of Genesis Gen 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: .

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

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 guides the humble in the right path;
He teaches his way to the poor. **R** .

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

1 Pt 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ,
king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ,
king of eternal glory!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

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.'

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

**One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.**