

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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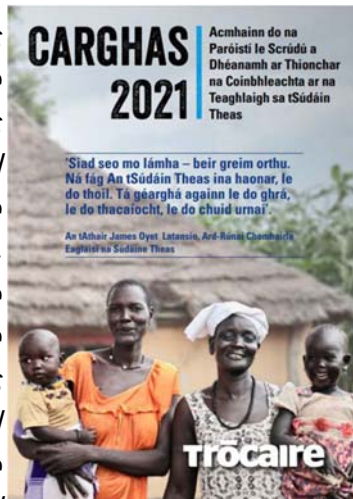
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Second Sunday of Lent (Year B) 28th February, 2021

“With God on our side who can be against us?”

There are many people in the world today who must feel God is not on their side. They are hungry, living in poverty and deprived of so much of what we take as the everyday normality of our lives. Water does not flow from their taps, roofs are not over their heads, their children do not even know, never mind wear, designer names. It is estimated that nearly 750 million people live in extreme poverty with millions more living in unacceptable poverty and conditions. God could all too easily be perceived as distant from or non-existent in the lives of so many. Yet we are told that God has carved us in the Palm of His hand and is with us always to the end of time. God is present and he wants to walk towards those hundreds of millions of people and bring to them hope, bring to them justice, bring to them a decent and meaningful existence. “I have no hands now but yours” the hymn tells us – God tells us. When people walk towards each other and work for each other in a spirit of decency, God is moving among them and stirring up something very noble in their hearts. Simply put, it is love of neighbour, it is hearing the cry of the poor and it is responding. When God stirs hearts into action and response then wonderful and life changing events occur. God is then truly with people and the scripture passage is



beyond question “With God on our side who can be against us?” Nobody.

If God is truly allowed to be within us and if we allow God direct us towards the good, then nobody can be against us – nobody can be against the poor, nobody can stand idly by and watch others suffer or be deprived.

The Transfiguration, featured in today's Gospel, did not last too long but its impact was intense. The disciples wanted to capture the moment, put a roof over it and remain in it. Jesus knew this was not where he needed them. Mountain tops and religious highs were for another day. For now, he needed them to retrace their steps, go down the mountain and meet people at ground level. It is only when you look into the eyes of another, meet them where they are, that you can truly see what is going on in their lives. Today we remember missionaries and others who have left their home place to meet others at ground level. We think also of Trócaire and its staff all over the world who seek to be with people and reassure them that God is with them too and that the world is not against them. On the contrary, their presence is and remains a hope-filled reminder, that better is possible.

“Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here



Priest on Duty 28th February, 2021

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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 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.

Sadie Delehanty, Kilkenny.

11.30am: Patrick, Mary & Patrick Jr. Quigley,

Ballinacarra, Kilfenora.

Finlay Family, Portumna.

Michael Kelly, Beechpark.

Mon: 7.40am: Fr. Francis Meehan, Summerhill.

11am: Mae & Patricia Torpey, Mullagh.

John Fleming, Marian Ave. & John Guion, USA.

7.30pm: Margaret Mary Finlay, Willsgrove.

Trevor Hamman, Gallows Hill & South Africa. MM

Tues:7.40am: Book of Intentions.

11am: Mike Archer, The Park, Quin.

Mary Murphy, Ballyblood, Tulla.

7.30pm: Pierce & Mgt Hamilton, Kilkenny.

James Patrick Casey, Bastion Quay, Athlone.

Wed:7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Mary Mallon, Showgrounds Rd. & Tyrone. MM.

Philip Smyth, Roscommon.

John Sullivan, Gallows Hill.

7.30pm: Brian McMahon, Caherea, Lissycasey.

Geraldine Bunting, London.

Margaret Cunningham, Mullagh. MM

Thurs:7.40am: Special Intention.

11am: Packie & Winifred Coote, Marian Ave.

John & Chris Dixon, Inagh.

Anna Clancy, Lissycasey. **1st Anniv**

7.30pm: PJ Cleary, Gallows Hill & Nora Fogarty,

Dublin & Drogheda.

Sr. Lelia Cleary, MMM.

Tony Coffey, Clancy Park.

Tom & Ena Hogan, Ballymaley.

Fri:7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Paddy Brennan, O’Connell St.

Annie & Jack Moloney, Hermitage.

7.30pm: Peggy Coote, Gallows Hill. MM.

Mary Kelly Keane, Grey Gables B&B Station Rd. MM

Sat:11am:Brian Ensko, Connolly Villas. MM.

6.30pm: Moira Coffey, Laureen Drive.

Billy Kelly, Charlestown, Mayo & Chiswick, London.

James, Mary Teresa & James Jr., Quinlivan, Lissycasey.

Sun 7th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: No intention booked.

11.30am: Sean Dinan, St. Michael’s Villas.

Gerard Dilger, Hermitage & Kentucky. **1st Anniv.**

Margaret Hayes, Clonroad.

Bernie Guinnane, McNamara Park.

Paddy & Peggy Roughan, Fountain.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Cathedral



Monday to Friday from 5pm to 7pm

Monday 8pm Conducted Eucharistic Adoration

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of: €1,000, €150. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. All contributions for this work very much appreciated.

Making your Will

Please remember Ennis Parish among the benefactors in your will. Donations made in this manner will greatly assist the parish in proclaiming the Gospel. The parish appreciate such thoughtfulness and generosity.



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: Mary, James & John Sexton, Ballard, Miltown Malbay.

Sun 28th 10am: John Mulkerrins, Snr., Marian Ave.

11.45am: Brendan Armstrong, Mountain View.

Mon 10.30am: Maureen McInerney, Tubber.

Tues 10.30am: Bridget Rooney, London & Charlestown.

Wed 10.30am: Deceased Dullaghan & Connolly families, Dundalk & Newry.

Fri: 7pm: Anna Casey, Marian Ave.

8pm: William F. O’Keeffe, Newtown, Castlebar & late Abbey House, Ennis. MM

Sat 10.30am: Matt O’Connor, New Rd.

7pm: Jim O’Driscoll, Castleconnell & Elm Park.

Sun 7th 10am: Tony Cassidy, Girroga Heights.

11.45: Mary Curtin, Willow Park.

Mary McGovern, Corrovorrin Grove.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Thu 9.30am: Billy Slattery, John Paul Ave. MM

Sun 7th 11am: Joseph Clohessy, Caherfeenick, Cree.

Cloughleigh Oratory remains open for private prayer every Monday to Friday from 10:00am-1:00pm

Prayer Box now operating in Cloughleigh Oratory. If you have a prayer, worry, petition, thanksgiving or if you just want to write something to God, you can come to the Oratory, write it on the paper provided and pop it in the box. Then leave it in the hands of God. Mass will be offered during the Thursdays of lockdown for all petitions in the box.

Midday Prayer will be broadcast on Cloughleigh Chríost Rí Oratory Facebook Pages during the weeks of lent between 12:30-1:00pm



Trócaire envisages a just and peaceful world where:

The charity’s Lenten Appeal began on Ash Wednesday but social and travel restrictions, including school closures and the suspension of public worship, mean that for the first time in almost 50 years many homes will be without Trócaire boxes this year. Trócaire CEO Caoimhe de Barra said, “Lent is the engine that keeps our programmes going throughout the year. The public in Ireland always rally behind our campaign. While this year will be different, we hope the public will continue to support our lifesaving campaign overseas.” To find out how you can donate to this year’s life-saving campaign see www.trocaire.org

Boxes available in Church Porches

Ennis Parish Development Fund
Sunday 21st February
€3,426.00
Online €306.00

Friary News



As we move further into the season of Lent, it looks like Holy Week will be off limits, much like last year, and that we are in for the long haul. So, we would like to share a few more thoughts that might be helpful. Many people have shown interest in those TV programmes where over a few weeks, people take an existing house, gut it and re-decorate it so that it can be updated and renewed. Whenever the owners are shown this "new" house, they are usually amazed at what has happened, at the unbelievable transformation. That is a good image for Lent which historically and traditionally is a time where we are invited into the wilderness of improvement. There are two parts to this process of transforming an old house. Firstly, it must be cleansed and gutted. The walls are knocked down, the wall-paper stripped off and all the old furniture removed. Secondly, the house needs a new face i.e. to be re-painted and re-decorated with new furniture to replace the old. It is a two-fold process of cleansing and re-furbishing.

My sense is that Lent is something similar. It is a time of cleansing or emptying out what is old and unnecessary, so that we can be filled with what is new and fresh. What has Covid been telling us that we no longer need and can let go? Well, the two main characters associated with Lent are John the Baptist and Jesus Christ. John appears in the wilderness and calls us to repentance, to a change of mind and heart (*meta-noia*) which is an invitation to go that bit deeper and see life through new and fresh eyes. He encourages us to get rid of our "old thinking" because it no longer works. However, he cannot refurbish us. Jesus does that and we can speak about that later on.

Lawrence of Arabia was once asked what he liked about the desert and he simply said, "it is clean." That is like the sand-paper and water used by the house renovator or John the Baptist. They remove what we do not need. He added that he often felt great fear the night before heading into the desert e.g. what if his guides deserted him or killed him? However, these fears were often unfounded. Of course, he added that the opposite, even worse fears, could actually happen in which case, he surprisingly discovered that he has resources he never knew he possessed. Lent can be like that, discovering that we have hidden inner resources we never thought we possessed.

It looks like Covid-19 has been inviting us into a very long-drawn-out wilderness, one that we have found intrusive and frustrating but then, maybe, it is also offering us new possibilities, by cleansing ourselves of what we really do not need.

Fr. Paschal, OFM Guardian
Sr. Bernardine, Abbess of the Poor Clares.

Towards Healing

Towards healing is an independent organisation providing free professional support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical or religious abuse in Ireland.

Their helpline is open: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs from 11am to 8pm and Friday from 11am to 6pm.

Freephone: 1800 303416; Hearing aid impaired text line number: 085 8022859

Diocesan Education Fund

Next weekend we will hold our Annual Collection to help fund the education of students for the priesthood and lay ministry in our Diocese. This annual appeal is a vital means of support and investment in the Church of tomorrow.

At present we have two students preparing for priesthood and another in discernment. Also at this time we have 25 lay people completing studies in theology as part of the new ministries' initiatives of the diocese. Your support will make a difference and the diocese thanks you in advance. The priests serving the diocese at the present time were supported by this appeal when they were students.

Please pray for Antun who is completing his studies and Bro. Damien OFM, both of whom are preparing for ordination. Both Antun and Damian have given and continue to give great service to our parish, especially during the pandemic.

There is a white envelope in your box for

Women's World Day of Prayer



World Day of Prayer - March 5, 2021

This First Friday of March is World Day of Prayer with the theme this year of "Building on a Strong Foundation".

Please click on: Women's World Day of Prayer 2021 for resources.

Rest in Peace



Martha Mathews (née Lyons), Clonroad & formerly of High St., Ennis,
Barbara Brown, Pairc na Coille
Joseph Clohessy, formerly of Caherfeenick, Cree, brother of Mary Nestor, Considine Rd. and Kathleen Moloney, Doonbeg. Burial to take place at a later date; memorial mass in Christ the King, Cloughleigh on Sun 7th at 11am

*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.*

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

An Dara Domhnach den Chorghas

Ar an dara Domhnach den Chorghas, feicimid Íosa ag cur an bháis ar ceal agus an bheatha shiorraí chun solais. Cuirtear dhá mhór eachtra i scéal Íosa os ár gcomhair sna léachtaí inniu. Chuir Dia in iúl d' Abrahám go mbeadh beannacht ar a shliocht. Aithníonn formhór na gCríostaithe, Abrahám mar a n-athair. Bhí Dia dílis do gach ar gheall Sé agus sheol Sé an pobal tofa go talamh Íosrael.

Feicimid fíís eile chomh héachtach céanna. Bhí raibh ag teastáil ó na deisceabail sular thosaigh Íosa Turas na Croise agus a Pháis. Sheol Sé Peadar, Séamas agus Eoin suas Cnoc Tabor. Chonaic siad Íosa agus é faoi chló nua lonrach agus Maois agus Éilias in éineacht leis. Tar éis Claochlaithe ar an sliabh thuig na deisceabail nár ghnáthdhuine a bhí in Íosa. Labhair Peadar: "Á Thiarna," ar seisean le hÍosa, "is maith mar tharla anseo sinn: más maith leat é, déanfaidh mé trí bhoth san áit seo, ceann duit féin, ceann do Mhaois agus ceann d'Éilias." Ní raibh siad ag súil le seo. Chuala siad glór as na scamail "Is é seo mo Mhac mhuirneach dár thug mé gnaoi: éistigí leis. (Matha 17:1-5) Bhí eagla an domhain ar na deisceabail ach labhair Íosa leo. "Éirígí," ar seisean; "ná bíodh eagla oraibh." Ar dhearcadh suas dóibh, ní raibh neach ar bith le feiceáil acu ach Íosa féin amháin. **Go raibh an creideamh ina údar dóchais agus siochána duinn. A Thiarna éist linn. Áiméan.**

On the second Sunday of Lent we see Jesus triumph over death and promising eternal life. In the readings today, we see two major events in the life of Jesus. God makes known to Abraham that his descendants will be blessed. Most Christians recognise Abraham as father.

God was faithful to all he promised and he sent the chosen people into the land of Israel.

We see another vision. The disciples needed hope from Jesus before his Passion and Death. He took Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor. He was transfigured before them in the presence of Moses and Elijah. After the Transfiguration the disciples realised that Jesus was not an ordinary person. Peter said "Lord it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tabernacles, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah. Suddenly they heard a voice "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, listen to him." (Matthew 17:1-5). The disciples were afraid and Jesus spoke to them "Arise" he said "and do not be afraid" **On looking up they saw nobody only Jesus. May our faith be a source of hope and peace in our lives. Lord hear us. Amen.**

Willow Counselling

The Willow Counselling centre continues to provide a much-needed affordable counselling service from its rooms in Ennis County Clare.

We offer a safe, non-judgemental space for all ages, during this particular challenging time.

We are currently providing online and phone counselling as well as face-to-face counselling, where required, following strict Government and HSE guidelines.

Remote counselling has become an invaluable support during the for clients who are not able to visit in person.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken:
Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
Hide not your face from me.

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 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am he replied'. 'Take your son, God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. Do not raise your hand against the boy the angel said. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: .

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

I trusted, even when I said:

"I am sorely afflicted."

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **R.**

Your servant, Lord. Your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

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

Rm 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

*From the bright clouds the father's
voice was heard:*

*"This is my Son, the Beloved, Listen
to Him!"*

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us

make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him'. Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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

**This is my beloved Son, with whom I
am well pleased; listen to him.**