

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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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 7th February, 2021.

The Lord Heals the Broken-Hearted

We are in the Fifth Sunday of the liturgical year and the readings of this Sunday call us to reflect on the deeper issues of life. We all experience a lot of sufferings in our life. Maybe in the form of sickness or pain or loss of loved once or financial crisis. During this Covid-19 pandemic we really experience all these in our life. Suffering causes brokenness. Therefore brokenness is a universal human experience. In the first reading Job's cry of despair wrung out from sheer meaninglessness of existence, is only a past echo of an ever-present phenomenon.

The letter of a 14 year old prisoner of war to his parents testifies eloquently to this fact: "If the heaven were paper and all people ink, I could not describe my grief at everything I see about me. The prison camp is located in a clearing. From early morning they compel us to work in the woods. My feet are bleeding, for someone took my shoes. We work the entire day with next to nothing to eat, and at night we sleep on the ground (someone took our coat as well). Every night the drunken soldiers come and beat us with blocks of wood, and the bruises make my body look like a charred piece of wood. Now and then someone tosses us a few carrots or beet and what happens is a scandal: people trying to snatch a little piece or a leaf for themselves. The day before yesterday two boys escaped. Then they lined us up in a row and every fifth person was shot to death. I was not shot but I know I shall not get out of here alive. I say fare well; dear mamma, dear papa, dear brothers and sisters, and I weep....." Brokenness is too pervasive to be elusive. How can humans face it? It is through the faith in Jesus Christ. Let us look at what happened to Jesus who became human and experienced the realities of our human nature and the actualities of pain, loneliness and finally even death. Trusting in His heavenly



Father Jesus overcome His painful moments. The Lord heals the broken-hearted. In today's gospel Jesus in curing the sick, comforting the sorrowful and freeing the possessed, Jesus is healing the broken-hearted. Thus Jesus is what God has said He is and shows what He will do. Jesus thus mirrors unmistakably His Father's goodness and love in the murky areas of our life. Jesus is not merely the healer; He is the broken, wounded healer. With His stripes we have been healed. This is the Good news; this is Jesus in person and action.

It is necessary to understand that the presence of Jesus brings about healing and to be healed is more important than to be cured. That is, when a person is healed, sometimes the sickness may persist, but it will no longer be an obstacle in the life of the person. The same stumbling block now becomes a steppingstone. The pain now transforms into a channel of grace and solace. Always the grace we receive is a blessing to us and in turn a call to serve others.

The principal mission of every Christian is the mission of Jesus Christ, whose followers they are. What is the mission? He himself gives the answer, quoting the words of the prophet Isaiah:

"The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the accepted year of the Lord." (Lk 4: 18-19). Give God's goodness and love to everyone through our words and actions.

"Forget not that your first and foremost principal business as a disciple of Christ is to give the Gospel to those who have it not. He who is not a missionary Christian will be a missing Christian when the great day of bestowal of rewards for service comes." Dr. A .J. Gorden.

Deacon on Duty 7th February, 2021— Bro. Damian Casey, OFM
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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Vincent Coffey, Tara House, Clonroad.
 1st Anniv.

Paddy Haugh, Chicago, USA & Lissycasey.
Sun : 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: Virginia Donnellan, 'St. Joseph's', Hermitage.
 James Kelly, Clonroadmore.
 Helen Griffin, Woodlawn, Loughville.
 Mary, Kitty & Mick Connellan, Ard na Gréine.
 Sr. Clare, Texas.
 Mai & Miko Glynn, Knockaderra, Ennis.

11.30am Mary Considine, Hazlewood. MM.
 John Fogarty, Fernhill, Gort Rd.
 William (Bill) Leacy, College Grove.
 James F. (Jim) O'Sullivan, Woodlawn.

Mon: 7.40am: Pauric & Mary Henihan, Mayo..
11am: Paddy & Vera McGovern, Quin.
 Joe & Mary Clune, Quin.
 Pat & Nora Harnett, Limerick.

7.30pm: Bernie Dilger, Connolly Villas.
 Bronislava Kudzhma, Lithuania MM.

Tues:7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: Fitzgerald Family, Co. Kerry.
7.30pm: Pauline Pender, Riverside, Clonroad.
 Fr. Michael O'Keeffe, Ard na Gréine.

Wed:7.40am: Veronica Haren, Kilmaley.
11am: Maurice O'Brien, Inch House.
 Michael, Margaret, Michael Jr. & James McMahon,
 Drumcaurin.

7.30pm: Anne & Martin O'Grady, College Park.
 Gertie & Bernard Bleasdale.
 Michael Hassett, Drumbiggle Rd.
 Teresa Cantillon, Pennywell Rd., Limerick.

Thurs:7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Kathleen & Bill Hassett, Toonagh.
 Chrissie, George, Haulie Molloy & Molly Butler, Ennis.
7.30pm: Kathleen Doran, Tulla & Charlie O'Grady,
 McNamara Park.

Patrick Cosgrove, Clare Rd.
Fri:7.40am: Dan Greene & Mary Pyne, Kilmaley.
11am: Jimmy McNamara, Teresa McCormack, Ennis.
 Jack, Annie & John Barry, Limerick.

7.30pm: No intention booked.
Sat:11am: Fintan Ryan, Ennis.
 Daniel, Ellen, John, Eddie & Marie Theresa Kelly.
 John McCarthy & Tom Sullivan, Fountain Cross.
 Margaret McMahon, Loughville.
 Monica Sheridan, Hermitage.
 Michael Griffin, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.

6.30pm: Patricia McInerney (nee Roche),
 Cappalaheen, Kilkishen. 1st Anniv.

Humphrey Counihan, Fergus Lawn, Tulla Rd. MM.
 Paul Brassil, St. Michael's Villas.
 Danny Moran, Shanaway Rd.

Sun: 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: Paddy & Mary Keane, Clare Rd.
 Bernadette Keane, Summerhill.
 Gerry & Mary Moroney, Lr. Market St.

11.30am: John Scanlon, Dalcassian Ave.
 Frank & Mary MacNamara, Corofin.
 Lorraine Cooley, Dalcassian Ave.
 Olive Slattery, College Park.
 PJ O'Dwyer, Clearwater, Clonroad.
 Kitty & Brendan Casey, Monument Hse., O'Connell Sq.
 Patrick Stewart, Kilkishen.
 Donal Ryan, Cusack Rd.

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.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal
 In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of: €8,250, \$50 & €50. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. All contributions for this work very much appreciated.


Funeral Musicians/Singers:
 Expressions of interest are welcome from Church Musicians/Singers to be included in a listing for Funeral Music Services at the Ennis Cathedral.
enniscathedralchoir@gmail.com
 or Fiona 087 6886378

Candles: Our thanks to the many people who donated candles for use in all our churches on Candlemas Day. These candles will burn at different ceremonies throughout the year.

Ash Wednesday: Reminder that this year our Lenten Journey begins on Wednesday 17th February.



St. Joseph's

 Mass in St Joseph's on Wed. is moved from 10.30am to 7pm to facilitate vaccination of residents and staff. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Remembered in Masses this Week:
Sat 7pm: Paddy Barrett, Lifford.
 Susan Brohan, Considine Rd.
Sun 10am: Maura Cavanagh, Pine Grove.
Mon 10.30am: Maura Garvey, Dublin.
Tues 10.30am: McCormack family, Tulla Rd.
Thu 10.30am: Cahill & Walsh Family, Mallow, Cork.
Sat 10.30am: Francie Mangan, Corrovorrin Grove.
 1st Anniv.

Sun 10am: Teresa Howard, Kilrush Rd.
 11.45: Peadar & Marie O'Keeffe, Drumcliffe Rd.
 Mary C. O'Keeffe, Drumcliffe Rd. & Parnell St.MM.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

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 Church. 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.

The Triest Community Employment Scheme (sponsored by Brothers of Charity Clare Services) are currently recruiting, the following positions in the Clare Services: Support Workers, Cleaners and Art & Craft Assistant.
 Please contact the local DSP Employment Services/ Intreo Office to check your eligibility and to apply for this vacancy or contact -Thomas Gilligan at 065-6823123 / 086 380 9994.

St. Anthony's Magazine:
 The February/March edition is now available for sale at the back of both the Friary and the Cathedral for just €2. This contribution helps support the work of the Franciscan Friars. In this latest edition there are lovely articles about the Year of St. Joseph which we are celebrating this year. Your support is very much appreciated.



Diocesan Needs Appeal: Our thanks to all who contributed to this appeal last weekend. Bishop Fintan appreciates your generosity that enables the Diocese to provide pastoral care throughout all our parishes.

Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes



Organised by **Franciscan Pilgrimage and Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage**

*Wednesday 3rd February to Thursday 11th February
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of Prayer for the Sick*

Weekdays 7.30pm | Saturday 11.00am | Sunday 11.30am

Conducted by Br. Damian Casey OFM Franciscan Pilgrimage Director
and Fr. Tom Ryan Killaloe Pilgrimage Director

- **Wednesday 3rd February, 7.30pm**
Feast of St. Blaise. Opening Mass of the Novena
- **Thursday 4th February, 7.30pm**
Mass of Reconciliation
- **Friday 5th February, 7.30pm**
Mass of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Blessing of Helpers & Carers
8pm Stations of the Cross
- **Saturday 6th February, 11am**
Mass and Prayers for the Sick
- **Sunday 7th February, 11.30am**
Mass for the 5th Sunday of the year
- **Monday 8th February, 7.30pm**
Mass of St. Bernadette
8pm Blessed Sacrament Procession and Blessing of the sick.
- **Tuesday 9th February, 7.30pm**
Mass of the Immaculate Conception and the blessing of the water.
- **Wednesday 10th February, 7.30pm**
Mass of the Apparition of Our Lady.
8pm Marian torchlight procession praying the Rosary
- **Thursday 11th February, 7.30pm**
Feast of Our Lady Of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick
Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes and the Blessing of Homes



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Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Muire Lourdes.

Sa bhliain 1992 d'fhógair An Pápa Eoin Pól 11 go mbeadh Feabhra 11 mar Lá Domhanda na nEaslán gach bliain. D'iarr sé ar dhaoine ar fud na cruinne guí ar son daoine atá breoite agus ag fulaingt.

Ceiliúrtar Taibhsíú na Maighdine Muire do Naomh Bernadette ar 11 Feabhra. Sa bhliain 1858, thaispeáin An Mhaighdean Mhuire í féin do Bernadette Soubirous, cailín bocht ceithre bliana déag d'aois. Nil áit ar bith ar fud an domhain ina bhfuil Críostaithe, nach bhfuil cáil ar Lourdes de bharr na sluaite, a thugann cuairt ar an Scrín bheannaithe ag iarraidh leighis dá ngalair agus grásta dá n-anam. Is mó duine atá ag fulaingt de bharr breoiteachta. Iarrann an Eaglais orainn guí ar an Déardaoin ar son daoine atá breoite.

Agus sinn ag smaoineamh orthu is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá:

*A Mhuire Mháthair, mo mhíle grá tú
Mo choimirce chúnta in am gach gá tú
Mo dhochtúir leighis, tinn agus slán tú.
Tá an paidir seo a leanas ón Traidisiún:
A Íosa, glan mo chroíse
Go gléghlan gach lá,
A Íosa, cuir m'intinn faoi léirsmacht do ghrá.*

*Déan mo smaointe go fíorghlan agus briathra mo bhéil,
Is a Thiarna, 'Dhia dhílis, stiúir choiche mo shaol. Áiméan.*

Pope John Paul II initiated World Day of the Sick, in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness.

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is celebrated on 11 February. In 1858 Our Lady appeared for the first time to Bernadette Soubirous a poor girl, fourteen years of age. Many come to the Sacred Shrine each year from all over the world seeking healing and spiritual grace. We are all aware of people who are ill and we remember them especially on this feast day as we pray *Mother Mary your love protects me in all distress. You are my physician in sickness and health. Comfort all those who suffer. Be with them always. Amen.*

The following prayer is from oral tradition:

*Jesus, cleanse my heart each day and make it spotless,
Jesus, rule my mind by the power of your love. Make truly clean my thoughts and the words of my mouth, and, dear Lord God, direct my life now and forever. Amen.*

Beyond Belief :

Tune into Clare FM this Sunday Night at 9pm when Bishop Willie shares his thoughts about the times we are living in.

A Lenten Journey with the Question: Who is Jesus?

An online workshop facilitated by the Diocese of Killaloe and presented by Vince Murray, former Director of Religious Education in St Angela's College, Sligo. This explores who Jesus is by examining the work of four modern thinkers. It will be presented on one day each week in Lent (six sessions) and each will be about an hour. The format will be an online presentation and a facilitated discussion. This programme will be attractive to all who are interested in searching for a deeper understanding of Jesus, whether you are church-going or not.

If you are interested, please contact: gerardmjsheeran@gmail.com



Rest in Peace

Margaret (Peg) McCluskey, (nee O'Reilly), Cashel & Ennis; Trevor Hamman, Gallows Hill & South Africa; Mary Kelly Keane, Station Rd.; Maura Bugler, Ard na Gréine; Mary Mallon, Pairc na Coille & Dungannon, Co. Tyrone; Paddy Haugh, Chicago, USA & Lissycasey, brother of Sr. Teresa, St. Xavier's Convent; Margaret Cunningham, Waterpark View & Mullagh; Abina Sullivan, Carlow, sister of Maura Healy, Tobertaoscaín; Fiona Hanrahan, Lissycasey, sister of Joan, Rice College; Margaret Whelan, Mullagh, mother of Pat, Kilrush Rd. Billy Slattery, John Paul Ave.



*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

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God

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 book of Job.

Jb 7:1-4.6-7

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing
more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired
drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his
wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to
me,

nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, "When will it be
day?"

Risen I think, "How slowly evening
comes!"

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days
have passed, and vanished, leaving no
hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see
joy.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*Praise the Lord who heals the broken-
hearted.*

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. **R**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **R**

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R**

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

1 Cor 9:16-19.22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since
it is a duty which has been laid on me; I
should be punished if I did not preach it! If I
had chosen this work myself, I might have
been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a
responsibility which has been put into my
hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is
this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the
Good News free, and not insist on the rights
which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any
man I have made myself the slave of
everyone so as to win as many as I could.
For the weak I made myself weak. I made
myself all things to all men in order to save
some at any cost; and I still do this, for the
sake of the gospel, to have a share in its
blessing.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.*

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Mk 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with
James and John straight to the house of
Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-
law had gone to bed with fever, and they told
him about her straightaway. He went to her,
took her by the hand and helped her up. And
the fever left her and she began to wait on
them.

That evening, after sunset, they
brought to him all who were sick and those

who were possessed by devils. The whole
town came crowding round the door, and
he cured many who were suffering from
diseases of one kind or another; he also
cast out many devils, but he would not
allow them to speak, because they knew
who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn,
he got up and left the house, and went off
to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon
and his companions set out in search of
him, and when they found him they said,
'Everybody is looking for you.' He
answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the
neighbouring country towns, so that I can
preach there too, because that is why I
came.' And he went all through Galilee,
preaching in their synagogues and casting
out devils.

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

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.