

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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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Laetare Sunday

14th March, 2021

Blessing Prayer - For Mother's Day

God of love,
listen to this prayer.

God of Holy People,
of Sarah, Ruth and Rebekah;
God of holy Elizabeth, mother of John,
of Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus,
bend down your ear to this request
and bless the mother of our family.

Bless her with the strength of your spirit,
she who has taught her child/children
how to stand and how to walk.

Bless her with the melody of your love,
she who has shared how to speak,
how to sing,
and how to pray to You.

Bless her with a place at your eternal dinner
table,
she who has fed and nurtured
the life that was formed within her while still
helpless but embraced in her love.

Bless her today,
now, in this lifetime,
with good things,
with health.

Bless her with joy, love, laughter,
and pride in her child/
children
and surround her with many
good friends.

May she who carried life in her
womb,
be carried one day to your
divine embrace:
there, for all eternity,
to rejoice with her family and friends.

This blessing and all graces, we pray,
descend upon the mother of our
family: in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen





Priest on Duty 14th March, 2021

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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Brassil Family, Ennis & Kilrush.
Frank McMahon, Drumcaranmore, Loughville.
John & Ellen Kearse, St. Michael's Villas.
Philip Hickey, Boyle, Co. Roscommon & Swords,
Co Dublin.

Sun 14th 8am: Bridie & Geoff Molyneaux, Inagh.

9.30am: James Vaughan, The Market.

Peggy McGrath, Cranny.

Olive Frawley, Kilmaley.

11.30am: Tom Sheehan, Brookville.

Kitty Minogue, Glenina, Gort Rd. & Feakle.

John Daly, Lifford.

Peter Wilkie, Hermitage & Kearney Family,

O'Callaghan's Mills.

Ciara Fox & Fox family, Hermitage.

Anne Barrett, Willow Park;

Angela Loonam. College Green.

John Daly, Gort Rd.

Michael & Mary O'Doherty & Daughters,

McNamara Park.

Mon: 7.40am: McMahon family, Kilkee.

John & Eileen Bennis, Limerick.

11am: Dan McNamara, College Green.

Elizabeth & Catherine Kilmartin, Liscannor.

7.30pm: Pat Guthrie, Kilnaboy. **1st Anniv.**

Michael Gleeson, Gallows Hill.

Richard Crotty, Willow Pk.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Patrick O'Donoghue, Brookville Gardens,
Clareview, Limerick.

7.30pm: Christy McLoughney, Shannon. **1st Anniv.**

Breda Hassett, Drumbiggle Rd.

Pat Stephens, Summerhill & Kilmaley.

Wed: 7.40am: No Mass

9.30am: No Intention Booked.

11.30am: Hal & Eva Frazer, Considine's Tce.

Patrick Donohoe, Ennis.

Honor Hammill nee Naughton, Ennis & England.

7.30pm: No Evening Mass

Thurs: 7.40am: Mike & Rose Meehan, Fergus Pk.

11am: Leo Guy, Circular Rd.

Hugh Ferrigan, Gallows Hill.

Michael Joe Lynch, Mullagh.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Fri: 7.40am Mass for the People.

11am: Mary O'Gorman, Liscannor. **MM.**

Don & Jenny Ryan, Summerhill.

Martin Bradley, Clonroadbeg.

Mary Anne Murrihy, Mullagh.

7.30pm: Special Intention.

Sat: 11am: Billy & Teresa Fitzgerald,

'St. Joseph's', Clare Rd.

6.30pm: Albert Hanberry, Roslevan. **1st Anniv.**

Michael McGuane, Corofin.

Sun 21st 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Mary, James & Willie Cooney, Co. Limerick.

11.30am: Maisie, John, Jim & Martin Bradley,
Limerick Rd.

John Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.

Patrick Howard, St. Michael's Villas.

Jim Flanagan, Roslevan & Tuam.

Joan & Tristan Crowe, Willow Park.

Michael, Kate & Joe Brann, Cranny.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of: €200, €50, €50

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Cathedral



Monday to Friday from 5pm to 7pm

Monday 8pm Conducted Eucharistic Adoration

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.

Ennis Parish Development Fund

Sunday 7th March

€ 3,781.00

Online €455.00

Education Fund: €1364

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: Paddy Greene, Corrovorrin Ave.

Sun 14th 10am: Josephine Craig, Meadow Court.

11.45am: Joan MM & Tom Stack, Lifford Rd.

Tues 10.30am: Pat Quinn & Nora Armstrong, Sligo & Eastleigh.

Wed 10.30am: Mary & Malt McDough, Miltown Malbay.

11.45am: Michael & Jennie Carmody, Kincora Park.

Fri 10.30am: Bridget Raftery, Galway.

Sat 10.30am: Flan Mangan, Market Court, Upper Market St., Drumbiggle Rd. **MM.**

7pm: Pat O'Brien, Shannon Park.

Sun 21st 10am: John Byrne, Corrovorrin Green. **MM.**

11.45: Marian & Patrick Watson, Fergus Park.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 14th 11am: Derek Purtill, Hermitage.

Tue 9.30am: . Book of Intentions.

Sun 21st 11am: Patrick, Mary Ann & JJ Fitzpatrick, Circular Rd., Ennis & Ennistymon.

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 Christ Rí Oratory Facebook Pages during the weeks of Lent between 12:30-1:00pm

Rest in Peace



Pat Hallissey, New York, brother of Sinéad, Shanaway Road.;

Madge Roughan, Fountain;

Mary Joan Daly, Dublin, Ennis and New York;

Paddy Haren, Summerhill & Kilmaley;

John (Fonsie) Lavin, The Crescent.;

Maura Gleeson, Toomevara, mother of Mary Gleeson, College Green;

Deirdre Walters nee Murphy, Kent, sister of Rose McNamara, Phoenix Court, Kilrush Rd.

Pat O'Neill, Marian Ave. & Clarecastle.

*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.*

St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday 17th March, we celebrate the Feast of our National Apostle, St. Patrick. Masses will be celebrated online and Parish Radio.

Tuesday: Vigil Masses

7pm in St. Joseph's
7.30pm in the Cathedral.

Wednesday:

8am, 9.30am, 11.30am Cathedral
10am, 11.45am St Joseph's
11am Cloughleigh

Please note there will be no evening mass on St. Patrick's Day.

Triduum of Prayer to St. Joseph The Sleeping St. Joseph



We welcome you to pray with us for three days this week on Thursday, Friday & Saturday as we celebrate St. Joseph.

On Friday 19th March we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph and this year Pope Francis has declared it the year of St. Joseph.

Pope Francis has a great devotion to St. Joseph and has a statue of a sleeping St. Joseph on his desk for decades. During the world meeting of families in the Philippines in 2015, he shared his love for the saint.

"Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the church!. Yes! We know that he can do that. So when I have a problem, a difficulty, I write a little note and I put it underneath St. Joseph, so that he can dream about it!. In other words, I tell him pray for the problem"

The basis of this devotion is Matthew's Gospel where he tells of four dreams in which Joseph is visited by an angel of the Lord and receives specific instruction and warnings of impending danger. All four dreams relate to the nativity of Jesus and his early life.

The triduum will take place at 7.30pm mass on Thursday & Friday and at the 11am mass on Saturday. You can listen online and the parish radio. A triduum of prayer sheet will be available in the Cathedral and can be downloaded on the Parish Website.

The parish office has a limited supply of sleeping St. Joseph Statues for sale.

Trócaire



Trócaire is the Irish word for Mercy.

A child asks, what does mercy mean?

Showing an act of kindness. We are asked as a Christian People, especially during lent to show acts of kindness. Remember you cannot get to heaven without a letter of reference from the poor. Trócaire Boxes are available in all our church porches.

Friary News



Lent reminds us that letting go is a natural part of life. In the face of Covid-19, we complain that this global pandemic has put us out of our way e.g. curtailing travel, imposing restrictions, having to wear masks, adhering to social distancing with only a few being allowed to congregate in a shop or a Church for a funeral. "Fear" of getting the dreaded virus is really calling the shots. Large gatherings of people in stadia (for football games), in arenas (for concerts), in churches (for praying at services) have all been forbidden. Many feel disconnected and isolated.

"Does our religious tradition have anything to tell us how to respond?" The image of the Titanic comes to mind. Those on board this cruise-liner thought they were safe, that this ship was unsinkable but it sank on its maiden voyage. Those who survived managed to get on board a smaller life-boat. Life, even Covid, can be like that viz. finding kindred soul-mates during difficult times. These are people with whom we can share faith and pray. Like those on the life-boat, they are survivors who want to stay alive, not just physically but also desire to be spiritually nourished.

Some years ago, when my brother was dying of cancer, the one thing that seemed to lift his spirits was phoning my mother. This confirmed for me that our first carers, the primary and significant people in our lives, always remain central to our hearts. This is probably why so many people buy cards and flowers for Mothers' Day. It reminds me of something I came across the other day:

"For most of us, our mothers were the first love, and the quality of our relationship throughout life is influenced by the earliest one. A mark of real maturity is the ability to see our mothers simply as human beings - loveable, fallible, interesting, and imperfect, just like ourselves. Some of us have suffered a mother's early death; some of us cope bravely with her long illness. Few of us have a simple, easy relationship with our mothers. Too much is at stake. The infant who needs its mother's arms lives on within us.

Few of us have such a continuous bond with our mothers, but we're fortunate if we can have an adult relationship that includes the love and nurturing we crave, because we never get past the need for it. The most successful intimacy seems to be based on reciprocal nurturing, for we need to give as well as to receive."

As another Mothering Sunday approaches, we thank you for all your on-going kindness and support and want you to know that we take none of this for granted. You and all your loved ones are constantly remembered in our daily Masses and prayers.

Fr. Paschal, Guardian OFM

Sr. Bernardine, Abbess of the Poor Clares.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Lá Fhéile Pádraig.

Ceiliúraimid Lá Fhéile Naomh Pádraig Éarlaimh na hÉireann ar an gCéadaoin seo chugainn, ní hamháin in Éirinn ach ar fud an domhain mhóir. Tógadh mar sclábhái é go hAontroim áit ar chaith sé, sé bliana ag aoireacht muc. Bhí sé mar nós aige guí chun Dé céad uair sa lá agus céad uair san oíche. D'éalaigh sé go dtí an Fhrainc agus oirníodh ina shagart é agus ina dhiaidh sin rinneadh easpag de. D'fhill sé ar Éirinn agus chraobhscaoil sé Soiscéal na Críostaíochta. Tugann an fhéile deis dúinn buíochas a ghabháil le Dia as an tseoid luachmhar seo a bhronn Naomh Pádraig orainn. Gabhaimid buíochas chomh maith dóibh siúd idir chléir agus tuath a scaip an Creideamh ar fud an domhain. Bhí Pádraig umhal de shíor i láthair Dé. San 'Confessio' cuireann sé é féin in aithne dúinn mar seo "Mise Pádraig, peacach róthútach, an té is lú de na firéin go léir agus an té is mó a bhfuil dímhéas ag a lán." Tugaimis ó mós dó mar ba chóir. Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig ar chlann mhór dhomhanda na nGael, sa bhaile agus ar fud na cruinne, ar ár lá náisiúnta ceiliúrtha féin. Guímis Luíreach Phádraig go minic:

Críost i gcroí gach duine a smaoiníonn orm,
Críost i mbéal gach duine a labhraíonn liom,
Críost i ngach súil a fhéachann orm,
Críost i ngach cluas a éisteann liom

We celebrate St. Patrick's Day, the Patron Saint of Ireland on Wednesday next. He will be honoured not only here but throughout the world. Saint Patrick was brought as a slave to Antrim where he spent six years tending pigs. He tells us he prayed to God a hundred times a day and the same at night. He escaped to France and was ordained a priest and later a bishop. He returned to Ireland and preached the Gospel of Christ to the Irish People. We remember to thank God for this precious gift on St. Patrick's Feast Day. We also thank God for all those who brought and still bring the Christian message to people throughout the world. Patrick was humble in the presence of God. In the 'Confessio' he introduces himself "I Patrick, wretched sinner, least among men, despised by many...". Let us honour him appropriately. Happy St. Patrick's Day to Irish People everywhere in the world, on this our national feast day. Let us recite 'Luíreach Phádraig' often:

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks to me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

Parish Office

Selection of cards and candles available in the Parish Office for St. Patrick's Day and Easter. Also available are prayer cards, medals and religious gifts.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who where in mourning;
Exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

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 second Book of Chronicles

2 Ch 36:14-16.19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation'.

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up"'.
The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*O let my tongue cleave to my mouth
If I remember you not!*

By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,

remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung our harps. **R.**

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors for joy
'sing to us', they said
'one of Zion's song'. **R.**

O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! **R.**

O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! **R.**

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

Eph 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, He brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he has meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ,
God loved the world so much that he gave
his only Son;*

*Everyone who believes in Him has eternal
life*

Glory & Praise to you, O Christ!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jn 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
'The Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have
eternal life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may
not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be
saved.

No-one who believes in him will be
condemned;
But whoever refuses to believe is
condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.
On these grounds is sentence
pronounced:
that though the light has come into the
world
men have shown they prefer
darkness to the light because their deeds
were evil.
And indeed, everybody who does wrong
hates the light and avoids it,
for fear his actions should be exposed;
but the man who lives by the truth
comes out into the light,
so that it may be plainly seen that what he
does is done in God.'

The Gospel of our 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

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one
together. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of
the Lord.