

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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Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B) 21st March, 2021

Death A Gateway to New Life



This pandemic has brought all of us face to face with the reality of suffering and death. Our actions and choices continue to have a life or death impact on ourselves and others. We all share this onerous burden; NEPHET, in discerning their advice to government; who make decisions based on that advice; church, community and business leaders charged with implementing those decisions; medical professionals of course, and our choices as individuals on whether to comply or not.

For the most part, we prefer to avoid the topic of death. It's a downer in a culture that mostly wants to be happy, feel good, and avoid difficult realities. Jesus doesn't shy away from it. Easter isn't just about chocolate eggs and fluffy bunnies. There is a path that leads to resurrection, and that path involves the cross. I came across an interesting homily by an Episcopal priest, Michael Marsh, on this gospel some years ago. Look him up.

Christianity means participating in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is what Jesus sets before the Greeks who want to see him.

If we want to see Jesus then we must look death in the face. To the extent we refuse to acknowledge the reality of death, to the degree we avoid and deny death, we refuse to see Jesus. It is not easy, even for Jesus who

says his "soul is troubled". It shakes us to the core.

As we approach Holy Week the Church reminds us that death is the gateway to new life. Death comes first. Death is not always, however, physical. Sometimes it is spiritual or emotional. We die a thousand deaths every day. There are the deaths of relationships, marriages, hopes, dreams, careers, health, beliefs. Regardless of what it looks like, this is not the end. Resurrection is always hidden within death. There can be, however, no resurrection without a death.

To the extent we avoid death we avoid life. The degree to which we are afraid to die is the degree to which we are afraid to fully live. Every time we avoid and turn away from death we proclaim it stronger than God, more real than life, and the ultimate victor.

Jesus did not ask to be saved from death. He is unwilling to settle for survival when the fullness of God's life is before him. He knows that in God's world strength is found in weakness, victory looks like defeat, and life is born of death. This is what allowed him to ride triumphantly into Jerusalem, a city that will condemn and kill him. That is what allows us to ride triumphantly through life. Triumph doesn't mean that we get our way or that we avoid death. It means death is a gateway not a prison and the beginning not the end.

We are grains of wheat. Through death, however, we can become the bread of life.



Priest on Duty 21st March, 2021

Contact: Fr. Joy 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 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: John Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.

Patrick Howard, St. Michael's Villas.

Maisie, John, Jim & Martin Bradley, Limerick Rd.

Jim Flanagan, Roslevan & Tuam.

Joan & Tristan Crowe, Willow Park.

Michael, Kate & Joe Brann, Cranny.

Patrick & Brendan Halpin, Crusheen.

Mon: 7.40am: Eamon Cronin, Market St. & USA;

Michael & Esther O'Loughlin, Hermitage .

11am: Holy Souls.

Tom Slattery, Clonroadmore.

Nancy & Michael O'Brien, Rosslare.

7.30pm: Colin Paul, Maiville & deceased family.

Ann & Martin Cronin, Drumbiggle Rd.

Bridget & Michael Clune, Barefield.

John Corcoran, Scarriff.

Mary Cornu, O'Connell Sq. 1st Anniv

Tues: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Wed: 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Paddy & Jane Coffey, McNamara Pk.

7.30pm: Sr. Marie, Bridie & Albert Stephens, Clonroad.

Gary Kelly & Delia Keary, Ennis & Crusheen.

Thurs: 7.40am: Deborah, Jack & Br. Niall MacCarthy, Killarney.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Sr. Anunciata Clune, Barefield.

Delia & Jim Collins, Ard na Gréine.

Jerome, Bridget & Francis Greene, Cahercalla.

Dan & Mary McNamara & family, O'Connell St.

Fri: 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Pakie Murrihy, Mullagh.

7.30pm: Pat Hanrahan, Ard Aobhinn, Limerick Rd.

Abina O'Sullivan, Carlow MM.

Sat: 11am: Patrick McNerney, Dalcassian Park.

Sean Cronin, Mountain View.

12 noon: Martha Matthews, Clonroad. MM

6.30pm: John Staunton, Gallows Hill.

Mary Hynes, Limerick Rd.

Seán Cooley, Dalcassian Ave MM.

Mary Pickford, Drumbiggle Rd & Clancy Park. MM.

Sun 28th: 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Martin Hogan, St. Flannan's Tce.

11.30am: Jim Kitson, Laureen Drive.

Peter Olajide Akinniyi, Okeigbo, Osara, Nigeria.

Nono Lynch, Dalcassian Park.

May McEnery & family, Kilrush Rd.

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: €200, €100, €50,

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

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.

Trócaire Lenten Appeal 2021



This year's Lenten Campaign is exploring the impact of conflict on families in South Sudan. Every day remains a struggle for families; they strive to earn money, grow food and attend school. Life continues to be full of challenges for these people. Every cent collected by Trócaire does make the difference. Trócaire thanks you for your support in these difficult times.

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: Pat O'Brien, Shannon Park.

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

11.45am: Marian & Patrick Watson, Fergus Park.

Tues 10.30am: Vincent & Susan Crowley, Kilrush.

Wed 10.30am: Paddy & Sean O'Donoghue, Corofin.

Thu 10.30am: Deceased members McMahon families.

Fri 10.30am: Shirley McNevin, Corrovarrin Green.

Sat 10.30am: Brid McMahon, Kevin Barry Ave.

7pm: Marcella McMahon, Elm Park, Quin & Claremorris. 1st Anniv.

Sun 28th 10am: Margaret Spellissy, Steele's Tce.

11.45am: Joe Skelly, New Rd.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

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

Mon 9.30am: Donor's Intention.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 28th 11am: Austin Connole, 'Shanlee', Lahinch Rd.

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

Rest in Peace



Gerry Woods, Knockaderry, Tulla Road & formerly of Summerhill;

P.J. Finucane, Shanaway Rd.;

Carmel Ziemann, Oakpark;

Therese Browne, 'La Verna', Tulla Rd.

*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.*

Ennis Parish Development Fund
Sunday 14th March
€ 2,886.00
Online €251.00

Virtual Discernment Evening

A virtual discernment evening for men who wish to explore the Diocesan Priesthood will take place on Tuesday 23rd March from 7.30pm to 9pm. Join us on zoom with priests, seminarians and young men who will share their experiences. For more information or to register please email info@vocations.ie

NOTICE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FAMILIES

There will be a Webinar for the Parents of First Holy Communion Children on this Tuesday, March 23rd at 7.00 pm. In order to join you need to register using the link here

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zN_POuATymoz_Vz9ZWF3g

NOTICE FOR CONFIRMATION FAMILIES

There will be a Webinar for the Parents and Godparents of Confirmation Children and also the Confirmation Children on this Wednesday, March 24th at 7.00 pm. In order to join you need to register using the link here

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SHRbJhzmQ8y3O0mSPFpTOQ

Webinar for the Diocese of Killaloe

Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA will be the principal speaker at a Webinar hosted by the Diocese of Killaloe on the Scriptural background of Holy Week and Easter which we are about to celebrate. The webinar will be of interest to anybody involved in parish or pastoral life in parish or diocese. It will commence at 7.30pm on this Monday, March 22nd. To join the webinar, you need to register in advance and you can do this by using the link below.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rQO8y9WTpiZTANWNeN9AQ

Ways to support the parish.

Even when we are able to open, we will for sometime continue to have restricted congregations. We will not be passing the baskets for some time to come; maybe who knows we may never return to the traditional collection. We appreciate that we have many very supportive parishioners who contribute to the parish. In response to the present circumstances we have introduced a number of new ways in which you can support the parish along of course with the traditional methods

Envelope boxes

Collection box in the church

Cheques made payable to Ennis Parish and posted or delivered to the Parish Office

Online donations @ www.ennisparish.com

Standing Order forms available from the Parish Office

Electronic Transfer to our Bank Accounts:

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.

Friary News



Sometimes, taking a simple approach to life, without trying to analyze it or figure it out too much, can be helpful. I remember an old priest preaching a sermon years ago. It was simple and short and maybe that is why it has stayed with me. He focused on looking at the day gone by rather than on any particular season e.g. Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter. He put it like this. He said that our day has not been wasted if we have been able to do three things :

- 1.Say some prayer,
- 2.Do some work
- 3.Be kind to some person.

When you think of it, his suggestion is both profound and wise. In its own way, it encompasses the answer that Jesus gave when he was asked, "*what is the greatest commandment?*" in that it responds to loving God and loving our neighbour. Moreover, at the end of the day, this is something that is measureable because we can look back over the day and see how we have lived it. Whatever prayer suits us, even a short one, is included in the first box to be ticked. Work can be any type - be it physical or mental. It just requires that we do it. As for kindness to another, this can be anything from helping them out, to shopping for them, to phoning them, to saying "hello" or to spending some time with them (Covid permitting). There is a wide range of choices. As we head towards another Holy Week where we will be in lockdown once again, it is worth our while taking note of these three things at the end of a day viz. that we have said some prayer, done some work and have been kind to some person. Blessings on you and yours as we approach another Holy Week.

Fr. Paschal, OFM Guardian

Sr. Bernardine, Abbess of the Poor Clares.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Cúigiú Domhnach den Charghas.

Inniu an cúigiú Domhnach den Charghas. Tá an séasúr beannaithe ag teacht chun deireadh agus an tSeachtain Mhór ag druidim níos gaire dúinn.

Bhí Gréagaigh a tháinig ag iarraidh Íosa a fheiceáil. Tá gach ní atá i gceist sa Charghas agus sa bheatha Chríostaí le fáil san iarratas sin – Íosa a fheiceáil. De réir an tSoiscéil, tá Íosa le feiceáil sa ghráinne arbhair a thiteann go talamh agus a fhaigheann bás, is é sin, Íosa féin ag fáil bháis ar an gCros.

Sa chéad léacht, tá Iarimíá fáidh ag súil le conradh nua a dhéanfaidh Dia le hIosrael. In ionad a bheith scríofa ar leac mar a bhí sa chonradh a rinne Dia le Maois, beidh an conradh nua scríofa ag Dia ar chroithe na ndaoine. Tuigimid ón Soiscéal go ndearna Dia an conradh nua seo linn in Íosa, agus go bhfuil an bás i gceist: bás Íosa féin, agus muid ag fáil bháis chomh maith d'ár dtóil féin.

Is é Íosa ar an gCros an sampla is fearr den fhéinsmacht. Labhair Íosa go minic faoin smacht mar bhás. Tugann an Charghas seans dúinn an smacht a chleachtadh le go mbeimis dírithe níos mó ar an smacht ar chuir Íosa ar féin air son na Ríochta, agus le go mbeimis páirteach i dtorthaí na Croise leis.

This is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The holy season is coming to an end and Holy Week is approaching.

There were Greeks who came to Jesus wanting to see him. Everything involved in Lent and in the Christian life is to be found in this request. That is to see Jesus. According to the Gospel, Jesus is seen in the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies, that is, Jesus himself was crucified and died on the Cross.

In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah anticipates a new covenant that God would make with Israel. Instead of being written on a slab as in God's covenant with Moses, God will write the new covenant in the hearts of people. We understand from the Gospel that God made this new covenant with us in Jesus, and that death is at stake: the death of Jesus himself, while we are also dying to our own will.

Jesus dying on the cross is the best example of that self-control. Jesus often spoke of discipline as death. Lent gives us a opportunity to exercise discipline so that we may be more focused on the discipline that Jesus placed on himself for the Kingdom, and so that we may share in the fruits of his Cross.

Prayer to St. Joseph, husband of Mary

Blessed Joseph,
In life you protected and cherished Mary as your wife.
You loved the Child Jesus as your Son,
And kept Him safe from danger.

Watch over us this day, as you watched over your family.
Guard and protect us from the dangers that face us, shield us from the anxiety of our hearts.

Through your example may we find the courage, love and faith to walk through these days,
Trusting in God and caring for one another, as you cared for your family.
St Joseph, pray for us. Amen



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that
is faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue
me, for you, O God, are my strength.

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 prophet Jeremiah

Jr 31:31-34

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord
who speaks - when I will make a new
covenant with the House of Israel and the
House of Judah, but not a covenant like the
one I made with their ancestors on the day I
took them by the hand to bring them out of
the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant
of mine, so I had to show them who was
master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is
the covenant I will make with the House of
Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord
who speaks. Deep within them I will plant
my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will
be their God and they shall be my people.
There will be no further need for neighbour
to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say
to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No,
they will all know me, the least no less than
the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks -
since I will forgive their iniquity and never
call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

A pure heart create for me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. R.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. R.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Heb 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up
prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent
tears, to the one who had the power to
save him out of death, and he submitted so
humbly that his prayer was heard. Although
he was Son, he learnt to obey through
suffering; but having been made perfect, he
became for all who obey him the source of
eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of
God!

If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must
follow me;

Wherever I am, my servant will be there
too.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of
God!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 12:20-30

Among those who went up to worship at
the festival were some Greeks. These
approached Philip, who came from
Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request
to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.'
Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and
Philip together went to tell Jesus.
Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you, most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the
ground and dies,

it remains only a single grain;

but if it dies,

it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this
world

will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow
me,

wherever I am, my servant will be
there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will
honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say;

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I
have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!"

A voice came from heaven, 'I have
glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it
was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was
an angel speaking to him.' Jesus
answered, 'It was not for my sake that this
voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on
this world;

now the prince of this world is to be
overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the
earth,

I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of
death he would die.

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

**Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a
grain of wheat falls to the ground and
dies, it remains a single grain.
But if it dies, it bears much fruit.**