

# ENNIS PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Mass Times

Cathedral-[www.ennisparish.com/webcam](http://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](http://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

**Phone Numbers:** Cathedral:- 6824043;

Email: [info@ennisparish.com](mailto:info@ennisparish.com)

St. Joseph's:- 6822166;

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

Ennis Parish Web Site: <http://www.ennisparish.com> Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/ennis.parish>

Third Sunday of Lent (Year B) 7th March, 2021

## Calming our spirits.

There are as many ways to pray as there are people. We pray through thoughts, words, actions, symbols or silence. Many like to gently sit or kneel before the blessed sacrament, spending quiet time in the presence of the Lord to feel the calming embrace of his peace reviving our spirit. We light candles. The warmth heals us, the flame carried our prayer to the Lord. The glow embodies our dreams and our love for God, ourselves and each other. The light drives back the darkness of fear and doubt.

Every embrace with beauty is prayer. Music revitalises our bond with the God of love and mystery. Poetry, art, drama and the miraculous world of nature takes us to new and better places. The sight of newborn lambs in the field, daffodils, light refracted through stained-glass, the rising or setting sun, the waxing or waning moon are all calming and lifegiving. Sharing or receiving a kind word, a generous act, the laughter of children, the contentment of old age, people doing the best they can or starting over are all sacred moments.

Many of us are comforted by the lyrical words of familiar prayers that we learnt as

children. Reciting these soothing words creates another level for us, allowing us to find space and gives us a voice. There are times when we simply speak to God as we do to a friend. At other moments, the words of scripture bring us closer to the Lord as we place ourselves in the story of His love for His people. We can pray alone, with loved ones or community, albeit virtually at present.



We pray so that we can become truly ourselves. St Irenaeus wrote *'The glory of God is man fully alive'*. We pray to give thanks, to unload the burdens of the past, to ask help, to seek comfort, to find a way forward, to nourish our friendship with God. Beginning each day with a moment of calm helps us to live that day in peace. Spending a little time before sleep searching for the moments when God held us by

the hand, calms our spirit. The tenderness, goodness, kindness, forgiveness present in each day is to be treasured and celebrated.

If this terrible pandemic is teaching us anything, it is surely that we are not in control of the world. We need each other. We need and at times crave God's loving Spirit living within us.



### Cathedral

#### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Moira Coffey, Clareen Drive.  
James, Mary Teresa, James Jr. Quinlivan, Lissycasey.  
Billy Kelly, Charlestown, Mayo & Chiswick, London.  
Donor's Intention.

John O'Sullivan, Fountain.  
**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.

**Mon: 7.40am:** Mary & Michael Meehan, Summerhill.  
Donor's Intention.  
Frances Molony, O'Connell St.

**11am:** Attracta O'Loughlin, Main St., Ennistymon.  
**7.30pm:** No Intention Booked.

**Tues: 7.40am:** Book of Intentions.  
Margaret McKinley, Dublin.

**11am:** Thomas & Katherine Kearney;  
Maureen & Michael Rice, Summerhill.  
Denis Smith, Skenanagh, Clarecastle.  
Donor's Intention.

**7.30pm:** Matthew & Kathleen Clune, Barefield.

**Wed: 7.40am:** James & Maura Doohan, Lissycasey.  
**11am:** Anna Moroney, Cornmarket St. & USA.

**7.30pm:** Patrick, Elizabeth, Michael & John O'Rourke,  
Whitegate.

Rita & Tony Kenny & Pauline Scanlan West, Hermitage  
**Thurs: 7.40am:** Mass for the People.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Matt, Mary & Harry Hogan, Tobertaoscain.

**Fri: 7.40am:** Ann Cullinan Fitzgerald, Drumcliffe &  
Shannon.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** McNamara Family, Ard na Gréine.  
William & Mary Ann McNamara, Bodyke.

**Sat: 11am:** No intention booked.

**6.30pm:** Brasill Family, Ennis & Kilrush.

Frank McMahon, Drumcaranmore, Loughville.  
John & Ellen Kearse, St. Michael's Villas.

**Sun 14th: 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** James Vaughan, The Market.

**11.30am:** Tom Sheehan, Brookville.

Mary & Michael O'Doherty & daughters, McNamara Pk.  
Kitty Minogue, Glenina, Gort Rd. & Feakle.

John Daly, Lifford.  
Peter Wilkie, Hermitage & Kearney Family,  
O'Callaghan's Mills.

Ciara Fox & Fox Family, Hermitage.

Ann Barrett, Willow Pk.;

Angela Loonam, College Green.

### Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of: €3,000, €150, €100x2 & 50x4

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](http://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.

### 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:** Jim O'Driscoll, Castleconnell & Elm Park.

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

**11.45am:** Mary Curtin, Willow Park.

Mary McGovern, Corrovorrin Grove.

**Wed 7pm:** Mary & Patrick Lafferty, St. Senan's Rd.

**Thu 10.30am:** John Burke, Carlow.

**Fri 10.30am:** Maureen O'Keeffe, Lifford Rd.

**Sat 10.30am:** Joe Moroney, Corrovorrin.

**7pm:** Paddy Greene, Corrovorrin Ave.

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

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

St. Joseph's Church will be closed to the public on Wednesday 10th March to facilitate vaccinations as a result of this the 10.30am mass on Wed has moved to 7pm. Sorry for the inconvenience

### Cloughleigh



#### Remembered in Masses this Week:

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

**Mon 9.30am:** Donor's Intention.

**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.

**Sun 14th 11am:** Derek Purtill, Hermitage.

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

### Trócaire



Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. Families are appealing to you to continue your support this Lent. Resources, prayers and videos are available on [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) and donations can be made to the Lenten campaign in the following ways:

1. By collecting a Trócaire Box in the porch of the church
2. Online at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)
3. By phone 1850 408408v
4. The contents of each and every Trócaire Box no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders but neither does our compassion.

### Rest in Peace

Mary Pickford, Clancy Park ;

Sean Cooley, Dalcassian Avenue;

Gabriel Kelly, Westport;

Dioniza Dolak, Poland, mother of Kate Kowel,

Ard Caoin, Gort Rd;

John Canny, Corofin, brother of Marian, Shanaway Rd.

Tom Slattery, London, late of Clonroadmore.

Maureen Fox, Hazelgrove, Tulla Rd.

Ennis Parish Development Fund  
Sunday 7th March  
€2347.00  
Online €317.00

## Education Fund Appeal

This weekend we hold our annual collection for the education of students to the priesthood and lay ministries in our diocese. At the present time we have two students in formation and one person discerning his vocation. In addition 25 lay people are completing studies in theology and pastoral ministry.

Your generosity to this appeal is very much appreciated. There is a white envelope in your box of envelopes for this appeal.

Please keep Antun our Seminarian and Damian our Deacon in your prayers as they prepare for ordination.

## Feast of St. Senan



**Monday 8th March**  
**Feast of St. Senan,**  
**Patron of our Diocese.**

Senan's family were prosperous farmers. His vocation seems to have resulted from an experience of danger from the sea. His early studies were mainly made at the monastery of Kilnamanagh. His principal monastic foundation was on Scattery Island, near Kilrush, in the Shannon Estuary. He was anamchara to Ciaran of Clonmacnoise and Brendan, and died in 544.

## Year of St. Joseph



Pope Francis has declared this year to be the year of St. Joseph. As we celebrate his Feast Day on Friday 19th March, we will hold a Triduum of Prayer to St. Joseph on Thursday & Friday 18th & 19th March at 7.30pm Mass and on Saturday 20th March at 11am Mass.

More details next week.

## Parish Office



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

**Gaeilge.** During the month of March we are embracing the Irish Language in our liturgies. Labhair Gaeilge Linn!

## Friary News



March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, is almost upon us. It usually occurs half-way through our Lenten season and has become something of a breather, like half-time in a football game. This year, with Covid and the lockdown, life is more like a marathon. March 17th may not be all that different from the rest of the year or the Lenten season and it is looking like we will be having a very quiet Holy Week, one behind closed doors. That said, out of sight does not mean out of mind and we will be keeping you all in our prayers. Some of you may want to get some Mass Cards for St. Patrick's Day and Easter. This is just to let you know that these are available at the Mass Office. Just phone 087-4697971 and we will respond ASAP. As always, please leave your name and contact number.

At the start of Lent, we spoke of the importance of being gentle with ourselves and with one another and developing qualities like *trust* and *thankfulness* which, we feel, will supply the glue of helping us to get through this pandemic one day at a time. Often, we live with a fear that can be self-centred and overpowering, that we will lose what we already possess or fail to get something we want. This certainly brings its share of inner disturbance and frustration. That is why qualities like *trust* and *thankfulness* are important bookends for keeping our world together. Trusting that God is taking care of us protects us from excessively worrying, obsessing and being overly anxious. Offering a prayer of putting our conscious *trust* in God is a good way to start the day. Then, the other bookend, *thankfulness*, acts as a buffer to criticizing and complaining. These actually do us much more damage than those people or situations which annoy us. Like Covid-19, these tend to leave a bad taste in our mouths. While we agree that we are all human and can easily fall into such negative behaviours, we also know that they have a tendency to rob us of our inner peace of mind which God alone gives and which life, not even Covid, can ever take away. Once again, the challenge and discipline are to apply the ointment of trust and thankfulness as the bookends, both at the start and at the end of the day.

As we have already said, many thanks for your kind and loyal support during these difficult times. We want you to know that we never take any of this for granted. Let us remind you that you, our benefactors, and those close to you are remembered in our daily Masses and prayers. In the meanwhile, stay safe and keep well.

**Fr. Paschal, Guardian OFM**

**Sr. Bernardine, Abbess of the Poor Clares.**

## *Sr. Eileen's Cúinne*

Mí Márta.

Mí Márta, mí an fheirmeora, mí na sailchuaiche, mí na Féile Pádraig. Bí linn, a Thiarna le linn na míosa seo. Is í intinn an Phápa don mhí ná: Guimis go bhféadfaimis sacraimint an athmhuintearais a cheiliúradh le doimhneacht athnuaithe, chun trócaire Dé gan teorainn a bhlaiseadh. Eagraítear Seachtain na Gaeilge roimh Lá Fhéile Pádraig gach bliain. Leagtar béim ar úsáid na Gaeilge chomh minic agus is féidir. I mbliana beidh imeachtaí á reáchtáil ar líne chomh maith. Ba cheart dúinn Gaeilge a labhairt i rith an ama seo. Gabhaimis buíochas le Dia as ucht na hoidhreacht iontaí atá bronnta orainn in Éirinn, ár dteanga dhúchais, oidhreacht an cheoil, damhsa agus amhránaíochta agus oidhreacht grá don oideachas. Go maire an Ghaeilge slán. Seo a leanas Paidir do Ghaeilgeoirí:

***A Thiarna, labhair tú leis na ciníocha ina dteangacha dílse féin Domhnach Cincise. Labhair tú fós le muintir na hÉireann ina dteanga féin trí Phádraig, Bhríd, Cholm Cille agus naoimh uile ár dtíre. Soilsigh ár n-aighe chun urraim a thabhairt don oidhreacht uasal a tháinig chugainn tríd an teanga sin, agus neartaigh ár dtoil chun í a shlánú agus a láidriú chun do ghlóire féin agus onóir na hÉireann trí Chríost ár dTiarna Áiméan***

March, month of spring planting, month of the violets, the month of St. Patrick. Be with us Lord during this month. The Pope's intention is: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Seachtain na Gaeilge is celebrated before St. Patrick's Day every year. Irish language events will be launched all over Ireland, mostly virtual and online this year. This is an opportunity to improve and use our Irish language skills. We thank God for the wonderful heritage that has been bestowed on us in Ireland, our native language, our heritage of music, dance, and song the love for education. Long live the Irish language. The following is a prayer for Irish speakers: ***Lord, you spoke to the nations in their own languages on Pentecost Sunday. Enlighten our minds to respect the noble heritage that came to us through our language and increase our desire to secure and strengthen it for your glory and the honour of Ireland through Christ our Lord. Amen***

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

### 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 Exodus

Ex 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.'

'You shall have no Gods except me.'

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.'

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it'.

'Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the Sabbath day and made it sacred'.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you'.

'You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house.

You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or

his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his'.

### The word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Response:*

*You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*

The law of the Lord is perfect,

It revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,

It gives wisdom to the simple. *R*

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
They gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,

It gives light to the eyes. *R*

The fear of the Lord is holy,

Abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth

And all of them just. *R*

They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. *R*

#### A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. 1 Cor 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

### The word of the Lord

#### Gospel Acclamation

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

*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,*

*Whoever believes in me will never die.*

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

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jn 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews

intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

### 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

The sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for her young:  
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King  
and my God. Blessed are they who dwell  
in your house,  
For ever singing your praise.