

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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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (Year B) 11th April, 2021.

Mercy is from Generation to Generation.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy we are reminded of the example of Christ during his public ministry, his reaching out to the brokenness of life, healing the sick and calling for a Crusade of Mercy. The consistent theme of his ministry was that of compassion and mercy.

Looking back over our own history we have notable examples of many who joined in response to his call for mercy. People like Catherine McAuley by her response to the Cholera epidemic in the mid 19th century and founding the Mercy Sisters. Likewise you had Edmund Rice who founded the Christian Brothers in a ministry of teaching. Many others like Nano Nagle and contemporary people like Mother Mary Martin and of course Mother Theresa who founded the Sisters of Charity which is famous worldwide.

Ireland has become a forerunner in this Crusade of Mercy and in the present situation where we have experienced the devastation of Covid 19 epidemic we cannot exclude the many people in the workplace who are caring for the victims of that virus, really the unsung heroes and prophetic agents of compassion of Mercy. Agencies such as Trocaire,

Concern, Goal and Bothar and many others currently active despite the economic hardships we are experiencing at the present time. We have the testimony of St. Vincent de Paul; who have spearheaded a long lasting crusade of mercy in Ireland.



This is what Pope Francis said "The Church in Action which continues to take up the cross of suffering humanity". Pope Francis on his recent visit to Iraq asked "open our eyes to the destructive threats of a world that is motivated by greed, violence and war".

In this post Easter season while we rejoice as Easter people we do so in the knowledge that the God of Mercy is looking compassionately on a world that is re-awaking to a brighter future in the year ahead.

*Lord, source of all Mercy
we are saddened by the impact
of Covid 19 and lockdown
but like the disciples in the upper room
we are renewed in spirit and hope
that the healing power of God
will look kindly on us
and strengthen us on our journey.
Amen*

Priest on Duty 11th April, 2021
Contact: Fr. Pat Malone 065 6869098

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Eileen Gannon, John Paul Ave.
 Griffin family, Tullabrack, Kilrush.
 Sylvester Keane, Garraunakilla, Upr. Market St.

Sun : 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Marie O'Connor, Ballyhahill, Limerick.
1st Anniv.

11.30am: Tommy Dormer, Ivy Hill, Gort Rd.
 Nell & Mary Ryan, Stonepark, Barefield.
 Des & Peggy Carroll, Corrovorrin Drive.

Mon: 7.40am: Mary Ellen McInerney, Doora.
 Coll & Gilgunn families.

11am: PJ Meaney, Cranny.

7.30pm: Noreen Considine & John O'Halloran,
 Considine Tce.
 Martin, Teresa & Phyllis O'Grady, McNamara Park.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Jack O'Malley, England. **1st Anniv.**
 Jim, Nora, Mary & Bridin O'Loughlin, Clonroad.

7.30pm: Frances Cosgrove, Ard na Gréine.
 Andrew Fawl, Clonlohan, Newmarket-on-Fergus.

Wed: 7.40am: Michael Meaney, Lissycasey.

11am: Syl Cosgrove, Fernhill.
 Caroline Ensko, Connolly Villas.
 Special Intetion.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Thurs: 7.40am: Mary & John O'Rourke, Tulla.

11am: Norrie Power, Considine Tce.

7.30pm: Mary, Paddy, Jack Moroney & Moroney
 family, Circular Rd.
 Catherine & Jack Keane, Clonlara.

Fri: 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Teresa Browne & Browne family, Bodyke.
 James MacNamara, Creggaun, Doora.
 Margaret Ryan & Parents, Tipperary.,

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Sat: 11am : Gerard O'Loughlin, Gort Rd. & USA.
 Mary Sullivan & family, Coore, Mullagh.
 Mary & Luke Conway, Ennis.

6.30pm: PJ Finucane, Shanaway Rd. **MM.**
 Patricia (Patsy) McCarthy, Hermitage.
 Frank Roche, Dalcassian Park.
 Jim Ball, Connolly Villas.
 Assumpta Whelan, Ennis.
 Michael Killeen, Inch.

Sun: 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: John Feeney, St. Michael's Villas.
 Lily Cleary, Ennis.

11.30am: William McGovern, College View.
 James Frawley, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.
 Monica Brooks, Drumcauran.
 Packie & Frances Eustace, Kilrush Rd.
 Christy & Breda Carpenter & family, Hermitage Rd.

Trócaire: The biggest challenge of the Trócaire Lenten Campaign is the return of the Trócaire Box. This year with Level 5 restrictions still in place we would appreciate if you brought your Trócaire Box to the Parish Office or if using an envelope this can be dropped into the collection box at the Cathedral. Your generosity to the poor is appreciated and necessary for their very survival. Every cent matters.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €500, €50. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. All contributions for this work very much appreciated.

Repairs to the roof of the Cathedral: Necessary and urgent repairs are currently taking place to damaged slates and valleys on the roof of the Cathedral. The Cathedral remains open for private prayer and Funerals at this time and we thank the many people who by their generosity to the Parish make it possible to pay for these essential works.

Cathedral House Renovations: Work is scheduled to start again on Cathedral House on the week of 19th April. Under Level 5 restrictions this work was paused in early January and is now over three months behind on completion target.

Schools Re-Open: On Monday all our school children will return to school. For some they have not seen the inside of their classroom since before Christmas. At this time of new beginnings for so many involved in education, we pray God's Blessing on all to be kept safe.



Clare Roots Society Meeting
 Thursday, 15th April @ 8 pm On-line via ZOOM 'The Registry of Deeds and its Records' by Sean Murphy, Genealogist & Lecturer. Sean J. Murphy is a history graduate of University College Dublin, where he taught Adult Education classes in genealogy from 1989 to 2017. He currently gives genealogy classes via Zoom for the National Library of Ireland. He also continues to work as a professional researcher and consultant and publishes historical and genealogical articles.

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 McLoughlin, Ard na Greine.

Sun 10am: John Lavin, The Crescent, Lifford. **MM.**

11.45am: Maureen Fox, Roslevan. **MM.**

Mon 10.30am: Bunny Moloney (nee Brigdale), Steele's Tce.

Tues 10.30am: Gretta, Micko, Jimmy & Mary Ryan, Hermitage.

Wed 10.30am: John, Winnie & Bridie Hayes, Coore.

Thu 10.30am: Paddy Keown, Corofin.

Fri 10.30am: Tommy Moloney, Marian Ave.

Sat 10.30am: Tony & Maureen Woolam & family, Wales, Brendan Sexton, Quin & Cavan, Michael Lillis, Cooraclare & Jim & Maureen Scanlon, Cavan.

7pm: Joe Conway, Corrovorrin Drive.

Sun 10am: Teresa Kalkor, New York. **1st Anniv.**

11.45: Joe Daly, Lifford & Stamer Park, Francis St.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: .Book of Intentions.

Sun 11am: Jimmy Frawley, Woodlawn.

Priests' Easter Collection

The Bishop and Priests of the Parish are grateful to all who left in contributions to support the priests of the parish. The Easter Collection is one of only four appeals in the year to support your priests and all contributions are very much appreciated.

Donations can be left in

Box at the Cathedral entrance;

Parish Office;

By post to Ennis Parish Office, Station Road, Ennis V95 HT99;

Direct Debit;

Online using the Donate button on the parish website which is a very safe and secure way to contribute to the parish.

Beyond Belief

Tune in to Beyond Belief, Clare FM on Sunday 11th April at 9pm to hear Fr. Tom Hogan who will be in conversation with Joanne O'Brien. The conversation will be about how Fr. Tom is getting on in Birr, the Season of Easter and he will tell some Irish Folklore stories in connection with this time of year



Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday, the first after Easter, now known as Divine Mercy Sunday, Fr. Joy will celebrate Mass and bring the Novena to a close at 3pm live from the Cathedral. This can be watched on our webcam or listened to on 106.4fm radio.

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that Feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Saint John Paul II at the canonisation of St. Faustina on 30th April, 2000.

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognise that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A. Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B. Be merciful. God want us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C. Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.



Rest in Peace



Marie Moran,

Kilnacally Hill, Shanaway Rd.

Michael (MJ) Twomey, Roslevan.

Sarah Williams Rynne,

Fergus View, Cusack Rd.

Chinwe Obadeyi, Westfields.

Daniel J. O'Connell, Dublin & Ennis.

Maureen Coffey (nee Ward),

Killoo, Clarecastle & St. Michael's Villas.

*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.*

Friary News: This is our second Easter of lockdown and like the two disciples, on the way to Emmaus, we are trying to come to terms with Covid-19, re-interpreting, re-understanding and making sense of it all. Most journeys begin with an ending.

On the way, we do not see where we are going or those with whom we are travelling. Jesus tries to get them to process, talk and re-assess their experiences. These disciples cannot see Jesus because they are over-focused on outer events and are downcast. Sadness is a hidden and heavy part of grief. They are grieving the loss of a dream. Maybe we too are feeling disillusioned. Things do not always turn out the way we expect. Looking back over our lives, we too can recall many times when we lost our way.

"Starting with Moses, Jesus goes through all the passages of Scripture that were written about him." We might ask: *"why isn't that part recorded?"* Maybe this is something that we ourselves must go through. The richness of our tradition comes alive when it meets with our experience. There is a connection between the heart and the eyes, between feeling and seeing. Jesus walks on as if to go ahead but they urge him to stay. We too need Him to stay with us because loneliness makes friends of us all.

Jesus then does that for which his identity is most strongly revealed viz. *he breaks the bread.* Companionship (breaking the bread) brings us together! *"Were not our hearts burning within us as we walked along the road until he explained the Scriptures to us?"* This is the power of memory. He gets them to think back to what happened at the Last Supper viz. we take a piece of bread and wine and pass it to the person next to us. In connecting with others, we feel we belong. Many have experienced this during Covid-19. Paradoxically, it is in giving that we receive. We do not live for ourselves alone.

Then, Jesus suddenly disappears from their sight but he stays within their hearts. Life is like that. For a brief moment, there is a connection and understanding and then, it is humdrum repetition. Connecting with Jesus is the key that brings blindness and belief together. When we are in shock, both meaning and purpose desert us. Yet, in moments of darkness and loss, God reveals Himself most to us and reveals us to ourselves. There are two temptations: *to get lost in the past* overtaken by guilt, disappointment and shame or *to get lost in the future* by recurring fear and anxiety.

Journeys teach us more from *hindsight*. Often, real conversion occurs in between secure places. In transition, sense and meaning are both trying to emerge. The old categories collapse. Perhaps, this has been happening during Covid-19. Maybe, this is the *metanoia* we need i.e. getting beyond our old ways of understanding life.

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

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Dara Domhnach den Cháisc Domhnach na Trócaire.

I Mí Aibreáin, bí linn, a Thiarna .Is í intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná :Guimis ar son na ndaoine sin a chuireann a mbeatha i mbaol ar mhaithe le cearta bunúsacha a bhaint amach faoi chórais deachtóireachta ,faoi réimis tiarnúla agus fiú amháin faoi chórais dhaonlathacha a bhíonn i ngéarchéim. Inniu an Dara Domhnach den Cháisc. Tá íosa aiséirithe ó mharbh agus tá áthas agus lúcháir chroí orainn. Tá ár Slánaitheoir ina rí ar an gcruthú. Tá Sé inár measc ag fógairt arís agus arís eile go bhfuil lá na fuascailte tagtha.

Inniu ceiliúrtar Domhnach Thrócaire Dé. Is é Naomh Eoin Pól II a bhunaigh an fhéile seo i mí na Bealtaine 2000. Spreagadh deabhóid Trócaire Dé trí scríbhinní Siúr Faustina, bean rialta ón bPolainn a fuair bás sa bhliain 1938 agus í in aois tríocha trí bhliain. Ní haon rud nua an teachtaireacht maidir le Trócaire Dé. Ach meabhraíonn sé dúinn gur mhúin an Eaglais i gcónaí sa Scriptorium agus sa traidisiún go bhfuil Dia trócaireach agus go bhfuil maithiúnas ar fáil do gach peaca. Tá a thrócaire i bhfad níos mó ná aon pheaca. Níl le déanamh againn ach teacht os comhair Dé go humhail agus muinín a bheith againn as a thrócaire. Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá inniu: **A Thobair na Beatha, Trócaire Dé glanrúnda, imchluadaigh an domhan uile agus doirt Tú féin anuas orainn. Aiméan.**

Lord, be with us during the month of April. The Pope's intention for this month is: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis. Today is the second Sunday after Easter. Jesus is risen from the dead and we are full of joy. Our Saviour is king of creation. He is among us proclaiming again and again that the day of redemption has come.

Today is also Divine Mercy Sunday. It was instituted by St John Paul II in May 2000. The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina a Polish nun who died in 1938 aged thirty-three years.

The message of God's Divine Mercy is nothing new. The Church has always taught through Scripture and through tradition that God is merciful, and that forgiveness is available for all sins. His mercy is much greater than any sin. Let us come before God humbly and with confidence in his Divine Mercy. We can say this prayer today;

**O fount of Life,
unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world and
empty Yourself out upon us. Amen,**

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

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 Acts of the Apostles Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul. No-one claimed for his own use anything that he had as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:
Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.'

R

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;

His right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
And recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
But not doomed to die. *R*

The stone which the builder's rejected
Has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
A marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
We rejoice and are glad. *R*

A reading from the first letter of St. John 1 Jn 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jn 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:
'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing,
Alleluia