

# 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;

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Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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Easter Sunday

(Year B)

4th April, 2021

The Priests and Bishop of the parish wish everyone a happy Easter

Today Ennis Parish Newsletter brings a world exclusive. Somewhere in the ancient ruins of what was the legal district of Jerusalem an interesting letter has been found. Read on...

To Cohen, Dan and Reuben Solicitors,

I refer to my hurried instructions date -2nd-Nisan (Good Friday) last. I realise that the Passover Holiday means that you are only catching up on correspondence. So I instruct you to please ignore my previous letter and regard this communication alone as effective.

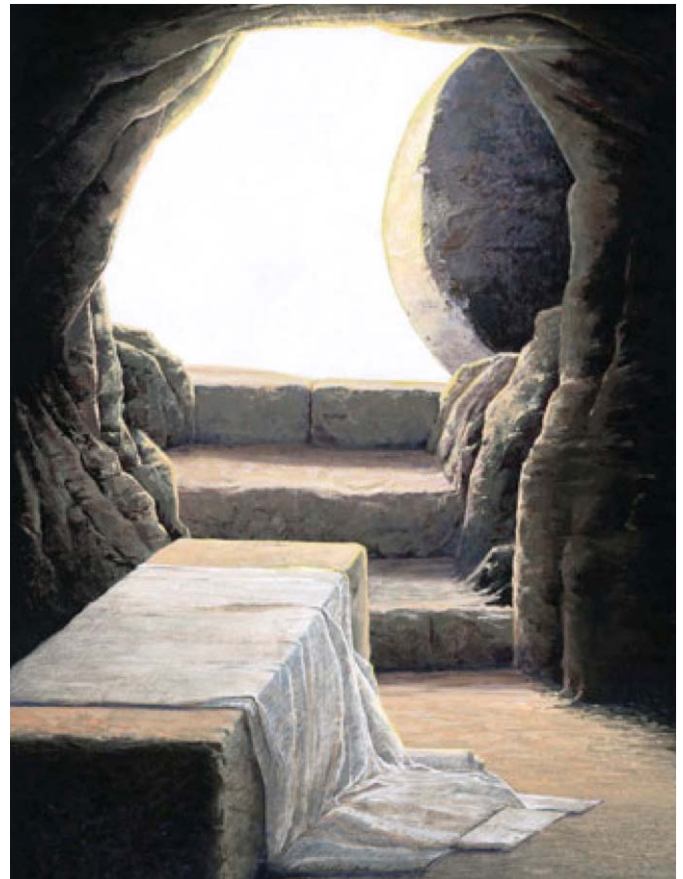
In that letter, I requested you to arrange that the garden cemetery plot marked out for me be assigned to Jesus of Nazareth, I enclosed the burial consent forms and formal approval of the Governor Pontius Pilate. It's possible that some processes of law weren't followed due to our haste with an immediate burial and the Festival approaching.

The grave has now been vacated and is no longer required by Jesus. However I will need it in time - though he tells me only for a short time. If there is any confusion or legal doubt about this new arrangement, I am happy to assist.

I regret any inconvenience.

Yours faithfully,

Joseph of Arimathea



*Not a true letter archaeologically, but it could have been. The empty tomb isn't just a feeling - it is a fact. That's what we celebrate in faith.*



### Cathedral

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat: 6.30pm:** No Intentions Booked.  
**Sun 4th: 8am:** No Intentions Booked.  
**9.30am:** No Intentions Booked.  
**11.30am:** No Intentions Booked.  
**Mon: No. 7.40am Mass.**  
**11am:** Josephine & Patrick Kelly, Ard na Gréine.  
 Kathleen & Christy O'Donovan, Ard na Gréine.  
 Oonagh Fitzpatrick, Cahercalla Road.  
 Michael & Kitty Kenneally, Fergus Park.  
 Tony Kelly, Feakle.  
 Donor's Intention.  
**7.30pm:** Matt Talbot Prayer Society.  
 Tessie Meere, Cahercalla.  
 Mary Keane, Clancy Park.  
**Tues: No 7.40am Mass.**  
**11am:** Book of Intentions.  
 Bridie Butler, Marian Avenue. **1st Anniv.**  
 Edward Baker, Hermitage.  
 Bridget O'Loughlin, Clarecastle.  
**7.30pm:** Michael & Mary Kate Griffin, Parnell St.  
 Josephine West, Childers Rd., Cloughleigh.  
 Seán & Hannah Guthrie, Thomond View,  
 Lisdoonvarna.  
**Wed: No 7.40am Mass.**  
**11am:** Anthony Byrt & family, Ruan.  
**7.30pm:** Frances & Bobby O'Rourke, Dalcassian Ave.  
**Thurs: No. 7.40am Mass.**  
**11am:** Kathleen Cunningham, Labasheeda.  
 Teresa, Catherine & John Fagan, Connolly  
 Villas & Market St.  
 Belle & Josie Broderick, Ardlea Rd.  
 Sr. Eucharía Keane, Corofin.  
**7.30pm:** Patrick, Christina & Stephen Malone, Jr.  
 Dalcassian Drive.  
 Liam Dalton, Limerick. **1st Anniv.**  
**Fri: No 7.40am Mass.**  
**11am:** John & Mary O'Looney, Kilfenora.  
 Kevin Lynch, Lifford Rd.  
 Mary McCormack (nee Lynch), London &  
 Chapel Lane.  
**7.30pm:** Mass for the People.  
**Sat: 11am:** Michael Kelly, Summerhill. **1st Anniv.**  
 Sean Cronin, Mountain View.  
 O'Brien family, Golf Links Rd.  
**6.30pm:** Eileen Gannon, John Paul Ave.  
 Griffin Family, Tullabrack, Kilrush.  
 Sylvester Keane, Garraunakilla, Upr. Market St.  
**Sun 11th: 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** Marie O'Connor, Ballyhahill, Co. Limerick.  
**1st Anniv.**  
**11.30am:** Tommy Dormer, Ivy Hill, Gort Rd.  
 Nell & Mary Ryan, Stonepark, Barefield.  
 Des & Peggy Carroll, Corrovorrin Drive.

### Divine Mercy Sunday April 11th 3pm Ennis Cathedral



Fr. Joy and Fr. Dariusz will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day this week at 3pm from the Cathedral in preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy next Sunday; available on the Parish Webcam on 106.4 radio link.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.



Now that Lent has concluded the challenge of collection Trócaire Boxes and Contributions begins. Please return your Trócaire Box to any of our Churches or the Parish Office, so that the poorest of the poor are not forgotten

**St Anthony's Magazine**  
 The latest edition of St. Anthony's Magazine is available for sale in both the Cathedral and Friary. Your €2 supports the work of the Franciscan Friars and the Magazine helps spread devotion to St. Anthony

### 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:** Easter Vigil.  
**Sun 4th 10am:** Easter Sunday  
**11.45am:** Easter Sunday  
**Mon 10.30am:** John McCabe., Newpark, Roslevan.  
**Tues 10.30am:** Mgt Owens, late Kincora Pk. **1st Anniv**  
**Thu 10.30am:** Gerald Rooney, London & Fermanagh.  
**Sat 10.30am:** Johnny Mulherrins, Marian Ave.  
**7pm:** Jim McLoughlin, Ard na Gréine.  
**Sun 11th 10am:** John Lavin, The Crescent, Lifford. **MM.**  
**11.45:** Maureen Fox, Roslevan **MM.**

### Priests' Easter Collection

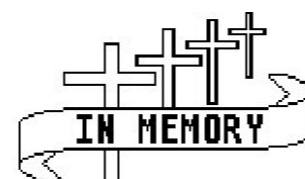
This weekend the Easter Collection for the Priests of the parish takes place. In this time of lockdown it has not been possible to distribute envelopes so we appreciate all contributions. The Priests' Collection takes place four times in the year: Easter; Summer; Autumn and Christmas and all contributions to support your Priests are very much appreciated. Envelopes are available in the porch of our Churches.

### 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.

### Rest in Peace

Les Blackmore, Canterbury, UK, brother in law of Martha McEnery, Dalcassian Park.; **Gerry Murphy**, Quin, father of Tony Murphy, Willow Park; **Rita Hennessy**, formerly of Turnpike Road, who died in Ripon, North Yorkshire sister of Pat Clohessy, Aylmers Cross, Turnpike Road; **Martin Browne**, Cahercalla Estate; **Ann O'Sullivan (nee Howard)**, Swords, Co. Dublin & St. Michael's Villas, sister of Frank, St. Michaels, Eileen Crowe, Hillcrest & Sean, Shanaway Road & Deirdre, New Zealand; **Kathleen Moloney (nee Brigdale)** - *Castlewood Park & formerly of Claureen, Drumcliffe Rd.*; **Rita Hennessy**, formerly of Turnpike Road, Ennis, who died in Ripon, North Yorkshire, sister of Pat Clohessy, Turnpike; **Phylis Thorbtorsen (nee Kenny)**, Turnpike & USA; **Frances Brodie (nee Butler)**, Corofin & late Station Road;



*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.*



### Cloughleigh



**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sun 4th 11am:** Easter Sunday  
**Tue 9.30am:** .Book of Intentions.

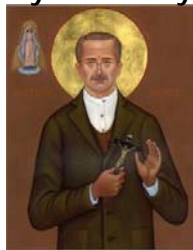
**Ennis Parish Development Fund**  
**Sunday 28th March**  
**Envelopes €4,300**  
**Online €336.00**



## Daily Programme for Easter Week in the Cathedral

- Sunday:** 8am, 9.30am & 11.30am: - Mass & Rosary  
1pm: Polish Mass  
3pm: Divine Mercy Novena
- Monday:** 11am: Mass & Rosary;  
7.30pm: Mass & Rosary;  
8pm - Half Hour conducted Eucharistic prayer.
- Tuesday:** 11am: Mass & Rosary;  
7.30pm: Mass & Rosary.
- Wednesday:** 11am: Mass & Rosary;  
7.30pm: Mass & Rosary.
- Thursday:** 11am: Mass & Rosary;  
7.30pm: Mass & Rosary.
- Friday:** 11am: Mass & Rosary;  
7.30pm: Mass & Rosary.
- Saturday:** 11am: Mass & Rosary;  
6.30pm Vigil Mass & Rosary;

## Matt Talbot Prayer Society



The M.T.P.S. has been created to pray for people who are suffering from any form of addiction; to pray for all those affected by addiction, gambling, pornography to less acknowledged addictions.

To join Matt Talbot Prayer Society, you are invited to enrol the name of the person to be prayed for, and for freedom from addiction.

Those enrolled will be prayed for specifically every day by members of the Matt Talbot Prayer Society. Every Cathedral in Ireland is asked to offer mass on the first Monday of every month and here in Ennis Cathedral we will begin this Monday April 5th at the 7.30pm Mass.

You will also receive an enrolment card to enable you to join in the prayer.

To enrol in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please contact:

Email: vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com

Phone: 04871365712  
(St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry)

Facebook: Matt Talbot Prayer Society  
(private message)

Post: Matt Talbot Prayer Society, St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry BT489AP  
Northern Ireland.

Here in Ennis we have a shrine to venerable Matt Talbot at the back of the Cathedral.

## Friary News

We are in Holy Week and for the second year in succession, there will be no public ceremonies in the Friary. Still, our faith nourishes and enlightens us. Some say that the gospels are really fleshed out passion narratives. It is certainly the culmination of Jesus' mission and his disciples, those whom he has been training to carry on his mission, are tested and fail miserably. This is disconcerting and yet, comforting. It lets us know that those whom Jesus hand-picked are flawed and fearful. Yet, as they sit with him at the Last Supper, he serves them in an accepting and non-judgmental way. Historically, Judas betrayed him, Peter denied him and all the others fled. Yet, if we were to be totally truthful, aren't there times when all of us betray and deny him and flee from the truth?

This is because we are human and weak. At the start of the Gospel, the Baptist preaches the need for repentance. He asks for *metanoia* (repentance) i.e. moving-beyond-the-mind. The challenge is to think differently since God's thoughts and ways are not the same as ours. Near his death, the same Baptist will send disciples to ask Jesus, "are you the one who is to come or are we to seek another?" In other words, even the Baptist was having second thoughts about Jesus. He thought that the Messiah would come with a winnowing-fan, separating the chaff from the wheat and bring an axe to cut down any tree that did not bear fruit. In a way, John was bringing the fear of the social world into that of the kingdom. As Hebrews 2:15 says, "most of us live our lives in slavery in fear of death." From early on, we are crippled with the fear of being axed. Our parents are the first axe; then, our teacher; then, the boss and finally, God has the biggest axe. Yet, look at Jesus' answer: "the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk and the poor have the Good News preached to them." Jesus makes no mention of an axe but this does not mean that we are not blind, deaf, lame or poor.

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

## Cathedral Updates

Scaffolding was erected on the Old Ground Side of the Cathedral in the past week. This is to allow repair work to take place on the roof and drains. Recent wet weather identified leaks on the roof that need immediate attention. At the car entrance to the Cathedral, Bord Gáis are currently putting in a new line for use in Cathedral House and eventually for use in the Cathedral. During these works the Cathedral still remains open for private prayer and Funerals.

We thank the many people who by their generosity to the parish make it possible to pay for these essential works.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne Domhnach Cásca.

Inniu Domhnach Cásca, an fhéile is mó i bhféilire na hEaglaise. Mar sin bimís lúcháireach inniu. Tá daichead lá an Charghais thart fad a bhíomar ag guí, ag déanamh íobairtí agus cleachtaí spioradálta chun a bheith réidh an Cháisc a cheiliúradh le díograis chroí agus brí iomlán a bhaint as bás agus aiséirí Chríost. Tá Críost faoi ghloir anois. Nuair a d'aiséirigh sé léirigh sé gur bhuaiigh sé ar an mbás, ar an bpeaca agus ar chumhacht an oilc. Chruthaigh sé gurbh É féin Dia. Bhí an tuama folamh agus bhí ionadh an domhain ar a chairde nuair a thaispeáin Íosa é féin dóibh. D'aithin siad é. Chreid siad go raibh sé aiséirithe, agus líonadh a gcroí le háthas.

Tá go leor seanchas ag baint le hAiséirí Íosa. Anseo in Éirinn chreid ár sinsir go ndearna an ghrian damhsa sa spéir le háthas agus go raibh gach gné den dúlra faoi lúcháir ar Domhnach Cásca de bhri go raibh ár Slánaitheoir ina bheatha arís. Théidís go barr na gcnoc fiú go moch ar maidin chun an t-iontas a fheiceáil.

An Domhnach Cásca seo, arís i mbliana caithfidimid fanacht sa bhaile agus páirt a ghlacadh in Aifreann na Cásca ar an Raidió, ar an gCeamara Gréasáin nó ar Straoisleabhar.

Caithfidimid leanúint ar aghaidh ag guí go mbeimid slán agus go mbeid deireadh leis an Víreaschorónach go luath. Is féidir linn an phaidir chiorclach seo a rá gach maidin.

*Éirim suas le Dia, go n-éirí Dia liom,  
Lámh Dé i mo thimpeall, ag suí is ag luí is ag éirí dom. Aimeán.*

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest feast in the Liturgical Calendar. Let us rejoice. We have spent the forty days of Lent praying, making sacrifices and engaging in spiritual exercises in preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. Christ is in glory now. In the Resurrection Jesus showed his victory over death, sin and the power of evil. He proved he was God. The tomb was empty and his friends were surprised when he appeared to them. They recognised him. They believed he had risen from the dead and they were filled with joy.

In Ireland there is much folklore surrounding the Resurrection of Jesus. Our ancestors believed that the sun danced, and that nature celebrated on Easter Sunday because Jesus had risen from the dead. They used to go to the hilltops to see this spectacle.

Again this Easter Sunday, we must stay at home and take part in the Mass on Local or National Radio, on Webcam or on Facebook. We continue to pray that we may be safe from the Coronavirus and that it may soon be overcome. We can say this circular prayer each morning.

*I arise with God, May God rise with me, God's hand about me as I sit, as I lie and as I rise. Amen.*

**Easter Holy Water  
Bottles of Easter Holy Water will  
be available in our Churches on  
Easter Sunday. This water will  
be blessed at the Easter Vigil**

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,  
alleluia, 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 10:34.37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God

has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

## The word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

*Response:*

*This day was made by the Lord;  
We rejoice and are glad.*

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."

*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.

*R.*

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

this is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

*R*

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians

Col 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

## The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Christ, our Passover, has been  
sacrificed;*

*Let us celebrate the feast then, in the  
Lord.*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and

'we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

## 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

**Christ our Passover has been  
sacrificed, alleluia;**

**Therefore let us keep the feast with the  
unleavened bread  
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.**