

# 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-[www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscan-friary-webcam/](http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscan-friary-webcam/)

Monday to Saturday 10am

Vigil Mass Saturday 7.30pm

Sunday 10.30am

Christ the King Oratory Cloughleigh

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Cathedral & Friary

Cathedral: Monday to Friday 7pm to 7.25pm

Saturday after the Vigil Mass

Friary: Currently suspended

## Baptisms

Can be booked through the Parish Office. A maximum of ten people can attend the ceremony.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place

Monday to Friday in the Cathedral from 5pm until 7pm

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Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

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

## The Ascension of the Lord (Year B) 16th May, 2021.

In a recent interview in the Irish Times, Stephen Roche (professional cyclist) made reference to his faith in the following words, *"keep whispering your dreams, you never know when your angel is listening"*. A reminder that the faith you and I cherish, is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. We can't see electricity but we are sure it exists, and our utility provider supplies us with the invoice to prove it. Likewise, when we visit an ATM, we are certain that our bank has our money, and when we key in our pin number it is dispensed.

So too, faith isn't a blind leap into the dark but a gift of the Holy Spirit through which we put our trust in God's promises. God is saying to each of us, *'Come with me on a great adventure and peer into the rich and deep mystery of a faith that is meant to be shared'*.

New Testament scholar, JB Phillips encourages us to recover our sense of vocation, that we are not an organization of people who have a common interest in religion. It is a fine thing to know that we are 'right' with God,

converted, born again' and all the rest of it, but after a while such experiences become stale and unsatisfying, unless, we are passing the Gospel message on to others, definitely bringing to bear upon actual human situations the pattern of Christian living.



In Jesus' ascension into heaven that was at the heart of his message to his disciples and to you and I. Our challenge is to rediscover some of the urgency of that mission, to you and I to spread the Gospel message. The power of the Holy Spirit living within us is a power which we receive at our Baptism and Confirmation, and which we can call on at all times to guide us on our mission to bring the Gospel message to life. That is our privilege.

In his Ascension into heaven the Lord has not deserted us, rather, the Church and especially The Eucharist is the continuation of Christ's Presence on earth and that each of us has a job to do, a role to play in the continuing drama of Christ's saving work on earth.

Such is our privilege.



## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Marie King, Moyglass, Crusheen.  
 Mary Scanlan, Willow Pk. & late Scatterry Island.

**Sun 16th: 8am:** George, Nora & Monie Meehan,  
 Carmody St.

**9.30am:** Gerry Moroney, Loughville. **1st Anniv.**  
 Ber Moloney, Cloughleigh Rd.

**11.30am:** Michael O'Brien, Summerhill.  
 Michael & Una O'Meara, Limerick Rd.  
 Paddy & Kitty Smyth, Carmody St.  
 Donal MacMathúna, Ballybeg.  
 James Kelly, Collins Pk.  
 Breda Hassett, Drumcliffe Rd.

**1pm:** Gerard O'Loughlin, San Francisco &  
 Old Gort Road. **Funeral Mass.**

**Mon: 7.40am:** Foley & Brodie families, Ennis.  
 Peggie Cullinan Smyth, Drumcliffe Rd. & Reading Hill.

**11am:** John & Bridget Hanley, Hermitage.  
 Bridget & Michael O'Halloran, Roslevan.

**7.30pm:** Anthony O'Loughlin, St. Michael's Villas.  
**Tues: 7.40am** Book of Intentions.

**11am:** Bridget Jordan, Swinford, Co. Mayo.  
**7.30pm:** PJ & Mary Burke & family, Inch.

**Wed: 7.40am:** Gráinne O'Neill, Athlone & Fanore.  
**11am:** Tom Linnane, Listowel.

**7.30pm:** Marian Hank.  
 Brendan McMahon, Lahinch Rd.  
 Christopher Rynne, Honan's Tce.  
 Frances Roughan, Fountain.

**Thurs: 7.40am:** Maureen McGloin Collins Cullinan,  
 Coopers Place.

Rita Gleeson, Ballycormack, Toomevara.  
**11am:** No Intention Booked.

**7.30pm:** Ted Barron, The Hazels, Oakleigh Wood.  
**Fri: 7.40am:** Mass for the People.

**11am:** Madge Moloney, McNamara Park.  
**7.30pm:** No Intention Booked.

**Sat: 11am:** Noel Ryan, Clarecastle.

**6.30pm:** Peter Considine, Dromadrehid, Kilrush Rd.  
 Cathal Ryan, Shanaway Rd.  
 Danielle Moloney, Steele's Tce & USA.  
 P.J. Cleary, Cahercalla Cross.  
 Tomás O'Halloran, Cranny.

**Sun 23rd 8am:** No Intention Booked.

**9.30am:** Dan & Mary Doorty, Tulla Rd.

**11.30am:** No Intention Booked.



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 16th 11am:** Bernadette Moloney, Cloughleigh.

**Mon 9.30am:** Thomas Hogan, Gort Rd.

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

**Wed 9.30am:** Irene Moloney, McNamara Park.

**1st Anniv**

**Sun 23rd 11am:** Joan Coote, Considine Rd.

## Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donation of €1,000, €150, €50, €50. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. All contributions for this work very much appreciated.  
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### JOIN ACCORD

We are now recruiting volunteer facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church; if you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord Team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, we want to hear from you! **For further information please contact Accord at 085-2358384 or email: [accordennis1@gmail.com](mailto:accordennis1@gmail.com) before Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021**

### Welcome Back to Mass

We are delighted to welcome you back to Mass in all of our churches this weekend.

We thank you for your continued support and prayers throughout lockdown. We are indebted and humbled by the generosity of those who financially supported the parish in difficult times. In the weeks and months ahead let us renew our commitment to building and strengthening our faith community where people feel welcomed and assured. In line with public health guidelines, those attending mass should:

1. Wear a face covering in the church.
2. Hand sanitizers are provided at all entrances.
3. Social distancing should be respected.
4. Holy Communion will be brought to those who wish to receive.

### Offertory Collection

It is not possible at present times to pass collection baskets among congregation at Offertory time. Parishioners may financially support the parish by making:

1. A contribution in the boxes located at the entrance of the church.
2. Online at [www.ennisparish.com](http://www.ennisparish.com) via the donate button
3. Standing Order
4. Remembering Ennis Parish in your will

## 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:** Kathleen Burke, Knockanoura, Tulla Rd.

**Sun 10am:** Christy Rushe, College Rd.

**11.45am:** Jimmy & Dilly O'Halloran, Avondale, St. Senan's Rd.

**Mon 10.30am:** Burns & Lipton families.

**Wed 10.30am:** Sr. Christopher Tobin, Crusheen.

**Thu 10.30am:** Brendan Mounsey, Marian Ave.

**Fri 10.30am:** John Breslin, Sligo

**Sat 10.30am:** John, Seán & Rose O'Sullivan, Kevin Barry Ave.

**7pm:** Eileen Lynch, Cahercalla.

## Diocesan Safeguarding Month.



The month of May is normally the Diocesan Safeguarding Month.

With the good news that our churches are set to open, safeguarding checks within the parish will take place to ensure and maintain a safe environment. We welcome people back and offer our continued reassurance of our commitment to safeguarding in the parish and Diocese.

### Safeguarding Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Hear our voices as we pray  
 for your care and protection.

Strengthen and guide us  
 as we strive to make our

Catholic Communities a safe place for all.

We especially ask that the children  
 and vulnerable adults you entrust  
 to our care are protected.

Give us the wisdom and courage  
 to listen with open hearts,  
 see with open eyes,

and speak out to ensure children  
 and vulnerable adults are safe,  
 loved, respected, and cared for.

May we also pray for  
 those who have been harmed.

Give them the courage  
 to seek the truth and to heal.

Lord, you call us to walk  
 with integrity in the service of others.

May we all strive to understand  
 our collective responsibility  
 to work together

to safeguard our Catholic Communities.

Guide us as we build a community  
 that fosters everyone  
 to flourish and be safe.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord,  
 Amen.

**Ennis Parish Development  
 Fund for Sunday,  
 9th May 2021**

**Fund €2921.00  
 Online €221.00**

## May Devotions in honour of Our Lady

We encourage you to pray the Rosary,  
(even one decade), particularly during May.



### Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flowers of the rarest  
bring blossoms the fairest,  
from gardens and woodlands  
and hillside and dale;  
Our full hearts are swelling,  
our glad voices telling  
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

#### Chorus:

*O Mary we crown thee  
with blossoms today!  
Queen of the Angels  
and Queen of the May.  
O Mary we crown thee  
with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels  
and Queen of the May.*

**Masses this week in Ennis  
will continue to be available on  
webcam & parish radio link 106.4fm**

### Monday to Friday

**Cathedral:** 7.40am, 11am, 7.30pm  
**Friary:** 10.00am  
**St. Joseph's:** 10.30am  
**Cloughleigh:** 9.30am

### Weekend

**Saturday:**  
**Cathedral:** 11am & 6.30pm Vigil  
**Friary:** 10am & 7.30pm Vigil  
**St. Josephs:** 10.30am & 7pm Vigil

**Sunday:**  
**Cathedral:** 8am, 9.30am, 11.30am  
**St. Joseph's:** 10am, 11.45am  
**Friary:** 10.30am

## Rest in Peace



**Sr. Mary Teresa O' Connell**, St. Xavier's,  
Convent of Mercy, Bóthar na Trócaire;  
**Margaret Staunton**, Gallows Hill;  
**Josephine Latchem nee O' Halloran**,  
Carrigoran House, Newmarket-on-Fergus and  
formerly of Aughanteeroe, Gort Road;  
**John Drennan**, Kinsale Rd., Cork, husband of  
Shirley Malone, Gallows Hill;  
**Bernadette (Benny) Woodford (née Phillips)**,  
Cahercalla Community Hospital, and formerly of  
Ashfield Park,  
**Brian Callinan**, Inagh;  
**John Collins**, brother of Christy, Collins  
Jewellers;

## Friary News

Many of us have found this past year very  
frustrating and there is a sense of relief that we  
are now able to return to some sense of  
normality. We are definitely aware that the  
lockdown has been particularly difficult for  
those living alone. Having the webcam installed  
in the friary was a good move and people now  
have a choice to come in person or to tune into  
Mass in the friary. From May 14th, we will be  
able to open our Mass Office doors in  
accordance with government guidelines. Once  
again, for those who are unable to make it to  
the Mass Office, Mass Cards are still available  
if you ring 087-4697971. Just leave your name  
and contact number and we will get back to  
you. Like elsewhere, as a community, we are  
fewer and older. Hence, we have to cut our  
cloth to measure. This means that the friary  
timetable has undergone some minor changes  
since lockdown. However, within the official  
guide-lines offered, we would like to be  
available to people as much as possible. This  
is our present time-table:

**Daily Masses:** Mon - Sat. 10am

**Sunday Masses:** Sat. 7.30pm, Sun. 10.30am.

**Confessions:** Tues - Sat. 11-12noon, 4-5 pm  
from Tuesday, May 25th onwards

**St. Anthony's Novena** (June 4th-13th)

**Two Masses each day:** 10am and 7.30 pm

**Blessing of children:** Sat June 12th at 4 pm.

**Healing Mass:** First Sunday of every month at  
3pm (starting in July)

There is a sense in which "healing" is slightly  
different to "curing." The latter is really about  
getting back to where we were before we got  
sick, whatever sickness might have afflicted us.  
My sense is that "healing" goes deeper. With  
healing, we may not get physically well but at  
others levels (emotionally and spiritually), we  
feel that some sort of a shift has occurred and,  
so, we are no longer as angry or as alienated  
as we previously felt. In this sense, some sort  
of reconciliation has happened, often at a  
mysterious level, where we no longer feel the  
bitterness of what was said or done to us.  
While we would like to have sacramental  
"anointing" as an essential part of this  
afternoon, we are aware of the restrictions of  
the present pandemic. Therefore, until our  
present situation changes, our Healing Sunday  
Mass will incorporate Rosary, a Healing  
Prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
as well as Mass itself and we hope to introduce  
this on the first Sunday of each month, starting  
on July 4th.

**Fr. Paschal OFM Guardian**

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

### Office Reopening to the Public

In line with government guidelines the Parish  
Office and the Friary Office will fully reopen to  
the public on Monday 17th May at 9.30am.

Sanitizer is provided and face masks are  
mandatory.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Deascabháil ár dTiarna.

Inniu táimid ag comóradh Dheascabháil Ár dTiarna  
Iosa Críost agus tugaimid chun cuimhne Iosa ag  
filleadh ar a Athair. Tá a mhísean teagaisc, a Pháis  
agus Aiséirí curtha i gcrích agus lá na cinniúna  
buaile le hIosa. Bhí breis is trí bliana caite ag na  
deisceabail i bhfochair Iosa agus grá mór acu dó.  
Ní haon ionadh gur bhraitheadar uaigneach agus  
imníoch nuair a bhí Sé ag imeacht uathu chun na  
bhFlaitheas. Bhí fíis ag Iosa dá dheisceabail go  
leanfaí lena shaothar ag craobhscaoileadh an dea-  
scéil. "Imígi faoin domhan uile agus fógraígi an  
dea-scéal" (Marcas 16:15). Gheall Iosa go  
seolfadh sé an Spiorad Naomh chucu chun treoir  
agus misneach a thabhairt dóibh, rud a tharla ar  
Dhommhach Cincise.

Inniu Lá Cumarsáide Domhanda. Is é an téama a  
d'fhógair an Pápa Proinsias do Lá Domhanda  
Cumarsáide na bliana 2021 ná 'tar agus feic' (Eoin  
1: 46) Is é seo an chéad teagmháil a rinne Iosa leis  
na deisceabail. Is é seo ré na teicneolaíochta. Tá  
sé de dhualgas ar na meáin cumarsáide an  
fhirinne a chur de shíor os comhair an phobail  
agus is minic nach mbíonn an scéal amhlaidh. Seo  
paidir le rá ar Lá Cumarsáide Domhanda: **A Dhia  
na firinne, a thugann solas agus inspreamhadh  
dúinn, treoraigh lucht na meán cumarsáide. Go  
ndéana siad gach iarracht tacú le dínit an duine  
trí fhocail agus iomhánna. Tabhair géarchúis  
dóibh. Go dtíga an Spiorad Naomh chugainn  
go léir agus go ndéana sé finnéithe dinn os  
comhair an tsaoil ar Shoiscéal ár dTiarna Iosa  
Críost. Áiméan.**

Today we are celebrating the Ascension of Our  
Lord Jesus Christ and we recall Jesus returning to  
His Father. His mission of teaching, his Passion  
and Resurrection have been completed and the  
day of victory has arrived. The disciples had spent  
over three years with Jesus and loved him greatly.  
It is not surprising that they felt lonely and anxious  
when He was leaving them to go back to his  
Father. Jesus had a vision for his disciples which  
was to spread the kingdom of his love, the Good  
News. "Go into the whole world and spread the  
Good News". (Mark 16 :15) Jesus promised to  
send the Holy Spirit to guide and give them  
courage which he did on Pentecost Sunday.  
Today is World Communications Day. This year  
Pope Francis has declared 'Come and see' (John  
1: 46) as the theme for 2021. This was the first  
communication Jesus had with his disciples. We  
live in the technological age. The media has an  
obligation to promote the truth. This is not always  
the case. We pray: **God of truth who enlightens  
us, guide the media. May they endeavour to  
support the dignity of the person through  
words and images. Give them discernment.  
May the Holy Spirit come to us and give us the  
courage to be witnesses to Our Lord Jesus  
Christ. Amen.**

### Sleeping St. Joseph's Fridge Magnets

Fridge Magnets of Sleeping St. Joseph are now  
on sale in the Parish Office.  
€3.00 each or 2 for €5.00.

All proceeds to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal





# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, 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 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with  
everything Jesus had done and taught from the  
beginning until the day he gave his instructions  
to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy  
Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had  
shown himself alive to them after his Passion  
by many demonstrations: for forty days he had  
continued to appear to them and tell them  
about the kingdom of God. When he had been  
at table with them, he had told them not to  
leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the  
Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what  
you have heard me speak about: John  
baptised with water but you, not many days  
from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him,  
'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to  
restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is  
not for you to know times or dates that the  
Father has decided by his own authority, but  
you will receive power when the Holy Spirit  
comes on you, and then you will be my  
witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout

Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends  
of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while  
they looked on, and a cloud took him from  
their sight. They were still staring into the sky  
when suddenly two men in white were  
standing near them and they said, 'Why are  
you men from Galilee standing here looking  
into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up  
from you into heaven, this same Jesus will  
come back in the same way as you have seen  
him go there.'

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

*Response: .*

*God goes up with shouts of joy;*

*The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.*

All peoples, clap your hands,  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth.

R.

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
Sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R.

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne.

R

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

Eph 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the  
Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom  
and perception of what is revealed, to bring  
you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten  
the eyes of your mind so that you can see  
what hope his call holds for you, what rich  
glories he has promised the saints will inherit  
and how infinitely great is the power that he  
has exercised for us believers. This you can  
tell from the strength of his power at work in  
Christ, when he used it to raise him from the  
dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in  
heaven, far above every Sovereignty,  
Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other  
name that can be named, not only in this age,  
but also in the age to come. He has put all  
things under his feet, and made him, as the  
ruler of everything, the head of the Church;  
which is his body, the fullness of him who fills  
the whole creation.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Go, make disciples of all the nations;*

*I am with you always; yes, to the end of  
time. Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and  
said to them, 'Go out to the whole world;  
proclaim the Good News to all creation. He  
who believes and is baptised will be saved;  
he who does not believe will be condemned.  
These are the signs that will be associated  
with believers: in my name they will cast out  
devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they  
will pick up snakes in their hands, and be  
unharmd should they drink deadly poison;  
they will lay their hands on the sick, who will  
recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had  
spoken to them, was taken up into heaven:  
there at the right hand of God he took his  
place, while they, going out, preached  
everywhere, the Lord working with them and  
confirming the word by the signs that  
accompanied it.

## 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

Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, alleluia.