

# 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

Monday to Friday 9.30am

Sunday 11am

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Cathedral & Friary

Cathedral: Monday to Friday 7pm to 7.25pm

Saturday after the Vigil Mass

Friary: Tuesday to Saturday

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

Phone Numbers: Cathedral:- 6824043;

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St. Joseph's:- 6822166;

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

I have a new coat, it was designed by God and given to me by Jesus Christ. All I had to do to receive this coat was to believe in God's only Son.

I find it fits me perfectly unless I allow myself to become puffed up with foolish pride, then it's too tight. If I walk with my head high, trying to be above those about, then it is too short. But if I walk humbly as I should before God, it fits me just right.

How is the coat made? The shoulders are wide and roomy so that I can help my fellow man carry his burdens.

The collar is made of God's mercy, yes, the mercy of God's promises.

First that I may become his child and second, that I will one day dwell with Him in that home prepared for His saints. The cuffs are narrow, so that there is no room to tuck away grievance and hard feelings toward my neighbours.

The pockets are oversized, One is for the love of God; the other is to hold my love for my fellowman and all humanity. There are three buttons on my coat, which stands for faith, hope and charity. I check on them often so that none becomes loose or lost.

The lining is made of God's forgiveness, which I need so often that I want it next to me at all times.

The belt is made of God's love that encircles me every day.

The material is thick enough to protect me

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when the storms of life come my way, but not too thick that I will not be able to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit who guides me.

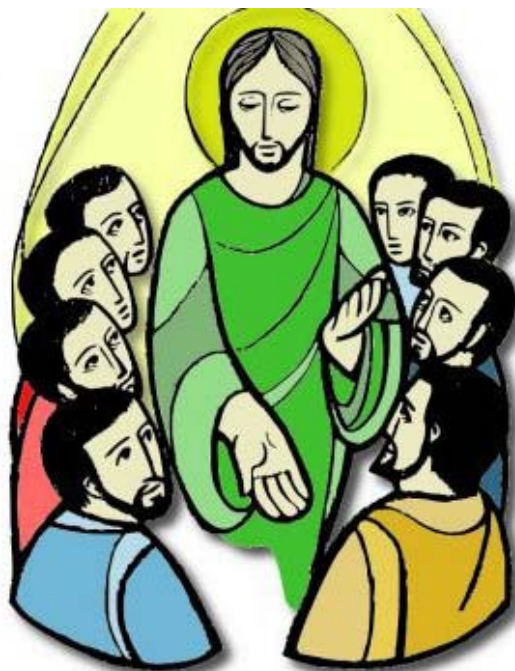
There are many threads in my new coat, but not one thread of doubt that God's promises are true,

*Do you wonder about the colour of my coat?*

*Why, it's the colour of Jesus' eyes that must sparkle when a lost soul accepts Him.*

*I will need my coat all through life.*

*I will always wear my new coat.*



**Priest on Duty 9th May, 2021**  
**Contact: Fr. Tom Ryan 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Joan & Patrick Barry, St. Senan's Rd. Alfred & Patricia O'Neill & Michael Dixon, St. Michael's Villas.  
**Sun 9th: 8am:** Special Intention.  
**9.30am:** Tom Linnane, Listowel.  
 Lizzie & Freddie Dilger & family, Hermitage.  
 Betty Devanny, Kilmurry, Sixmilebridge.  
**11.30am:** Tom Stack, Lifford Rd., **1st Anniv.**  
 Ann Mangan, Turnpike Rd.  
 John Doohan, Kincora Park.  
 Danny & Agnes Griffin & David Smith, Dysart, Ennistymon.  
 Ann & Bryan MacMahon & Patrick Roberts, Ennis & U.K.  
 John & Bridie Murray, Mullagh.  
**Mon: 7.40am:** John Meaney, England.  
 Special Intention.  
 Hehir, Sheehan & McCabe Families.  
**11am:** Holy Souls.  
**7.30pm:** James, Honor & Gerard Hogan, Ennistymon.  
**Tues: 7.40am:** Book of Intentions.  
**11am:** Pat Joe McMahon, Kinturk, Connolly.  
**7.30pm:** Chrissie Clune, Ballymacahill, Barefield.  
 Paraic Davis, Inishnee, Roundstone, Co. Galway.  
 Ann Lacey, College Green.  
**Wed: 7.40am:** Peggy Smyth Cullinan, Drumcliffe Rd. & Reading.  
**11am:** Bridget, Mary & Eugene Singleton, Hermitage.  
**7.30pm:** No Intention Booked.  
**Thurs: 7.40am:** Tom & Beatrice Foley & Marian Reid. Malahide.  
**11am:** Christy Daly, College View, Clonroadmore.  
**7.30pm:** Breda Whelan, Dalcassian Park.  
 Frank Hassett, Ard na Gréine.  
 P.J. Dinan, Hermitage.  
**Fri: 7.40am:** Mass for the People.  
**11am:** Dan O'Connor, Clonroad.  
 Tony McNamara, Tubber Rd., Crusheen,  
**7.30pm:** Maureen Cronin, Mountain View & Kerry. MM  
 Sarah Williams Rynne, Fergus View, Cusack Rd. MM  
**Sat: 11am:** No Intention Booked.  
**6.30pm:** No Intention Booked.  
**Sun 16th 8am:** George, Nora & Monie Meehan, Carmody St.  
**9.30am:** Gerry Moroney, Loughville. **1st Anniv.**  
 Ber Moloney, Cloughleigh Rd.  
**11.30am:** Breda Hassett, Drumbiggie Rd.  
 Michael O'Brien, Summerhill.  
 Michael & Una O'Meara, Limerick Rd.  
 Paddy & Kitty Smyth, Carmody St.  
 Donal Mac Mathúna, Ballybeg.  
 James Kelly, Collins Pk.  
**1pm:** Gerard O'Loughlin, San Francisco & Old Gort Road. **Funeral Mass.**

**Cathedral Renovation Appeal**

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donation of €200, €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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**Support for the Parish**

Thank you to all who support our parish, particularly at this difficult time. Many have been very generous. Nevertheless since lockdown our income has been severely curtailed in comparison to the previous year.

Some ways to support us at this time:

- 1.) Weekly envelopes can be left into any of the churches.
- 2.) Online at: [www.ennisparish.com](http://www.ennisparish.com) via the donate button.
- 3.) Standing order forms available at the parish office.
- 4.) Remembering Ennis Parish in your will.

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**Masses this week in Ennis**

**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

**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:** Frank Gibbons, Kincora Park.  
**Sun 9th 11.45am:** John Doohan, Kincora Park.  
**Sat 10.30am:** Andy McTiernan, Sligo.  
**12 noon:** Peadar O'Brien, St. Senan's Rd. MM.  
**7pm:** Kathleen Burke, Knockanoura, Tulla Rd.  
**Sun 16th 10am:** Christy Rushe, College Rd.  
**11.45:** Dilly & Jimmy O'Halloran, Avondale, St. Senan's Rd.

**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.*

**Rest in Peace**

**Canon Errill O'Connor**, Sacred Heart Residence, Raheny, Dublin, brother of Gráinne Houlihan, Sandfield;  
**Michael Comyns**, Miltown Road, Kilkee, brother of Mary O'Connor, Gallows Hill;  
**Eileen Gilligan**, wife of late Michael, late Golf Links Rd., died in Boston;  
**Noel Fawl**, Gordon Drive;



*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 9th 11am:** Ann McMahon, Morrissey Ave.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Sun 16th 11am:** Bernadette Moloney, Cloughleigh.

**Ennis Parish  
 Development Fund for  
 Sunday,  
 2nd May 2021**  
**Fund €3,249.00**  
**Online €320.00**

## The Path Ahead

This Monday 10th May, we will resume public worship. Many have found the last four and a half months of not being able to gather with people for Eucharist in our churches since St. Stephen's Day very difficult.

Our parish is deeply grateful to the many volunteers and stewards and those who sanitised and maintained our churches to a very high standard over the last year. We look forward to welcoming you once again.

### New Government Guidelines

#### Mass Attendance

Churches will be open for the public to return to Mass on Monday 10th May. A maximum of 50 people can attend except where the size of the church has a capacity of greater than 50, like the Cathedral.

#### Confessions

The sacrament will be available in the Cathedral from Monday to Friday, 7pm to 7.25pm. Saturday after 6.30pm Vigil Mass.

#### Baptisms

We are now taking bookings for Baptisms. A maximum 10 people can attend the ceremony. All Baptisms take place individually. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

#### Funerals

From Monday 10th May up to 50 mourners may attend a Funeral Mass.

#### Weddings

A maximum of 50 people can attend the celebration of Marriage in the Church.

#### 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.

#### Friary News

A big "thank you" to everyone who has helped us to instal and commence our webcam system in the Friary. Despite the demands of this past year, it is nice to give back to others who have been so supportive. From this Monday to Friday (May 10th to 14th, 10.30 am - 3pm), Mass Cards are available from the Friary Mass Office. From May 17th, we will be opening in accordance with government guidelines (hours as above). Our postal service is still available by phoning 087-4697971 & leaving your contact details.

In these days after Easter, the Acts of the Apostles describe a growing church since Jesus has come to give life to everyone and not just to some. He is the totally *unpossessive man*. He receives freely and he gives freely: "*as the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.*"

The story is told of *an artisan well* that sprung up somewhere and was used by the locals until some people came along, started to fence it around, bottle it and sell it. Being angry, the water closed down and went elsewhere where it could be of *service* to people, *without being owned or sold*. If the *water of life* is not received positively and passed along, it will disappear because it needs to be received and acknowledged. *The simple truth is that we must give back what we have received.*

The God of Jesus is a God who loves and gives. Being faithful, the divine wants to give itself to people who will receive it, bear fruit and flourish. As long as this happens, like the water, the divine will continue to give itself.

This can be interpreted personally, locally and even globally. We believers have always maintained that Christianity is a transition from the Jewish Faith, and that Jesus, the one who taught this, was rejected by the chief priests and the elders. However, he, the rejected stone, has become the cornerstone of a new reality, a *passing-on reality*, and we believe that *the water of life now lives in Christianity.*

But water is water. It tends to go where people drink it and it tends to disappear where people try to own or control it. While none of us likes being rejected the question still remains: "*Am I a person who accepts and passes on what has been given to me or am I someone who controls and hoards stuff that will eventually go off or move elsewhere, unless it is passed on?*"

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

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### Smaoineamh.

Tá roinnt mhaith srianta a bhí i bhfeidhm sa stát ó thús na bliana maolaithe ach mar sin féin deir Feidhmeannach na Seirbhíse Sláinte go gcaithfidh an pobal a bheith airdeallach i gcónaí agus smaioineamh go bhfuil Covid-19 fós linn. Is é freagracht phearsanta agus dea-iompar daoine a choimeádfaimid saor ón gcruachás. Ó amárach 10 Bealtaine beidh cead againn freastal ar an Aifreann agus ar sheirbhísí eaglasta eile. Is cúis mhór áthais dúinn go léir é sin. Bimis dóchasach agus foighneach. Tá Dia láidir agus tá máthair mhaith aige. Tá an vacsaín glactha ag roinnt mhaith den daonra faoi láthair agus le cúnaimh Dé cuirfear deireadh leis an paindéimeach go luath amach anseo, agus beidh seans againn go léir filleadh ar ghnáthshaol, saor ó thuilleadh dhianghlása agus sriantachta agus bheith i gcomhlúadar ar gairde. Is féidir iarraidh ar an Mhaighdean Mhuire teacht i gcabhair orainn agus an Choróin Mhuire a rá i rith mí na Bealtaine atá tiomnaithe dí. Idir an dá linn is féidir linn machnamh an phaidir seo ó Naomh Treasa d' Avila a rá.

*"Ná cuireadh aon rud isteach ort.  
Ná biodh aon rud ag cur eagla ort,  
Níl i in aon rud ach seal  
Ní athraíonn Dia riamh,  
Foighne is fear ar gach rud,  
Níl easnamh ar. ar dhuine gur gaire dó Dia*

Many of the restrictions that have been in place since the beginning of the year have been eased but the Health Service Executive says that the public must be vigilant because Covid-19 may still pose a threat. Personal responsibility and proper behaviour will keep us safe. From tomorrow 10 May we can attend Mass and other Church Services. Let us be optimistic. Nothing is impossible to God. Many have received the vaccine and soon we will have the opportunity to return to normal life, free from restrictions and be in the company of our friends. We can ask Our Lady to come to our aid and pray the Rosary during the month of May which is devoted to her. In the meantime, we can reflect on the words of Saint Teresa of Avila.

*Let nothing disturb you,  
Let nothing frighten you,  
All things are passing by;  
God never changes.  
Patience obtains all things  
Whoever has God lacks nothing;  
God alone suffices. Amen*

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, 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 10:25-26.34-35.44-48

As Peter reached the house, Cornelius went  
out to meet him, knelt at his feet and  
prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up.  
'Stand up', he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth  
I have now come to realise', he said, 'is that  
God does not have favourites, but that  
anybody of any nationality who fears God and  
does what is right is acceptable to him'.

While Peter was still speaking the Holy  
Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish  
believers who had accompanied Peter were  
all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit  
should be poured out on the pagans too, since  
they could hear them speaking strange  
languages and proclaiming the greatness of  
God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone  
refuse the water of baptism to these people,  
now they have received the Holy Spirit just as  
much as we have?' He then gave orders for  
them to be baptised in the name of Jesus  
Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on  
for some days.

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

*Response:*

*The Lord has shown his salvation to the  
nations.*

Sing a new song to the Lord  
For He has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
Have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
Has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
For the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
Ring out your joy. **R.**

## A reading from the first letter of St. John.

1 Jn 4:7-10

My dear people,  
let us love one another since love comes  
from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God  
and knows God.  
Anyone who fails to love can never have  
known God,  
because God is love.  
God's love for us was revealed  
when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him;  
this is the love I mean: not our love for God,  
but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

### The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*If anyone loves me, he will keep my word and  
my Father will love him,*

*And we shall come to him.'*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have  
loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will  
remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's  
commandments

and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may  
be in you

and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.  
You are my friends, if you do what I  
command you.

I shall not call you servants any more,  
because a servant does not know his  
master's business;

I call you friends, because I have made  
known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you;  
and I commissioned you to go out and to  
bear fruit,

fruit that will last; and then the Father will  
give you anything you ask him in my  
name.

What I command you is to love one  
another.'

### 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

**If you love me, keep my commandments,  
says the Lord, and I will ask the Father  
and he will send you another Paraclete,  
to abide with you for ever, Alleluia**