

ENNIS PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mass Times

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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-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

Cathedral & Friary

Cathedral: Monday to Friday 7pm to 7.25pm

Saturday after the Vigil Mass

Friary: Tuesday to Saturday 11-12 noon & 4-5pm

Baptisms

Can be booked through the Parish Office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place

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

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First Sunday of Advent

(Year C) 28th November, 2021

Robert was in poor health for much of his life suffering serious bronchial trouble and was in the care of a nurse during his youth in Edinburgh. The story is told how one night his nurse found him with his nose pressed against the frosty pane of his bedroom window. Many of you can no doubt identify with that as a child. The nurse naturally tried to get him away from the window afraid he would catch his death of cold. Robert was staring our mesmerised as he watched the old lamp lighter slowly working his way through the black night lighting each gas street lamp along the way and pointing to the scene Robert Said *"Look there's a man poking holes in the darkness"* a wonderful image of a cold dark foggy night in Edinburgh lit up over 150 years ago. And yet this is an image we can claim and adapt for ourselves as we make our own journey through the great season of Advent. We've just lit our own first Advent candle.

Advent is an enduring proclamation that in Christ and through Christ light overcomes the deepest darkness. We welcome Christ our light into the centre of our being and we are invited to share his light his goodness with family, friends and community wishing to receive it. One of the outstanding images of is that of the Advent wreath.

It's circular shape with no beginning and no end symbolises the eternity of God.

In the midst of the winter bleakness, its evergreen reminds us of the everlasting life we have in Christ. While any pine cones in the wreath reminds us of new life and Resurrection.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent and purple is the colour of prayer and penance.



Like Robert Louis Stevenson looking out his frosty bedroom window all those years ago at the lamp-lighter as he said *"poking holes in the darkness"* so our wreath this Advent will also poke holes in the darkness as it's light builds over the course of the weeks while we make our Advent pilgrimage. **As winter leans deeper into darkness we are ever invited to lean deeper into the light, Christ the light of the world.**



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Terry & Martin Barry, Clonroad.
 Nora McNamara, Ard na Gréine.
 Martin Browne, Gallows Hill & Pat Killeen, Inch.
 Michael & Mary Doherty & Family, McNamara Pk.

Sun 28th 8am: Holy Souls.
9.30am: Paddy Clohessy, Loughville. 1st Anniv.
 John Davoren, Kilcorney, Kilfenora.
 Mary (May) Traynor, Cappahard, Tulla Rd.
 Mary & Cronan Griffin, Ennis.
 Mary & Michael Hayes, Loughville.
 Betty Devanney, Kilmurray, Sixmilebridge.

11.30am: Michael Griffin, Clarecastle & Ennis.
 Mark Lacey, College Green,
 Walter & Maureen Bridgeman, Quin.
 Monsignor Patrick McDonnell, Ennis & Florida.

Mon 7.40am: Elaine Lampiere Molony
 & Donna Lampiere, Kilrush Rd.

11am: Justin Coleman, Cork.
 Mary O'Leary, Kilfenora.

7.30pm: Eileen & Mick Keane, McNamara Park.
 Jimmy Cronin, Clonroad.
 Noel McCullagh, Doora.
 Patrick & Lily Greene, Clonroad.
 Denis Heaslip, Knocktopher, Kilkenny.
 Christopher & Michael Molony family,
 McNamara Park.

Tues:7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: Holy Souls
7.30pm: Cyril Lynch, Sunnyside, Circular Rd.1st Anniv.
 Julie Guilfoyle, Honan's Terrace;
 Tossie Guilfoyle, Marian Ave.

Wed:7.40am: Holy Souls.
11am: Ned Monahan, Bramble Lane, Limerick Rd.
 Kathleen Fallon, Roscommon.

7.30pm: Noelie Ryan, Summerhill.

Thurs 7.40am: Special Intention.
11am: Holy Souls
7.30pm: Eileen, Michael, Leo, John, Mattie &
 Ollie Byrnes, Doolin.

Fri:7.40am Mass for the People.
11am: Marian Guinnane, Niall Phillips, Tommy,
 George & Maura Guilfoyle, Ennis.

7.30pm: Derrick Griffin, Francis St. MM.

Sat:11am: Paddy & Kitty Casey, College Park.
 Marian Rice Carmody, Circular Rd.& Kilkishen.
 Tim Flanagan, 'Rockmount House'.
 Patrick & Brid Coughlan, Labassheda.

6.30pm: McEnery Family, Hermitage.
 Cathy Chun, London & Ennis.
 Margaret Counihan, Fergus Lawn.
 Michael Quinn & Deceased Family.
 Sabrina Glynn, Iniscarragh & Dublin. MM

Sun 5th 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: Cyril Crew, Hermitage. MM.
 Tommy & Alice Fitzpatrick, Larchill.

11.30am: Dan Neylon, Ballymaley. MM.
 Peggy Malone, Dalcassian Drive.
 Kitty Hanrahan & Dan Herbert, Dalcassian Drive.
 Seán & Vera Moloney, 'Rahona', Tulla Rd.
 John & Susan McCarthy, Ballybeg.
 Daniel Neylon, Ballymaley. MM
 Paddy & Mary Cullinan, Tubber, Galway.
 White family, Hermitage.

Friary Office



Our opening hours have changed:
Monday to Friday
9.30am to 5.30pm
Saturday 9.30am-1.30pm

Chapter and Verse

When visiting a library do you ever think of some of the sayings and expressions connected with books? We speak about the end of a chapter, and of somebody's life being a closed book, or, much better, an open one. Best of all is the phrase 'to turn over a new leaf; meaning a new page. It's good to know that when a story gets boring one can simply turn to the next page! Similarly, in life, we can at any time put the past behind us and start again with a clean sheet. During this time of Advent, as weekly we light a new candle in the Advent Wreath, let us also turn over a new leaf in our Christmas Story.



St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Margaret Twomey, Mellor, Blackburn.
Sun 28th 10am: Hugh, Frances & Mary Gilmore, Drumcliffe Rd.
11.45am: Eddie Ryan, Clancy Pk.
Mon 10.30am: McNamara & Hickey families, Limerick & Clare.
Wed 10.30am: Claire Roberts, Clonroad.
Fri 10.30am: Patrick Kilker, St. Senan's Rd.
Sat 10.30am: Stephen Madden, Bridget & Martin O'Regan, Kincora Park.
7pm: Martin Fitzpatrick, The Green, Lifford Rd.
Sun 5th 10am: Martin & Paul Byrnes, Gort Rd
 Suzanne Reilly, Corrovorrin Crescent.MM.
11.45: Maura Beakey, Cahercalla Estate.

Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 28th 11am: Mary & Thomas Darcy, Castlerock, Tulla Rd.
 John Bannon, Loughville, Lahinch Rd. 1st Anniv.
Mon 9.30am: Marie Hogan & family, Shanaway Rd.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Jack Daly, Kildare.
Fri 9.30am: Joe Reuther, New York.
Sun 5th 11am: Martin Joseph McNulty, Hermitage.

Ennis Parish Office, now has available a large selection of Religious, Christmas, Baptismal Gifts, Candles, Cribs, Advent Calendars and much more.

All proceeds to Ennis Parish Restoration Fund.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €100, €100, €100
 We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.
 All contributions for this work are very much

Newly Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:
 Callie Clancy,
 Dylan Adam Hyland

Clare Crusaders Christmas Fare: Auburn Lodge Sun 28th Nov 12pm - 4pm. Books. Hampers, Jewellery, Toys, Fashion accessories & cosmetics. Visit Santa. All Welcome. Covid Guidelines will be strictly followed. Also Clare Crusaders Children's Clinic Charity Christmas Cards are now on Sale. Beautifully designed cards by local artist Rachel McManus are available for sale at the Clare Crusaders Clinic in Barefield or Call 0656896015 to arrange postage. All proceeds to the Charity.

**Ennis Parish
 Development Fund
 for Sunday 21st November
 Fund: €2,655
 Online payments: €35.00**

St Paul's Sunday Missal 2022

The Sunday Missal for 2022 containing all the readings and prayers for the coming year are for sale for €8 in the parish office. An ideal Christmas Gift for housebound parishioners who watch or listen to mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Monday to Friday from 5pm to 7pm in Cathedral

Bishop Fintan will bless the new **Grotto of Remembrance** in the grounds of Cloughleigh Church after 11am Mass on Sunday Dec 5th. All are welcome.

The Jesse/Advent Tree

This weekend the first Sunday of Advent our churches are adorned with the Advent Jesse Tree. The Christmas Tree has become such a part of our Christmas Celebrations and its Christian significance can be understood through the Jesse Tree.



The Jesse Tree, a tree that is decorated at the beginning of Advent represents Old Testament Events from Creation to the birth of Jesus. The Jesse tree is really an Advent Tree anticipating the coming of Christmas. Please take time during these Advent days to visit and see the Jesse Tree.

Our thanks to O'Connor's Vegetable Shop, Market St for supplying the tree.

Advent by Candlelight



Join us on Sunday next 5th December at 7pm for a selection of Advent Hymns, Poetry & Music performed by familiar faces and voices.

The candlelight evening will see Ennis Cathedral Musicians and singers tell the story of Advent through music and song.

Entry is free but donations if desired to the Cathedral Renovation appeal.

Christmas Tea Bags

One of the most important fundraisers for the Cathedral Renovation Appeal is the sale of our tea bags for Christmas.

This little gift of a tea bag in a bag that you hang on your tree and pour at half past three on Christmas Day is very popular as a gift to share with family and friends or simply put into your Christmas Cards.

The tea bags are available both in the Parish Office and Friary Offices and selected shops throughout the town. Buy one for €3 or two for €5



Christmas Food Appeal 2021



Christmas Time is the busiest time for both St. Vincent de Paul and Clarecare who co-ordinate and share food parcels donated by the public. However this Christmas they are asking the public that instead of buying a physical toy or items of food, that they buy a voucher or make a cash donation. Please **do not** leave food parcels or toys at the Jesse Trees in our Churches this year.

Rest in Peace

Michael Griffin, Glen Gardens;

Pauline Queally, Limerick Rd;

Agnes Halpin (née Nolan) - Limerick rd., Newmarket-on-Fergus & formerly of Shanaway rd., Ennis;

Mary Reidy, Kincora Pk;

Joe Fennell, Gort Rd.;

Kathleen Butler nee Preston, Shannon, Crusheen & Ennis, sister of Teresa larkin, Lahinch Rd;

Padraig Crimmins, Newmarket on Fergus, father of Raymond, Springfield;

Seán Kerins, late of Ardahan & Swords, Co. Dublin;

Kathleen Butler, Shannon, sister of Teresa Larkin, Lahinch Rd.;

Paddy Tubridy, Cree, brother of Girlie Stembridge, Morrissey Ave & Monica Farrell, Cahercalla Estate;

*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.*



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Aidbhint.

Inniu an chéad Domhnach den Aidbhint agus tá bliain úr, nua na hEaglaise ag tosú agus ár naird dírithe ar chomhlíonadh phean Dé nuair a thiofadh a ríocht. Agus sinne Críostaithe ag feitheamh le Dia, ní le Dia anaithnid éigin, ach Dia dofheicthe a d'fhoilsigh é féin agus atá linn i gcónaí go deireadh an tsaol i gCríost agus sa Spiorad Naomh. Is ionann feitheamh le Dia dúinn agus feitheamh le comhlíonadh ghealltanais Dé, teacht ríocht Dé, ríocht shíoraí gan teorainn, ríocht na firinne agus na beatha, ríocht na naofachta agus an ghrásta, ríocht an chirt, an ghrá agus na síochána.

Le linn na hAidbhinte ba chóir dúinn iarracht a dhéanamh chun bealach an Tiarna a réiteach agus cúl a thabhairt dár bpeacaí ionas go mbeimid in ann fáilte a chur roimhe nuair a thiofadh Sé. *Guimis: A Dhia, a Athair uilechumhachtaigh, impímid ort as ucht do thrócaire, bí taobh linn i gcónaí le cabhair an Spioraíd Naomh. Go dtuga Féile tréimhse na hAidbhinte lúcháir, sonas agus síocháin dúinn féin, dár muintir agus don tír eile. Sin é ár nguí chugat trí Chríost ár dTiarna. Áiméan.*

Today is the first Sunday in Advent; the beginning of a new Liturgical Year. Our attention is focused on the fulfilment of God's plan for us when His kingdom will come.

As Christians we are waiting for God, not some unknown God but an invisible God who has revealed himself and is with us always to the end of time in Christ and the Holy Spirit. Waiting for God means waiting for the fulfilment of God's promise, the coming of God's kingdom, an eternal kingdom of justice, love and peace. During Advent we ought to follow the way of the Lord and repent of our sins so that we can welcome Jesus when He comes. We pray: *Almighty God in your mercy, be with us always with the help of the Holy Spirit. May the season of Advent be a time of joy, happiness, peace for each of us, our people and the country. We make our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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 prophet Jeremiah Jr 33:14-16

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth,
and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. R.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path;
He teaches his ways to the poor. R.

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will.

The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. R.

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

1 Thess 3:12 - 4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lk 21:25-28.34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be

coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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 Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.