

# 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 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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Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

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

Third Sunday of Advent Year C 12th December, 2021

## Gaudete Sunday

### Lest we Forget

The Poet Kipling wrote:

*'Lord God of Hosts  
be with us yet lest we forget'*

Our journey through the Advent season is in preparation for the Christmas Feast, the coming of Christ on earth. Historically this is a most sacred event and challenges us to reflect on our inner life of faith and the true meaning of the event.

The past year was marked by the great challenge of Covid and while we are still battling with this, a statement from a rural farmer recently said *'we have battled worse than this and it will not beat us as we approach Christmas. We will still kill the turkey and light a candle in the window'*.

Advent is still all that it promotes commercially but more so because it assures us that we are again preparing to welcome Christ into our lives and our communities. Culturally things may have changed from our former traditions. There was a time when the Christmas season dictated what we should do

and how we should celebrate but today's society is permeated by secularism and individualism that discourages social participation in every form including religious and social values.

That's the world that we live in and struggle with but still Christmas is more than a passive feast. It celebrates the coming of Christ to renew a broken world. It is also a time for personal reflection on where we are going ourselves in relation to God and our own spirituality. With all the complexities of living today overshadowed by Covid we can easily lose track of the fundamentals of our human existence.



Our thoughts and prayers are especially called for the safety of medical people at the front line in the face of the epidemic.

This Sunday is also Gaudete Sunday when we are invited to rejoice as a Christian community anticipating with hope that this Christmas will be one of meaning and prudent responsibility that we share with one another.



# Priest on Duty 12th December 2021

Contact: Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick 065 6869098



## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**6.30pm:** Bridget, Michael & PJ Quinn, Hermitage.  
Liam Slattery & Torpey Family, St. Michael's Villas.  
Dr. Donough Moylan, Bindon St.  
Anthony Shannon, Coopers' Place.  
Aine Kerin McLaughlin, Perth & Beechpark. **MM**  
Paddy & Amy Molloy, Dalcassian Pk.

**Sun 12th 8am:** Leyden Family, Carmody St.  
& Cloughleigh Rd.

**9.30am:** Paddy & Maura Keane, Kilrush Rd.  
Eileen & Jack O'Donovan, Turnpike Rd.;  
Nellie Ryan nee O'Donovan, Co. Limerick.

**11.30am:** Marie Sheridan, Canterbury, UK. **MM**.  
Patrick Molloy, Dalcassian Park.  
Ignatius McCarthy, Tulla Rd.  
Jim Whyms, Cusack Rd.  
Michael Hanrahan Corrovorrin Grove;  
Paddy & Ciss Hanrahan, St. Michael's Villas.  
Dano Lynch, Dalcassian Pk.

**Mon: 7.40am:** Brigid & John Stokes, Limerick.  
Special Intention.

**11am:** Don Farrell, Cahercalla Estate.

**7.30pm:** Loreto Ryan, Shallee Drive.

**Tues: 7.40am** Book of Intentions.

Ann & John McNamara, Corofin.

**11am:** Denis, Mary & Pat Joe Kelly, Kanturk, Connolly;  
Michael McGuane, Corrovorrin Drive.

**7.30pm:** Ella Burke, Phoenix Court & Mill Rd.  
Frank Fox & family, Ennis.

Maria Ryan nee Browne, College Rd. & Tipperary.

**Wed 7.40am:** Michael Stokes, Limerick.

**11am:** Ramsey family, Athlone.

**7.30pm:** Frank Kears, Connolly Villas.

Decd. Memb. St. VDP Society, friends & benefactors  
of the Society.

**Thurs 7.40am:** Special Intention.

**11am:** Special Intention.

Retired and deceased primary teachers in Co. Clare.

**7.30pm:** Con & Mary O'Halloran & family,  
Maghera, Carrahan.

Michael, Mgt & Martin Fitzpatrick, St. Patrick's Tce.

**Fri 7.40am:** Mass for the People.

**11am:** Brian, Tessie & Brian Jnr Kelly, Limerick Rd.  
Vivian & Thomas Lee, Gallows Hill,  
Fr. Jim Kennedy & deceased Kennedy Family.  
Mass for St. Flannan's Day.

**7.30pm:** Pauline Queally, Limerick Rd. **MM**

**Sat: 11am:** Colin Barton, Cahercalla Heights. **1st Anniv**

**6.30pm:** Frank & Tess White, Clare Rd.

Marie O'Loughlin, Castlewood Pk. & Rita Hanrahan,  
Chicago.

**Sun 19th 8am:** No Intention booked.

**9.30am:** Tom Lorrigan, College Pk.

Donal O'Brien, Turnpike Rd.

Patrick Quinn, London & Edenvale.

Peggy Kearney, Summerhill.

**11.30am:** Mary Kierse, Loughville. **MM**

Frances McInerney, Parnell St. & Park Avenue.

Donal Cahill, Hazlegrove, Roslevan.

Peggy, Bernie & Corry family, Loughville.

Gerard Clune, Clooney, Quin.

Maureen Martin, Woodstock.

## Newly Baptised

*We welcome into the Christian  
Community through the Sacrament  
of Baptism:*

**Anthony Bernie  
McDonagh**

**Kimberley Janice  
McDonagh**

**Iris Beth Quinn.**

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## Feast of St. Flannan

Bishop Fintan will be principal  
Celebrant of the 11am Mass on  
Friday to celebrate the Feast of our  
Diocesan Patron.

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## St Paul's Sunday Missal 2022

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

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**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.**

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## Retired & Deceased Primary School Teachers

The 11am Mass in the Cathedral  
this Thursday will be offered for  
retired and deceased Primary  
School Teachers of Co. Clare.

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## St. Anthony's Brief Magazine

The latest edition of St. Anthony's  
Brief 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.

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**Found:** Sum of money outside  
the Cathedral on Saturday 4th  
December. Details from Fr. Tom.

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**Readers of the Word:** We  
remind our Readers of the Word  
in the Cathedral to please call to  
the Sacristy to collect new  
Missal for 2022 and their Roster.

## St. Joseph's



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat 7pm:** Martin & Maureen Whyte & Joan Connolly,  
Kincora Park.

**Sun 12th 11.45am:** John & Catherine Behan, Kilkee.

**Mon 10.30am:** Eileen Leydon, London.

**Tues 10.30am:** John McMahon & Bridget Orchard,  
Dysart & Ennis.

**Wed 10.30am:** John Leydon, Sligo.

**Thu 10.30am:** William & Agnes Reidy, Coolmeen.

**Fri 10.30am:** Eileen Queally, Surrey, England.

**Sat 10.30am:** Thomas & Elizabeth Nugent, Scariff.  
Pauline Hanrahan, Shannon Pk. **MM**

**7pm:** Thomas Keating, Inagh.

**Sun 19th 10am:** Sean & Claire McGrath, Lifford Rd.

Catherine & Michael Griffin, Maurices' Mills.

Christy Kearney, "St. Jude's", Kincora Pk.

Marie Walsh, late Gort Rd.

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Training for ministers of the Eucharist, new and  
current, has been deferred until the new year due to  
Covid restrictions; it's still not too late to volunteer for  
this and the ministry of reading.  
Please contact Fr David.

## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 12th 11am:** Mary & Jimmy, Neylon, Cloughleigh Rd.  
Joan Browne, Considine Rd.

**Mon 9.30am:** Special intention.

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

**Fri 9.30am:** Special Intention.

**Sun 19th 11am:** Kathleen Shannon, Cloughleigh Rd.



## 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.

**Cathedral Renovation Appeal.** In the past week  
Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of  
€100, €70, €10.

We thank the many people who have made once  
off contributions to this appeal. All contributions for  
this work are very much appreciated.

## Trócaire Gifts of Love

Trócaire gifts of love brochures are available in the  
Parish Office if you would like to support Trócaire  
this Christmas.

Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday,  
5th December 2021

Fund **€3,317.00**  
Online **€35.00**

## christmas mass schedule 2021 - abbey pastoral area

Christmas Eve		Christmas Day		Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> December Feast of the Holy Family	
4.00pm	Cathedral	8.00am	Cathedral	8.00am	Cathedral
4.30pm	Barefield	9.00am	Roslevan	9.00am	Roslevan
5.00pm	Quin		Clarecastle		Clarecastle
	St. Joseph's		Cloughleigh	9.30am	Cathedral
5.30pm	Cloughleigh	9.30am	Cathedral		Maghera
6.00pm	Roslevan		Maghera	10.00am	Doora
6.30pm	Cathedral	10.00am	Doora		St. Joseph's
7.00pm	Clooney	10.30am	St. Joseph's	10.30am	Ballyea
	St. Joseph's		Ballyea		Friary
7.30pm	Barefield		Friary	11.00am	Barefield
8.00pm	Ballyea	11.00am	Barefield		Cloughleigh
	Clarecastle		Cloughleigh		Quin
	Friary		Quin	11.30am	Cathedral
8.30pm	Cloughleigh	11.30am	Cathedral	11.45am	St. Joseph's
9.00pm	Cathedral	11.45am	St. Joseph's	12 noon	Clarecastle
	Doora	12 noon	Clarecastle		
	Quin		Friary		

### Confessions for Christmas Week

Monday to Thursday		Christmas Eve	
Friary	11.00am to 12.30pm 3.00pm to 5.00pm	Cathedral	10.00am to 4.00pm
Cathedral	7.00pm to 7.20pm	Friary	11.00am to 12.30pm 3.00pm to 5.00pm

### Synodal Pathway



Our time to reflect, discuss and listen. As part of our Diocesan Participation in the 2023 Synod of Bishops, we will be offering opportunities for discussion and listening in the Spring. Before that happens you are invited to visit the Diocesan Synodal Pathway Plan on the Killaloe Diocesan website to learn more about the questions Pope Francis is asking us to reflect on.

### St. Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal



Please support SVP this weekend. Due to covid we are not having a Church door collection. However, you can donate by using special blue envelopes which are placed in the porches at the back of the Churches. These envelopes can be left in to the Parish Office or to the St. Vincent de Paul shop in Carmody Street. Alternatively, you can donate online at [SVP.ie/donate](http://SVP.ie/donate) or by phone on 0818 176.176.

We thank all the volunteers in St. Vincent de Paul for the hours they give to helping those in need. Thank you for your support.

### Join our Big Family Christmas!

By setting your place at the Mary's Meals Big Family Christmas table, you'll help to feed a hungry child for a whole school year for less than €20. You'll get a beautiful digital placemat, featuring the name of your friend or loved one, to email or print out and pass on. Go to [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) to set your place or call Patricia on 086 314 0814. Mary's Meals feeds over 2 million children each school day in 19 of the world's poorest countries. At least 93% of all donations go directly to their charitable activities. Food changes the story; with your help they can make a difference.

### Church Offertory Collection

In accordance with present Covid 19 guidelines and in the interests of public health it is not possible to have the usual basket offertory collection at weekend masses. If you wish to support the parish financially, please do so in the Collection Boxes provided at the church entrances or donate online.

We wish to thank you for your ongoing generosity and making such a huge effort to support the Parish since the onset of Covid.

An example of our expenditure: oil for heating the Cathedral cost the Parish €3,280.15 in the past few days. This is just one example of where your offerings are used in the parish.

### 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. All proceeds to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal.



### Bambinelli Sunday – Baby Jesus



Each year on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, Pope Francis invites children to bring the Baby Jesus ("Bambinelli") from the family crib for a special blessing.

This weekend at all our masses you are invited to bring your Bambinelli for a blessing on your crib in your home this Christmas.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Tríú Domhnach den Aidbhint  
Gaudete!

'Bigí lúcháireach i gcónaí sa Tiarna. Deirim arís é: bíodh lúcháir oraibh. Bíodh bhuir gceansacht le feiceáil ag an saol mór mar ní fada uainn an Tiarna.' (Fil 4:4-5)

Inniu Domhnach Gaudete nó Domhnach na Lúcháire; an tríú Domhnach san Aidbhint nuair a thógann dath rósach na lúcháire in áit chorra an aithri i bhFleasc na hAidbhinte agus i gculaith Aifrin an tsagairt.

Táimid breis agus leathshli tríd an Aidbhint agus iarrtar orainn féachaint ar aghaidh le gairdeas d'Fhéile na Nollag. Lastar an choinneal rósath i bhFleasc na hAidbhinte. Meabhraíonn an t-athrú datha dúinn misneach a bheith againn agus leanúint ar aghaidh lenár n-ullmhúcháin spioradálta go mór mór le paidreoireacht agus le troscadh. Ba é Naomh Eoin Baiste a d'ullmhaigh an bealach don Tiarna. Bíodh sé ina inspioráid againn go léir. Cuireann Eoin Baiste in iúl dúinn inniu go bhfuil an solas tagtha isteach sa saol. Is é Críost an solas. Glac an chomhairle seo a leanas:

*Lean an ríal a lean gach naomh. Lean go críoch i go caoin glan séimh. Is beannacht Dé dhil gheobhaidh tú ar feadh do shaoil is ar neamh de shíor.*

**A Dhia, go dtuga tú neart agus misneach dúinn tréithe fóna a chothú ionainn féin i gcónaí. Aimeán.**

'Rejoice in the Lord always. I say it again: rejoice! Let your dominion be seen by the world, for the Lord is not far from us.' (Phil 4: 4-5)

Today is Gaudete Sunday or Joyful Sunday; the third Sunday in Advent when the rose colour of joy replaces the purple colour of repentance in the Advent Wreath and in the priest's vestments. We are more than halfway through Advent and we are invited to look forward joyfully to Christmas. The pink candle is lighted on the Advent Wreath. The change of colour reminds us to have courage and to continue our spiritual preparation especially by prayer and fasting. Saint John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord. Let him be an inspiration for us. He reminds us today that a light has come into the world. Christ is that light. Take the following advice:

*Follow the rule followed by every saint. Follow it tenderly, freely, gently. And God will shower his blessings on you in your life and in heaven too.*

**Lord, grant us strength and courage that we may always nurture in ourselves goodness and virtue. Amen**

**A Dhia, go dtuga tú neart agus misneach dúinn tréithe fóna a chothú ionainn féin i gcónaí. Aimeán.**

### RIP

Marie Cooke (nee Healy),

Clareview, Limerick & Summerhill.

Pat Cronin (née Scales), Malahide, Dublin & Ennis.

Vincent Carey, Dublin & Ennis.

William Bloomfield, Glensheen

Ellen Murphy (née Curtin), late of Rossroe, Kilmurry, Sixmilebridge,

Hugh O'Donnell, Shannon & late Steele's Terrace;



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.

### 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 Zephaniah Zp 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your

midst; you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to  
Jerusalem;

Zion, have no fear,

do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you,

he will renew you by his love;

he will dance with shouts of joy for you

As on a day of festival.

### The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

*Response: Sing and shout for joy*

*For great in your midst is the Holy One  
of Israel*

Truly, God is my salvation,

I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,

He became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water

From the wells of salvation.

R

Give thanks to the Lord,

give praise to his name!

Make his mighty deeds known

to the peoples!

Declare the greatness of his name.

R

Sing a psalm to the Lord

For He has done glorious deeds,

Make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy

For great in your midst

is the Holy One of Israel.

R

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians Ph 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in  
the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your  
happiness. Let your tolerance be evident  
to everyone: the Lord is very near. There  
is no need to worry; but if there is any-  
thing you need, pray for it, asking God for  
it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that  
peace of God, which is so much greater  
than we can understand, will guard your  
hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

### The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The spirit of the Lord has been given to  
me.*

*He has sent me to bring good news to the  
poor.*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel ac- cording to Luke Lk 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What  
must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone  
has two tunics he must share with the  
man who has none, and the one with  
something to eat must do the same.'  
There were tax collectors too who came  
for baptism, and these said to him,  
'Master, what must we do?' He said to  
them, 'Exact no more than your rate.'  
Some soldiers asked him in their turn,  
'What must we do?' He said to them, 'No  
intimidation! No extortion! Be content with  
your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown  
among the people, who were beginning  
to think that John might be the Christ, so  
John declared before them all, 'I baptise  
you with water, but someone is coming,  
someone who is more powerful than I

am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of  
his sandals; he will baptise you with the  
Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan  
is in his hand to clear his threshing-  
floor and to gather the wheat into his  
barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire  
that will never go out.' As well as this,  
there were many other things he said  
to exhort the people and to announce  
the Good News to them.

## The Gospel of the Lord

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father al-  
mighty, 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 bur-  
ied, 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 Fa-  
ther and the Son is adored and glori-

fied, who has spoken through the

prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and ap-  
ostolic 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

Say to the faint of heart:

Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come,

And he will save us.