

# 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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Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C 19th December, 2021

**It is still Advent but who is listening to the call of the prophet to prepare a way for the Lord these days?** The reality for most is that this time of year brings so many contrasts in life.

Much ado about preparations and celebrations to come. But also perhaps there is a fear in many of disappointment, of dissatisfaction, a stress in relationships cloud the season, the sadness of sickness or death has touched your lives and so Christmas is a remote island to you.

Whatever your situation, Jesus speaks to you today. God speaks to you today through scriptures. In that glorious first reading from Micah, the promise of the Christ-child is laid before you. He is to be the good shepherd who looks after his flock caring for them, caring for you. He will be peace says Micah; who can refuse such a great gift and who among us does not ultimately want that gift? This is the sign that we offer one another, not my peace but that of the Good Shepherd, that of Jesus the

Christ. Because what Jesus offers on coming into the world is God's desire. As we hear in the letter to the Hebrews, God takes pleasure not in sacrifice or blood offerings but peace and unity.



It is why the child leaps in Elizabeth's womb. It is a symbol of how our hearts lift when you get a promise that it will be alright. Life may be dark or uncertain but it will be alright. Peace will come and that promise of God is made real through our belief in the Christ-child. And even if we find it difficult to believe then do nothing this week except hear God's word spoken and made real.

**The birth we celebrate next weekend is that of Him who is Peace. Join us for our celebrations; join us for hope, for joy to be re-kindled, join us just for your own peace. And know that God's desire for you is that you will live secure.**

**Priest on Duty 19th December 2021**  
**Fr. David Carroll 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**6.30pm:** Frank & Tess White, Clare Rd.  
 Marie O'Loughlin, Castlewood Pk. & Rita Hanrahan, Chicago.  
 Noel Scanlan, Willow Pk.

**Sun 19th 8am:** Bridie & Jeoff Molyneaux, Maurices' Mills & Manchester.

**9.30am:** Tommy 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.  
 Dan Baker, Barrack St.

**Mon: 7.40am:** Special Intention.

**11am:** Christine O'Sullivan, Shragh.  
 Paddy & Kitty Tubridy, Clahanmore, Cree.  
 Special Intention.

**7.30pm:** No intention booked.

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

**11am:** Susan & John Bannon, Loughville..

**7.30pm:** Thomas, Agnes & Simon Cox, Limerick Rd;  
 Carmel & Billy Whelan, Loughville.  
 Michael O'Brien, Ballybeg.  
 Jackie, Patricia, Declan, Ann Hayes,  
 Phylis O'Grady, McNamara Pk.

**Wed 7.40am:** John & Bridget Hutchinson, Leeds.

**11am:** Frank Hogan, St. Flannan's Terrace.  
 Stephen & Ellen O'Sullivan, Cork;  
 Stephen O'Sullivan, Ruan.  
 John Costin, Gallows Hill.

**7.30pm:** Paddy & Mary Shanahan, St. Michael's Villas.  
 Joe Callinan, Gallows Hill.

**Thurs 7.40am:** No intention booked.

**11am:** Elizabeth Holmes & Bernard Kennedy.

**7.30pm:** Mike & Lana McNamara, Carrigaholt.  
 Mgt & Jim Butler, Clonroad & decd family.  
 Mary, John & Gerard Davoren, Kilcorney, Kilfenora.

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

**11am:** Thomas & Margaret Collins, Honan's Tce.  
 Nurse Duggan, Francis St.

**Sun 26th 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** Gertrude Vaughan, The Market, Ennis.  
 Dan & Mary Doorty, Tulla Rd.  
 Stella Collins.

**11.30am:** Gerard O'Meara, Tulla Rd.  
 Pat Stevens, Summerhill.  
 Joe Daly, College Rd.  
 Bernard McNeill, Limerick Rd.  
 Mary Fitzgerald, St. Flannan's Tce.  
 Jim Harnett, Rockmount.

**4pm:** Decd memb St. Michael's FC

Happy  
 Christmas  
 to  
 all  
 parishioners  
 &  
 visitors to our  
 Parish.

**Carols by Candlelight  
 at  
 Knock Basilica**

On this Sunday live at Knock Basilica on this Sunday night live at 8pm on:  
[www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live)



**RIP**

**Seamus Guinnane,**  
 Fountain Cross;

**Richard Levis,** Ennis  
 & Wicklow



**St. Joseph's**



**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat 7pm:** Thomas Keating, Inagh.  
**Sun 19th 10am:** Catherine & Michael Griffin, Maurices' Mills.  
**11.45am:** Sean & Claire McGrath, Lifford Rd.  
 Chrissie Kearney, "St. Judes", Kincora Pk.  
 Marie Walsh, late Gort Rd.  
**Tues 10.30am:** Thanksgiving Mass.  
**Wed 10.30am:** Michael Kearns, Galway.  
**Thu 10.30am:** Maura Nevin nee Considine, Corrovorrin Crescent.  
**Fri: No 10.30am Mass**  
**Sun 26th 10am:** Michael Keane, Fergus Lawn.  
**11.45am:** Pauline Horgan, Tobartaoscain.

**Confessions**

**Monday to Thursday  
 Friary 11am — 12noon  
 &  
 3pm — 5pm**

**Cathedral 7pm — 7.25pm**

**Friday Christmas Eve  
 Cathedral 10am — 4pm  
 Friary 11am — 12noon  
 &  
 3pm — 5pm**

**Parish Envelopes & Calendars**

Distribution of parish envelopes for 2022 and our parish calendar began in the last few days and hopefully will be complete in the coming days. We are most grateful to the volunteers who distribute the boxes of envelopes and our office staff who prepare the boxes. These boxes enable us to make a claim to Revenue each year for tax rebates.

**Cathedral Restoration Appeal.** In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €100, €50, €50, €10.

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

**Correction**

A recent piece on the Immaculate Conception in the newsletter mistakenly linked it to The Annunciation where the Angel Gabriel visited Mary with the news that she was to be the mother of Jesus. The Immaculate Conception is a teaching of the church that Mary, through the grace of God, was without sin from the moment of her own conception.

**St. Vincent de Paul Appeal**

The blue envelopes issued last weekend can be returned to the St. Vincent de Paul shop in Carmody St or to the Parish Office.



**Cloughleigh**



**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sun 19th 11am:** Kathleen Shannon, Cloughleigh Rd.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Wed 9.30am:** Patrick Crowe, Knockerra.

### Festive Carols



Please join Ennis Cathedral singers, musicians and readers for an hour of festive music, carols and poetry, on Monday, 27th December at 6pm. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the season we welcome you to sit back, reflect and enjoy the music of this celebratory season. Entry free but donations, if desired, to Cathedral Renovation fund.

Unfortunately we are unable to hold our **Advent Reconciliation Service** this year. However on Monday Evening in the Cathedral, Mass will have a reconciliation theme which may help you to prepare to receive the Sacrament in the coming week.

Confessions are available daily in the Cathedral from 7pm to 7.20pm and in the Friary from 11am-12.30 & 3pm-5pm.

On Christmas Eve confessions will be available from 10-4pm in the Cathedral.

If you're unable to attend Mass on Monday why not use this reflection as part of your preparation?

Lord, in these days before Christmas help us to remain focused on what you desire of us. May our spirits be quiet enough to welcome you. Slow us down when we want to speed up. Move us toward that quiet pool of peace inside of us, where we can be attentive and near you in all we are and do. Protect us from whatever drives peace away. Anchor us in your love. Amen

### Priests' Christmas Collection

The Christmas Collection for the Bishop & Priests of the parish will take place at all masses on Christmas Eve /Christmas Day. Your support and generosity are very much appreciated. Envelopes are now available in all church porches and can be returned during the week. We thank you for your great kindness to us, your priests.



### Share a cup of warm wishes on Christmas Day



Tea bags in specially designed bags available at Parish & Friary Offices and selected local outlets €3 for one & two for €5.

An ideal Christmas decoration or included in a Christmas Card.

All proceeds to Cathedral Restoration Appeal.

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Goal Mile Ennis will take place in the Fairgreen in Ennis on Christmas Day from 11am to 1pm



**Advent**

## Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

An Ceathrú Domhnach den Aidbhint.

Inniu an ceathrú Domhnach den Aidbhint agus ceiliúrfar Breith Íosa ar fud an domhain ar an Satharn seo chugainn. Tá an feitheamh thart nach mór agus comhlíonadh na Nollag buailte linn. "Seo mar a deir an Tiarna: "Tusa, a Bethlehem Efrata, bíodh is gur beag le rá thú i measc treibheanna Judah, is asat-sa a thiocfaidh, dom-sa, an té a bheidh os cionn Israel" (Micah 5:2)

Is féidir linn teachtaireacht na Nollag a mheabhú dúinn féin agus machnamh a dhéanamh ar an gcéad Nollaig. Bhí an tSlánaitheoir geallta don chine daonna agus rugadh é breis agus dhá mhíle bliain ó shin. Lonraigh a sholas sa dorchadas. Chan na haingil leis na haoirí an chéad oíche Nollag "ná bíodh eagla oraibh; óir féach, tá dea-scéala agam daoibh, a chuirfidh áthas mór ar an bpobal uile, rugadh slánaitheoir daoibh"(Lúcas 2:10). Lastar coinneal gheal san fhuinneog mar chomhartha go bhfuil fáilte roimh an Leambh Íosa, Muire agus Íosaef, ní amháin inár dtithe ach inár gcroí freisin. Fáilte romhat, a Rí na nAingeal! *Síocháin an Naí Íosa a gealladh do lucht na dea-thola go raibh ag cách an Nollaig seo agus san Athbhliain. Áiméan.*

Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent and the Birth of Jesus will be celebrated worldwide on Saturday next. The waiting is almost over.

This is how the Lord speaks:

"But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days."(Micah 5 :2 )

We can reflect on the first Christmas and its true meaning. The Saviour was promised and born in a stable in Bethlehem more than two thousand years ago. A light shone in the darkness. The Angels sang to the shepherds on the first Christmas night. "Fear not, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, for unto us this day is born a Saviour." (Luke 2:10) A lighted candle is placed in the window to welcome Mary, Joseph and the Infant Jesus not only in our homes but also in our hearts. Welcome Saviour of the world!  
*May the peace of the Infant Jesus promised to people of good will be with you all this Christmas and in the New Year. Amen.*

Parish Office  
The office will close  
on

Thursday 23rd December at 5pm  
and reopen on  
Tuesday 4th January at 9am

### 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		St. Joseph's	10.30am	Ballyea
	St. Joseph's	10.30am	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	Friary	11.00am to 12.30pm 3.00pm to 5.00pm
Cathedral	7.00pm to 7.20pm				

Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday 12th December 2021  
Fund €2,965.00  
Online €205.00

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above,  
you heavens, and let the clouds rain  
down the Just One;  
Let the earth be opened  
And bring forth a Saviour.

## 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 Micah.

Mi 5:1-4

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
the least of the clans of Judah,  
out of you will be born for me  
the one who is to rule over Israel;  
his origin goes back to the distant  
past,  
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to  
abandon them till the time when  
she who is to give birth gives birth.  
Then the remnant of his brothers  
will come back to the sons of  
Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock  
with the power of the Lord,  
with the majesty of the name of his  
God.

They will live secure, for from then  
on he will extend his power  
to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

*Response: God of hosts,  
bring us back;*

*Let Your face shine on us and we shall  
be saved.*

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
Shine forth from Your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up Your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. *R*

May your hand be on the man  
you have chosen,  
The man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
Give us life that we may  
call upon your name. *R*

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
Look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
The vine Your right hand has planted. *R*

## A reading from the letter to the

Hebrews Heb 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into  
the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or  
oblation,  
prepared a body for me.  
You took no pleasure in  
holocausts or sacrifices for sin;  
then I said,  
just as I was commanded in the  
scroll of the book,  
'God, here I am! I am coming to  
do your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not  
want what the Law lays down as the  
things to be offered, that is: the sacrific-  
es, the oblations, the holocausts and the  
sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleas-  
ure in them; and then he says: Here I  
am! I am coming to obey your will. He is  
abolishing the first sort to replace it with  
the second. And this will was for us to be  
made holy by the offering of his body  
made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the handmaid of the Lord:*

*Let what you have said be done to me.*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 1:39-45

Mary set out and went as quickly as she  
could to a town in the hill country of Ju-  
dah. She went into Zechariah's house  
and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as  
Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the  
child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth

Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of  
all women you are the most blessed, and  
blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why  
should I be honoured with a visit from the  
mother of my Lord? For the moment your  
greeting reached my ears, the child in my  
womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she  
who believed that the promise made her  
by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

## 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 heav-  
en 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 Fa-  
ther 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 apos-  
tolic 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 a virgin shall conceive  
And bear a son;  
And his name will be Emmanuel