

ENNIS PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mass Times

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

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. 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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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Year C 26th December, 2021.



The world famous South African Anglican bishop, Desmond Tutu once said: **"You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them."**

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Holy Family. What do you think of when you hear the word "family?" Family

means people we love and those who love us; those we are connected to through a shared history and experience.

All families have challenges, strengths and areas where they can grow. Family is not about who is in your family or who you consider family as much as it is about how your family functions - how the relationships are. Is there a relationship between husband and wife, between parents and children, between siblings and in laws and with God? Our families should function as that of the holy Family. Today's readings give us some essential elements to build up any relationship and thus to mould our families in the line of the Holy Family.

MUTUAL LOVE

We become members of a family not by our choice but by God. Love between husband and wife, parents and children, brothers and sisters are not based on our likes and dislikes, but is a decision. It is a decision by one to love the other even if the other does not. The promise husbands and wives make at marriage is, *"I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love*

you and honour you all the days of my life." It is a life commitment based not on feelings but on love. Each member of the family should regard one another as God's gift to each other.

MUTUAL TRUST AND HELP

For any successful marriage, it is important to trust one's partner and be faithful to that partner. Trust is the basis of any genuine relationship. Family is a team work. Each member of the family is responsible to keep the family intact. If all the burdens are carried by one person soon that person will break down. **"The strength of a family, like the strength of an army, is in its loyalty to each other."**- Mario Puzo

MUTUAL RESPECT AND PRAYER

Everyone deserves respect. Respect is seen in the way we address one another, behave towards one another and help one another. Our families can be holy only if the members build up their relationship with God through prayer. It is said, **"A family that prays together stays together."** At the marriage of Cana, the presence of Jesus and Mary helped the family to overcome the shortage the family faced. The challenges our families face, the shortages that may occur, can be overcome by the help of Jesus and Mary. If all our families live like the Holy Family of Nazareth what a wonderful world our world would be!

"The union of family lies in love; and love is the only reconciliation of authority and liberty" – R.H. Benson

Priest on Duty 26th December 2021

Fr. Tom Ryan 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Christmas Day
Sun 26th 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: Gertrude Vaughan, The Market, Ennis.
 Dan & Mary Doherty, 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: Deceased members St. Michael's FC
Mon: 11am: Susan & Vincent Crowley;
 Eileen & Willie O'Carroll, deceased Crowley
 & Callinan families, Kilmihil & Cooraclare.
7.30pm: Roger Fox, Clancy Park.
 Paddy, Eileen & Angela Barry, Cahercalla.
Tues 7.40am: No 7.40am Mass.
11am: Una Ryan (nee McNamara), Brookville.
 John, Maisie, Jim & Martin Bradley, Limerick Rd.
 Dan, Peggy, Margaret & Sean Mullins, Ennistymon.
7.30pm: Michéal Frawley, Cahercalla.
Wed 7.40am: No 7.40am Mass.
11am: Eugene K O'Shea, New York. 1st Anniv.
 Susan & Vincent Crowley;
 Eileen & Willie O'Carroll, deceased Crowley &
 Callinan families, Kilmihil & Cooraclare.
7.30pm: Juliet & T. O'Connor, Lahinch Rd.
Thurs 7.40am: No 7.40am Mass.
11am: Mass for the People.
7.30pm: Teresa Murphy, Hermitage. 1st Anniv.
 Vincent McHugh, Clonroad.
Fri 7.40am: No 7.40am Mass.
11am: Bridie Connellan, Cahercalla Wood.
 Michael, Imelda & Johnny Hayes, Rockmount.
 Tess & Joe Kerin, Clonroadmore.
 Dermot O'Halloran, Limerick Rd.
7.30pm: No intention booked.
Sat: 11am: Ann Ryan, Childers Rd.
 Mary & Dan O'Keeffe, Ardlea Rd.
 Tamara Kavanagh, Clooney.
6.30pm: Thomas McMahon, Carmody St.
Sun 2nd 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: No intention booked.
11.30am: Joe Fennell, Gort Rd. MM.
 Michael O'Donoghue, Limerick Rd. & Australia.
 Frank Roughhan, Ballyneillan, Fountain.

Thank You Priests Collection

A word of gratitude to the many people who supported the Priests Christmas Collection. The Bishop and Priests of the parish thank you for your generosity. If you still wish to contribute, you may do so by dropping your contribution in to the box at the porch of the Cathedral, calling to the Parish Office or using the donate button on the Parish Website which is a very safe and secure way to contribute to the support of your priests.

St Michael's Football Club

The Annual St. Stephen's Day Mass will take place in the Cathedral this Sunday Afternoon at 4pm.

Shannon Doc



Out of surgery hours only, their new number is: 0818 123500



Columbarium

Joseph O'Neill from Eternal Columbarium will be available in the Cathedral on Monday & Tuesday 3rd & 4th of January to meet with people who have an interest in reserving a niche in the Columbarium.

To make an appointment please ring 085 2148301

At the time of going to print there are less than 30 niches available.



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

St. Joseph's Church will be closed to the public on Friday 31st December to facilitate HSE training. There will not be any 10.30am Mass. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Sat 7pm: Christmas Day.
Sun 26th 10am: Michael Keane, Fergus Lawn.
11.45am: Paulie Horgan, Tobartaoscairn..
Mon 10.30am: Maureen & Paddy Shanahan, St. Senan's Rd.
Tues 10.30am: Dr. Brian Gallagher, Tulla Rd.
 Martin Slattery, Kevin Barry Ave.
Wed 10.30am: Eric McNevin, Corrovorrin Green.
 Mary Reidy, Kincora Pk. MM
Thu 10.30am: Winifred Leyden, Sligo.
Fri 10.30am: .No Mass today due to HSE training.
Sat 10.30am: Maura Hegarty, Elm Park.
7pm: Noel Ballinger, Gort Rd.
Sun 2nd Jan 10am: Breda McMahon, Lifford Rd. 1st Anniv
11.45am: Paddy & Mary Darcy, Arbutus Hse., Glenoir.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal. In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €2,000, €500, €400, €200, €100, \$100, €50, €30.

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

Our thanks to Bella Hehir who donated €360 to the appeal, the proceeds of her sale of Christmas Wreaths.

Masses for Christmas Week

Monday to Friday

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| 10am | Friary |
| 10.30am | St. Joseph's |
| 11am | Cathedral |
| 7.30pm | Cathedral |

Saturday 1st January 2022

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| 10am | Friary |
| 10.30am | St. Joseph's |
| 11am | Cathedral |
| 6.30pm | Cathedral (Vigil) |
| 7pm | St. Joseph's (Vigil) |
| 7.30pm | Friary (Vigil) |

SAMARITANS

People can contact the Samaritans by phoning 116 123, Samaritans, Sunville, Kilrush Road. Ennis

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 26th 11am: No intention booked.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 2nd 11am: Mai Molloy (nee McNamara), Dublin & Ennis.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 19th December 2021

Fund €3,506.00
 Online €285.00

Carols for Christmas



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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Tuesday to Friday
from 5pm to 7pm
in the Cathedral

Praying out the Old—Welcoming the New



On Friday night 31st December in the Cathedral from 11.30pm to 12.15pm an opportunity to pray together in the company of the Blessed Sacrament.

New Box of Parish Envelopes

Our new (blue envelopes) for 2022 begin next weekend. Our thanks to our Parish representatives who helped deliver the boxes before Christmas.

These envelopes since the pandemic have proved to be essential to the financial life of the parish as they ensure a constant flow of income that allows the parish to meet daily current expenditure. If you have not received your new box of envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

New Year's Prayer



Heavenly Father, for this coming year
Just one request I bring.
I do not pray for happiness or any earthly thing.
I do not ask to understand the way you lead me;
But this I ask—teach me to do the thing that
pleases You.
I want to know your guiding voice,
To walk with you each day.
Heavenly Father, make me swift to hear
and ready to obey;
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be,
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleases You."

(Anonymous)

Thank you

What another difficult year and what a difficult Christmas this will be! We are celebrating Christmas differently from what we are used to at this time of year, but maybe the circumstances of the past year will help bring the time meaning more to the fore.

In spite of the pandemic we have enjoyed great support from our parishioners as usual this year. Many thanks to all who support the parish and those who are active in ministry. While our choirs are at rest we have been blessed with wonderful music from a very talented and generous group of individuals who enrich our liturgies during the pandemic.

Our "virtual congregation" continues to grow, joining us via parish radio, webcam and facebook. We are very conscious and grateful for the presence in that way of not only many parishioners but "new parishioners" from all over the world who have made the Cathedral, Friary and St. Joseph's their parish church in the last year.

Thank you to our office, housekeeping, sacristans and caretaking staff and the many volunteers who help each day to make our parish active and vibrant.

To the religious communities of Franciscans, Poor Clare's, Mercy Sisters and Christian Brothers, thank you for your presence, witness and daily prayers for all of us.

As we enter a new year, a new beginning, may we be open to the unexpected, it may reveal hidden treasures.

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

Féile an Teaghlaigh Naofa.

Inniu ceiliúram an Eaglais Féile an Teaghlaigh Naofa. "Agus d'fhás an leanbh agus neartaigh, é lán d'eagna; agus bhí grásta Dé ina lúí air" (Lúcás 2:40.). Ba bhall de chlann é Íosa Críost. D'fhás sé aníos faoi chúram Muire agus Íosaef i Nasaireit. Chuir an Teaghlach Naofa a muinín i nDia agus lean siad a thoil agus chuir siad i gcríoch é ina iomláine. Tugann an Fhéile seo deis dúinn smaoineamh ar Theaghlach Nasaireit agus ar ár dteaghlaigh féin. Más gá déanaimid iarracht bhreise, go háirithe inár dtinteán féin cairdeas agus síocháin a chothú agus a bhunú.

Is mó teachtaireacht atá tugtha ag an bPápa Proinsias don domhan uile maidir le grá Dé agus grá sa teaghlach. Is é seo ceann díobh: "Nach i bhfad níos fearr a bheadh ár saol teaghlaigh dá n-úsáidimis na focail 'le do thoil', 'buíochas leat' agus 'tá cathú orm'." **A Íosa, déan teaghlaigh a dhaingniú i do ghrásta agus i do shíocháin. Aíméan.**

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family "And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him." (Luke 2 :40). Jesus was a member of a family. He grew up in Nazareth in the care of Mary and Joseph. The Holy Family put their trust in God and fulfilled His will. This feast provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the Holy Family of Nazareth and on our own Christian families and if necessary, to endeavour to promote friendship and peace in our own homes.

Pope Francis has delivered many messages to the world regarding God's love and love in the family. He has said "How much better our family life would be if we used the words 'please', 'thank you' and 'I am sorry' .**Jesus, strengthen families with your grace and peace. Amen**

Parish Office
will reopen on
Tuesday 4th January at 9am

RIP

Maura Harrold, Liscannor, sister of Betty Keane, St Senan's Road,

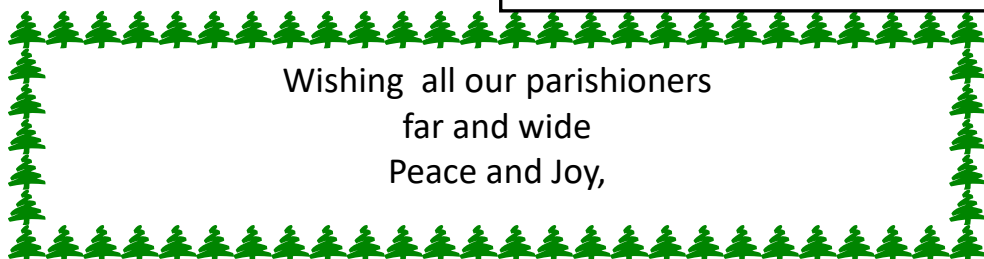
Thomas McMahon, St Philomena's, Lifford Road;

Jozef Bado, Dun Na hInse, Lahinch Road;

Thomas Malcolm Govans, Corrovorrin Crescent;

Fr. Kevin McNamara, Cooraclare;

Mary Cabey, Lios Ard, Tulla Road;



Wishing all our parishioners
far and wide
Peace and Joy,

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph
and the Infant lying in a manger.

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 first book of Samuel.

1 Sm 1:20-22.24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and
called him Samuel, 'since' she said, 'I asked the
Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah
went up again with all his family to offer the
annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow.
Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to
her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned.
Then I will bring him and present him before the
Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with
her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah
of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to
the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was
with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the
child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you
please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the
woman who stood here beside you, praying to the
Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord
granted me what I asked him. Now I make him
over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is
made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for
the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*Response: They are happy who dwell in
your house, O Lord.*

How lovely is Your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,
Is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
To God, the living God.

R

They are happy, who dwell in Your house,
For ever singing Your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in You;
They walk with ever growing strength.

R

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
Give ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
Look on the face of your anointed.

R

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

1 Jn 3:1-2.21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished
on us, by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge
him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children
of God but what we are to be in the future
has not yet been revealed; all we know is,
that when it is revealed we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be con-
demned by our own conscience, we need not
be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we
ask him we shall receive, because we keep
his commandments and live the kind of life
that he wants. His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus
Christ and that we love one another
as he told us to do.

Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,

To accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lk 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to
Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover.

When he was twelve years old, they went up
for the feast as usual. When they were on
their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus
stayed behind in Jerusalem without his par-

ents

knowing it. They assumed he was with the
caravan, and it was only after a day's journey
that they went to look for him among their rela-
tions and acquaintances. When they failed to
find him they went back to Jerusalem looking
for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Tem-
ple, sitting among the doctors, listening to
them, and asking them questions; and all those
who heard him were astounded at his intelli-
gence and his replies. They were overcome
when they saw him, and his mother said to
him, 'My child, why have you done this to us?
See how worried your father and I have been,
looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for
me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must
be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did
not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to
Nazareth and lived under their authority. His
mother stored up all these things in her heart.
And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and
in favour with God and men

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 for-
giveness of sins and I look forward to the res-
urrection of the dead and the life of the world to
come.

Amen.

Communion Antiphon

**Our God has appeared on the earth,
and lived among us.**