

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS (YEAR C) 2nd January, 2022

The Word, Jesus, became flesh, and dwelt among us, and made the Father known to us. The last line of our Gospel today says, **no one has ever seen God, it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Fathers heart, who has made him known.** St. John is saying the reason why the Word became flesh was so that we would get to know the Father. Jesus is the Fathers Word to us. Jesus is the revelation of God the Father. How do we get to know the Father? By, getting to know Jesus. Jesus says I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. When Philip asked, Lord, show us the Father -- and then we shall be satisfied, Jesus answered *"Whoever has seen me, has seen the Father. Do you not believe that I'm in the Father and the Father is in me?"* He himself, the Word made flesh, is the way to the Father. If we want to know the Father, we must get to know Jesus. How do we get to know Jesus? By spending time together with him, when we pray to him and think about him, and when we read the Gospels. We cannot say that it is too difficult to get to know God. He has revealed himself to us in his Son Jesus.

When people ask at various times in their lives **"Where is God? Does God really care about me? How could God possibly know what we have to suffer? The answer which the Christian faith gives to these questions is, "God really does care, God**

is closer than your own heart and God does indeed understand your suffering." God had absolutely no need to become one of us but did so to convince us how much we mean to him. Think about how much we mean to God! God knows through lived experience what it is to be human. We mean so much to God that God became a human, to live among us to reveal himself to us and to save us from our sins. When we say the word became flesh, we mean that God is with us. God knows what life is like, God has lived among us.

So the challenge we are presented with is how to we respond to the birth of Jesus. To the fact that God is with us, that he has lived a human life. Do we acknowledge the fact that God came into the world so that we would welcome him into our lives. On the first Christmas The Word became flesh. But the Word wants to become flesh everyday in our lives if we are willing to let him.



Priest on Duty 2nd January, 2022.
Fr. Joy 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: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 Roughan, Ballyneilan, Fountain.
Mon: No 7.40am Mass - Bank Holiday.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: No intention booked.
Tues 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: Book of Intentions.
 Susan Keating, Cork.
7.30pm: Fionnuala Fitzpatrick & Fitzpatrick
 & Blake families, Springfield.
 Peggy & Michael Whelan & Family, Cree.
Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: Mary & John Hayes, Hermitage.
 Maureen O'Brien, St. Michael's Villas.
 Haulie & Martin Reidy & Family, Golf Links Rd.
7.30pm: No intention booked.
Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: Flan & Mary Hynes, St. Michaels Villas.
 Seán & Mary Connolly, Limerick Rd.
7.30pm: Andrew & Patrick Woods, McNamara Pk.
 Michael McMahon, Gallows Hill.
Fri 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: Mass for the People.
7.30pm: Albert Mounsey, Marian Ave.
 Kevin Keane, Connolly Villas.
 Martin Shannon, Kilnaboy.
Sat 11am: Jerry O'Callaghan, Willow Park.
 Michael Meade, Shanaway Rd. MM.
6.30pm: Mary English, Clonroad.
 Michael Lynch, Clare Rd.
 Joe Hanley, Knocknacarra, Galway. MM.
Sun 9th 8am: Thomas Scanlon, Newcastlewest.
 Bridie Rynne, Castlewood Park.
 Mary & Patrick Rynne, Lissycasey.
 Nora & Joe McDonagh, Galway.
 Joseph McDonagh, Birmingham.
9.30am: Vincent Neylon, Parnell St.
 Patrick Feeney, St. Michael's Villas.
11.30am: Paddy Guthrie, Ard na Gréine.
 Peggy & Jim Casey, 'White House', Shanaway Rd.
 PJ Malone, Beechpark.
 Liam & Eoin Madigan, St. Michael's Villas.
 Peter Cullinan, Coopers Place. MM.
 Mary Considine, Hazelwood.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 2nd 11am: Mai Molloy (nee McNamara),
 Dublin & Ennis.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 9th 11am: Michael Hennessy, Shalee Drive.
1st Anniv.

Ennis Parish
 Development Fund
 for Sunday,
 Fund €2566.
 Online €1800

Bank Holiday Monday

Masses at:
 Friary 10am
 St. Joseph's 10.30am
 Cathedral 11am & 7.30pm

The 7.40am Mass in Cathedral
 and 9.30am Mass in Cloughleigh
 will resume on Tuesday.

Shannon Doc

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

**Feast of the Epiphany
 Thursday 6th January**



This feast as part of our
 Christmas celebrations recalls
 the wise men guided by a star
 arriving to adore the new born
 baby.

This Feast is a holyday but
 because of the pandemic the
 obligation to attend Mass is
 not present at this time. Mass
 times are the usual weekday
 times in all our churches.

First Friday 7th January

Devotion to the First Fridays of
 attending Mass and receiving
 Holy Communion is still strong in
 Ireland. Friday next is the First
 Friday of the New Year and on
 that day sick and housebound
 parishioners will receive
 Sacraments at home. If you
 know of any parishioner who is
 confined to home and would like
 to receive the Sacraments,
 please contact the Parish Office
 with details.

St. Joseph's



St. Joseph's Church will be closed to the
 public on Friday 7th January to facilitate
 HSE training. There will not be any 10.30am Mass.
 Sorry for the inconvenience.

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Noel Ballinger, Gort Rd.
Sun 2nd 10am: Breda McMahon, Lifford Rd.
1st Anniv
11.45am: Paddy & Mary Darcy, 'Arbutus Hse.',
 Glenoir.
Thu 10.30am: John & Mary Hunt & Family,
 Dublin & Kilkee.
Fri 10.30am: No 10.30am Mass
Sat 10.30am: Imelda Micks, The Crescent, Lifford.
7pm: William Bloomfield, Glensheen, Gort Rd. MM.
 Pauline Gibbons, Kincora Park.
Sun 9th 10am: Toss O'Sullivan, New Rd.
 Hogan Family, Dysart & Corrovorrin.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge
 donations of €5,000, €2,000, €1,000 & €50.
 We thank the many people who have made once
 off contributions to this appeal. All contributions

Priests' Christmas Collection

The Bishop and priests of the parish are most
 grateful to all who contributed to the Priests
 Christmas Appeal. If you were away or forgot
 your contribution, it would still be much
 appreciated.



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

Newly Baptised

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

**Eimhin Daly
 Fiadh Rose Hayes**



Matt Talbot Prayer Society



On the first Monday of each month Mass is offered at 7.30pm in the Cathedral for all enrolled in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society.

Matt Talbot was freed from addiction through Mass, Adoration and the Rosary.

The Matt Talbot Prayer Society prays daily and specifically for those enrolled to be freed from addictions including alcohol, drugs, pornography, gambling, eating and smoking through Matt Talbot's intercession.

www.matttalbotprayersociety.com

Parish Envelopes 2022

The new box of envelopes to support the parish come into use this weekend. In recent times since the pandemic it is the contributions in these envelopes that have made it possible for the parish to meet its financial commitments.

If you have not received your box of envelopes or would like to receive a box, please contact the Parish Office.

We thank all who faithfully contribute each week.

RIP



Kathleen Scanlon, Fergus Manor, Clonroad, Mother of Eileen.

Maura Moore (nee Donnellan), New Jersey & late Shanaway Rd., sister of Geraldine Darcy & Patricia Leyden, Shanaway Rd.

John White, McNamara Park.

Carmel Healy, Summerhill & Parnell St.

Michéal Forde, Headford, Co. Galway, Father of Marian O'Dwyer, The Hazels, Tulla Road.

Peg Donlon, O'Callaghan's Mills, sister of Sr. Noreen O'Rourke, St. Xavier's Convent of Mercy, Bóthan na Trócaire.

Blessing for the New Year

John O'Donohue

On the day when
the weight deadens
on your shoulders
and you stumble,
may the clay dance
to balance you.

And when your eyes
freeze behind
the grey window
and the ghost of loss
gets into you,
may a flock of colours,
indigo, red, green
and azure blue,
come to awaken in you
a meadow of delight.

When the canvas frays
in the currach of thought
and a stain of ocean
blackens beneath you,
may there come
across the waters
a path of yellow moonlight
to bring you safely home.

May the nourishment of the earth
be yours,
may the clarity of light be yours,
may the fluency of the ocean
be yours,
may the protection of the ancestors
be yours.

And so may a slow
wind work these words
of love around you,
an invisible cloak
to mind your life.

Happy New Year!



Parish Calendars available in all churches this weekend.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Sollúntacht Eipeafáine an Tiarna.

Cuirimis fáilte mhór roimh an bhliain úrnua 2022 agus sinn ag fágáil sláin le 2021. Iarraimid ar Dhia a bheith linn i rith na bliana lena ghrásta agus beannachtaí agus deireadh a chur leis an bpaindéim Covid-19. Is í intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Go dtuga an Tiarna grásta dúinn maireachtaí i gcomhbhráithreachas iomlán lenár mbráithre agus lenár siúracha ó chreidimh eile, ag guí ar son a chéile, ag fáiltiú roimh chách.

Ar an 6 Eanáir ceiliúrtar Sollúntacht Eipeafáine an Tiarna. Tugtar Lá Nollag Beag nó Nollaig na mBan ar an bhféile seo chomh maith. Ar na fir a thiteann obair an tí ar an 6 Eanáir, Tá traidisiún ann go bhfaigheann mná lá saoire ó dhualgais an tí ar an lá seo. Ciallaíonn an focal 'Eipeafáine' foilsíú nó fógairt. Fógraíodh gurb é Íosa Críost Slánaitheoir an domhain. Tháinig na Saoithe ón Oirthear chun ómós a thabhairt do Mhac Dé. Foilsíodh an Slánaitheoir do na Gintlithe i bpearsana na Saoithe a fuair treoir ó réalta go Beithil. Bhí a fhios acu gur rugadh Rí a raibh urraim ar leith ag dul dó. Shléacht siad go talamh roimhe agus bhronn siad tabhartais an-luachmhar, ór, túis agus miorr, air. Ghabh na Saoithe bóthar eile abhaile ag tabhairt neamhaird ar achainí Héaród. Má leanaimid Íosa Críost tiocfaimid chuig an bhFlaitheas. **Go dtuga Dia treorú dúinn bóthar ár leasa a leanúint. Áiméan.**

Let us welcome the New Year 2022 as we say goodbye to 2021. We ask God to bless us with His graces during the year and to end the pandemic Covid-19. The Pope's intention for the month of January is: May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on 6 January. This feast is also called Little Christmas and Women's Christmas. Women get a break from housework on this day and it is done by the men. The word "Epiphany" means proclamation. Jesus Christ was proclaimed Saviour of the world. The Three Kings arrived from the East to honour the Infant Jesus. They represented the Gentiles and were directed by a star to Bethlehem. They knew that a King was born who deserved homage and respect. They knelt to worship Him and offered Him precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They returned home a different way disregarding Herod's request. If we follow Jesus Christ, we will reach Heaven.

May God guide us and set us on the right course. Amen

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

When a profound silence covered all things
And night was in the middle of its course,
Your all-powerful Word, O Lord,
Bounded from heaven's royal throne.

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 book of Ecclesiastics (Eccles (Sir) 24:1-2.8-12)

Wisdom speaks her own praises,
in the midst of her people she glories in
herself. She opens her mouth in the assembly
of the Most High,
she glories in herself in the presence of the
Mighty One.

"Then the creator of all things instructed
me, and he who created me fixed a place
for my tent.

He said, Pitch your tent in Jacob,
make Israel your inheritance.

From eternity, in the beginning, he created
me, and for eternity I shall remain.

I ministered before him in the holy
tabernacle,

and thus was I established on Zion.

In the beloved city he has given me rest,
and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.

I have taken root in a privileged people,
in the Lords property, in his inheritance."

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

**The Word was made flesh,
and lived among us.**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
He has blessed the children within you. **R.**

He established peace on your borders,
He feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
And swiftly runs his command. **R.**

He makes his word known to Jacob,
To Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
He has not taught them his decrees **R.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Eph: 1:3-6. 15-18

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord
Jesus, Christ, who has blessed us with
all the spiritual blessings of heaven in
Christ. Before the world was made, he
chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy
and spotless, and to live through love in
his presence, determining that we should
become his
adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, for
his own kind purposes, to make us praise
the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in
the Beloved.

That will explain why I, having once
heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus,
and the love that you show towards all
the saints, have never failed to remember
you in my prayers and to thank God for
you. May the God of our Lord Jesus
Christ,

the Father of glory, give you a spirit of
wisdom and perception of what is
revealed, to bring you to full knowledge
of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your
mind so that you can see what hope his
call holds for you, what rich glories he
has promised the saints will inherit.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Glory be to you, O Christ,
proclaimed to the pagans;**

**Glory be to you, O Christ,
believed in by the world.**

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

John 1: 1-18

In the beginning was the Word:
the Word was with God
and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through
him.

All that came to be had life in him

and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.
The Word was the true light that
enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world that had its being
through him, and the world did not know
him.

He came to his own domain and his own
people did not accept him.

But to all who did accept him he gave
power to become children of God, to all
who believe in the name of him who was
born not out of human stock or urge of the
flesh or will of man but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh, he lived
among us, and we saw his glory, the glory
that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

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

**To all who would accept him,
He gave the power to become
children of God.**