

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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Email: info@ennisparish.com

St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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Second Sunday of Advent - Year C - 5th December, 2021

Anticipation and Preparation

Each year Christmas seems to come and go and often we are left wondering what it is all about?

It often seems that Christmas can be more of a headache than a gift. In a culture that is increasingly more secular, materialistic and driven by consumerism.

Can Christmas offer us something deeper, something richer, something that will touch us at the very depths of our being and make us new?

The Church's Liturgical year actually begins by preparing for this great feast of the birth of Jesus Christ with the season of Advent.

The season of Advent therefore is about anticipation and preparation.

By anticipation we are waiting, waiting for the light of Christ to come into our darkness.

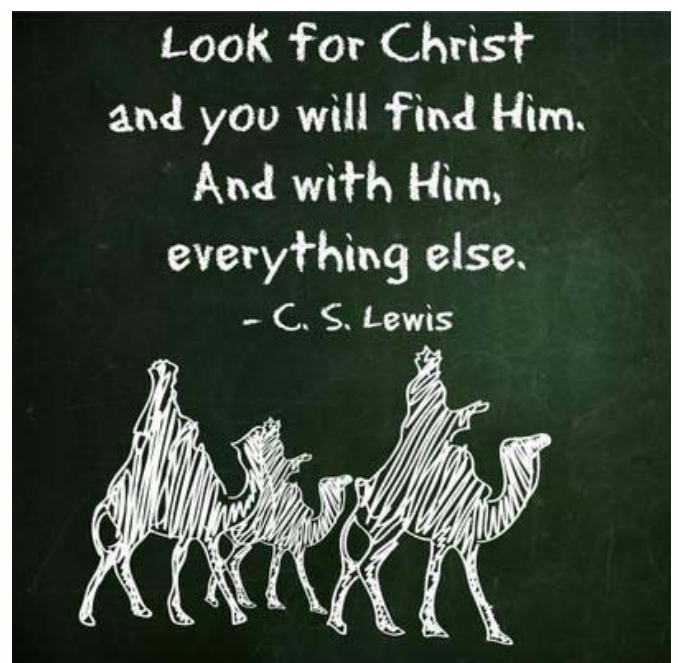
Can Christmas really be a source of renewal and hope?

Can it be a well from which we can drain living water?

The answer is a resounding YES!

But this depends very much on our commitment to making our anticipation with preparation.

Could we prepare for and celebrate this Christmas as if it were our first and last? Would that change the way we approach Christmas this year?





Priest on Duty 5th December 2021

Contact: Fr. Pat Malone 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 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: Patrick McNerney, Doorra.

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.

The White Family, Hermitage.

Paddy & Mary Cullinan, Tubber, Galway.

Darragh & John O'Halloran, Ard na Greine.

Nellie & Denis Wylde, Clonroad.

Mon: 7.40am: Maisie Murrighy, Mullagh.

11am: Mary & John O'Looney, Kilfenora.

7.30pm: Matt Talbot Prayer Society.

Patricia, Robert & Christopher Gormley, Ennis;

Ann Kelly, Kildare.

John & Bridget Guerin.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Holy Souls.

7.30pm: Eileen & Patrick Morrissey, Cornmarket St.

Wed 7.40am: Special Intention.

11am: Michael Moloney, McNamara Park.

Patrick Kearney, Kincora Park.

Mary Ellen Quinn, Kincora Park.

Helen Casey, Parnell St.

7.30pm: Mary O'Loughlin, St. Michael's Villas.

George & Kathleen Dinan, Hermitage.

PJ Daly, Cahercalla.

Thurs 7.40am: No Intention booked.

11am: Dermot Molloy, Cahercalla Estate;

Paschal Molloy, Cloughleigh Rd.

7.30pm: Noreen & Alan Seery, Davitt Terrace.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Fr. Sean Cassidy, Timothy Ryan, John Guinan.

7.30pm: No Intention Booked.

Sat: 11am: Joe Ensko, Connolly Villas.

Mary Conway, Station Rd. **1st Anniv.**

Mary & Joe Nevin & Mary O'Neill, Loughville.

Maeve, Sean & Deirdre Casey, Cusack Rd.

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**

Sun 12th 8am: Leyden Family, Carmody St.

& Cloughleigh Rd.

9.30am: Paddy, Maura & Peter Keane, Kilrush Rd.

11.30am: Marie Sheridan, Canterbury, UK. **MM.**

Patrick Molloy, Dalcassian Park.

Ignatius McCarthy, Tulla Rd.

Jim Whymys, Cusack Rd.

Michael Hanrahan Corrovarrin Grove;

Paddy & Ciss Hanrahan, St. Michael's Villas.

Danno Lynch, Dalcassian Park.



Friary Office

Our opening hours have changed:

Monday to Friday
9.30am to 5.30pm

Saturday 9.30am-1.30pm

Deceased Staff

Clare County Council

Mass for deceased staff of Clare County Council will take place in the Cathedral on Thursday 9th December at 5.15pm **Please note that Adoration in the Cathedral on Thursday will be from 6-7pm**

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

Found: Necklace in McDonald's carpark, Ennis
Contact: 086 8639537

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.**

Candlelight Walk to remember women who have died through violence. **Clare Haven** invites you to walk with them from Ennis Garda Station to Ennis Courthouse on Friday December 10th. Assembly at 5.15pm.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal. In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €500, €400, €350, €100, €50. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.



St. Joseph's

St. Joseph's Church will be closed to the public on Friday 10th December to facilitate HSE training. There will not be any 10.30am Mass. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Martin Fitzpatrick, The Green, Lifford Rd.

Sun 5th 10am: Martin & Paul Byrnes, Gort Rd.

Suzanne Reilly, Corrovarrin Crescent. **MM.**

11.45am: Maura Beakey, Cahercalla Estate.

Mon 10.30am: Anne McNamara, Turnpike Rd.

Tues 10.30am: Peter Cosgrove, Kincora Park.

Wed 10.30am: James O'Keeffe, Lifford Rd.

Thu 10.30am: Noel Moloney, Marian Avenue.

Fri 10.30am: No 10.30am mass today.

Sat 10.30am: Seán Curtin, Willow Park. **1st Anniv.**

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

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



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 5th 11am: Martin

Joseph McNulty, Hermitage.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 12th 11am: Joan

Browne, Considine Rd.

Mary & Jimmy Neylon,

Cloughleigh Rd.



Adoration, Benediction, prayer and Spirit filled music inspired by Medjugorje.

You are invited to spend one hour at Christ the King Oratory, Cloughleigh this 2nd Sunday of Advent, December 5th from 5pm to 6pm, in preparation for Christmas. Adoration, Benediction, prayer and Spirit filled music inspired by Medjugorje.

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



Chime

Ennis Outreach Clinic. Free and confidential support service on all aspects of deafness and hearing loss in children and adults.

Strictly by appointment only due to Covid 19 restrictions. Ennis Parish Office on Wednesday 22nd December. Contact Kathleen Daffy; kathleen.daffy@chime.ie 061 467494

Bambinelli Sunday – Baby Jesus

A beautiful Advent tradition. Every year on one of the Sundays of Advent, families bring the figure of the baby Jesus to St. Peter's Square in Rome for the Pope to bless. It is called "Bambinelli Sunday". Many homes in our parish still give a central place to the crib among their Christmas Decorations. On Saturday 11th/12th December we invite you to bring your Baby Jesus from your home to any mass in Ennis Parish and they will be blessed by the Celebrant.



(R.C.I.A.)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Perhaps

'I was never baptized
My children are preparing
for the sacraments
I am already a Christian
and wish to become a Catholic'.

Then we invite you to take part in a parish programme (RCIA) the process by which the Catholic Church welcomes new adult members into the Christian Community through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

If you are interested please contact:

Ennis Parish 0656824043

Email: info@ennisparish.com



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.

Family in need

Dryer required. Phone 089 964 0699

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday 28th November

Fund €2,393.33
Online €116.00

Advent by Candlelight



Join us on this Sunday evening 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.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday 8th December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day but at this time of pandemic when the obligation to attend mass is suspended there is no obligation to attend mass. On this day we celebrate the fact that Mary, God's mother was sinless from the moment of her conception. Mass times on Wednesday will be the normal weekday mass times.

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.

Newly Baptised

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

Jack David Purcell

Matthew Jack Fitzgerald.



Head Chaplain Defence Forces

We congratulate Fr Paschal Hanrahan from Gallows Hill who has been appointed Head Chaplain to the Irish Defence Forces. Paschal the son of Gertie and the late Paschal was ordained in 1998 for the Killaloe Diocese.



His first appointment was as Curate in Kilrush before he began service as a Chaplain to the British Army, where he currently serves.

Fr Paschal will take up his new appointment on 1st March 2022 and will be based in Dublin.

Wishing him every blessing at this time of new beginnings.

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

An Dara Domhnach den Aidbhint.

Ní fada uainn féasta Bhreith Ár dTiarna. Is léir agus is cinnte gur tréimhse dhian ullmhúcháin saolta í dúinn go léir. Caitheimid ullmhúcháin spioradálta a dhéanamh freisin. Sna heaglaisí feicfidh tú Crann leise, crann ginealaigh Íosa Chríost, agus samhail chomhartha na ndaoine a chuaigh roimhe ó Ádhamh agus Éabha go dtí Muire Máthair Íosa.

Ar an 8 Nollaig ceiliúrtar Giniúint gan Smál na Maighdine Muire. Nuair a tháinig an tAingeal Gabriel le teachtaireacht chuig Muire. d'Inis sé di go raibh sí "lán de ghrásta" agus go raibh sí tofa mar mháthair ár Slánaitheora. D'fhógair an Pápa Pius X An Ghiniúint gan Smál sa bhliain 1858. Sollúin lán d'áthas is ea an Fhéile seo. "Déantar liom d'éir d'fhocal ".Is é seo croí lár an tslánaithe. Ghlac Muire go huile is go hiomlán lena gairm.

Bhí ardmheas ag ár sinsir ar Mhuire toisc gur í Máthair Íosa. Déarfais an paidrín páirteach gach oíche roimh dhul a chodladh, Go dtugaimid ómós di sa phaidir. Cheilteach seo agus sinn ag iarraidh uirthi teacht i gcabhair orainn in am an ghatair: *A Máthair glórmhair a chíos ár ndochar agus díobháil, go scara tú do bhrat beannaithe tharainn Áiméan.*

Christmas is near. It is a time of feverish preparation and buying for most. We ought to make spiritual preparation also. In the churches you will see the Jesse Tree, the genealogy of Jesus and the symbols of persons from Adam and Eve to Mary the mother of Jesus.

On the 8 December the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is celebrated. When the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was full of grace and chosen to be the mother of our Saviour. Pope Pius X declared the Immaculate Conception of Mary in 1858. It is a feast full of joy. "Let it be done unto me according to thy word." Mary accepted her calling willingly.

Our ancestors had great devotion to Our Lady and the rosary was said before retiring. May we honour Our Lady as we say the following Celtic prayers, asking her to be with us always.

Glorious Mother who sees our distress and deprivation; may you go scara tú do bhrat beannaithe tharainn. Áiméan

Rest in Peace

Teresa Crowe, Ballybeg, sister of Marie Madigan, Friar's Close & Oliver Madigan, Ivy Hill;

John Walsh, Dublin, late of Miltown Malbay, brother of Sr. Madeleine, St. Xavier's Convent;

Seán Dowling, Dublin & **Des Fitzgerald**, Truagh, brother & father-in-law of Pat Dowling, CEO, Clare Co. Council.

John Keogh, Liscullane, Tulla, father of Brendan Keogh, Fergus Lawn.



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O People of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his
voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

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 Baruch

Ba 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow
and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of God for
ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God
around you, put the diadem of the glory of
the Eternal on your head:
since God means to show your splendour to
every nation under heaven,
since the name God gives you for ever will
be,
'Peace through integrity, and honour
through devotedness.'
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
and turn your eyes to the east:
see your sons reassembled from west and
east at the command of the Holy One,
jubilant that God has remembered them.
Though they left you on foot,
with enemies for an escort,
now God brings them back to you
like royal princes carried back in glory.
For God has decreed the flattening
of each high mountain, of the everlasting
hills,
the filling of the valleys to make the ground
level so that Israel can walk in safety under
the glory of God.
And the forests and every fragrant tree will
provide shade
for Israel at the command of God;
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of
his glory with his mercy
and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

bondage, It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
On our lips there were songs. *R*

The heathens themselves said:
'What marvels The Lord worked for
them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. *R*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
As streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
Will sing when they reap. *R*

They go out, they go out, full of tears
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back,
full of song, carrying their sheaves. *R.*

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

Ph 1:4-6.8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with
joy, remembering how you have helped
to spread the Good News from the day
you first heard it right up to the present. I
am quite certain that the One who began
this good work in you will see that it is
finished when the Day of Christ Jesus
comes. God knows how much I miss you
all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you.
My prayer is that your love for each other
may increase more and more and never
stop improving your knowledge and
deepening your perception so that you
can always recognise what is best. This
will help you to become pure and blame-
less, and prepare you for the Day of
Christ, when you will reach the perfect
goodness which Jesus Christ produces in
us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord,

Make his paths straight,

*And all mankind shall see the salvation of
God.*

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel ac- cording to Luke.

Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's
reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor
of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his
brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of

of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas
and Caiaphas, the word of God came to
John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness.
He went through the whole Jordan district
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the
book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid
low,

winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the
salvation of God.

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 suf-
fered 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 spo-
ken 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
resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come.

Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the
heights, and behold the joy which
comes to you from God.