

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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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 30th JANUARY, 2022.

Spring-Time - Lá Fhéile Bríde

Next Tuesday, February 1st, is the Feast of St. Brigid and also the first day of Springtime.

We welcome the month of February, the beginning of Spring, month of lambing, month of three kinds of weather: wind, rain and snow.

Now that spring has come, days will get longer. We experience new life and light as nature awakens.

We praise God for this beautiful time of year, when Mother Nature begins to wake up and signs of new life begin to emerge all around. The birds are busy building new nests and the snowdrops have peeped out their white heads. It is a time of new beginning, hope and new life.

We also praise God for this great woman St. Brigid - one of our heroines in the faith story - her life and care enabled people to blossom and develop. St. Brigid was known for her kindness and love, and this is what defined her....

It was not only what she did, or accomplished, but who she became by the grace of Christ..... St Brigid was defined by Love – the divine love that took Christ to the cross.



Saint Brigid's Blessing

*May Brigid bless the house
wherein we dwell.*

*Bless every fireside,
every wall and door.*

*Bless every heart that beats
beneath its roof.*

*Bless every hand that toils
to bring its joy.*

Bless every foot

that walks portals through.

May Brigid bless the house that shelters us.

Priest on Duty 6th January, 2022
Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick - 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week

Sat: 6.30pm: Carmel Healy, Summerhill & Parnell St. MM
 Con & Nuala Ryan, St. Michael's Villas.
 Anne McCullagh, Tulla Rd.
 Daisy Redican, O'Connell St.
 Tom McGrath, Francis St.
 Bernadette (nee Dunne) & Aloysius Wrafter, Roslevan.
 Frank O'Halloran, Collins Park.
 William & Liam O'Sullivan, Inisgrove.
 Mary Arthur, Gort Rd.
Sun 30th 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: Patrick Toomey, McNamara Pk.
 Brian Mc Sweeney, Lissycasey;
 Kathleen Hassett, Toonagh.
 Peter & Mary White, Clare Rd.
 Donie, Kathleen & Mary Callinan & Eugene McMahon, Parnell St.
11.30am: Mary Kelly Keane, Grey Gables, Station Rd. **1st Anniv**
 Frank Fitzpatrick, College Green.
 Joan McCarthy, Cork & England.
 Andrew & Tess McCarthy, Clontabonnive, Connolly.
Mon 7.40am: Nora Meaney, Cranny.
 Mary & Tom Gallagher, Kilkelly, Mayo.
11am: A.J. Scaria, India.
7.30pm: Michael & Bridget Singleton, Hermitage.
 Jerry Lyons, Carlow & Ballinasloe.
Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: Clune Family, Feakle
7.30pm: Micheál Crimmins, Clonroad. MM.
Wed 7.40am: Stella Munby, Salisbury, England.
11am: Flan O'Reilly, Clare Rd. & Peggy McCluskey, Cashel.
7.30pm: No intention booked.
Thurs 7.40am: Fr. James McInerney, Doorra & Birr.
11am: Mary Mallon, Pairc na Coille. **1st Anniv.**
 Mary Hickey, Waterpark Heights. MM.
 Denis Moloney, McNamara Park.
7.30pm: William Burke, Mill Rd.
 Eva, Tom, Mary & Noel Ryan, Summerhill.
 Kathleen Doran, Tulla & Charles O'Grady, McNamara Park..
 Larry Clohessy, Hermitage.
Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Frey Barry, Coolotra, Boston.
 Jonathan O'Sullivan, London.
 Pauline Saunderson, Rockmount.
 Roger O'Donoghue, Ennis & Limerick.
7.30pm: Peggy Coote, Gallows Hill. **1st Anniv.**
 Billy Slattery, John Paul Ave. **1st Anniv.**
 Daniel Curtin, Ennis.
Sat: 11am: Paddy & Mary Hogan, Tobertaoscain.
 Denis Rice, Circular Rd.
6.30pm: Paul Brassil, St. Michael's Villas.
 Vincent Coffey, Clonroad.
 Michael, Margaret, Michael Jr. & James McMahon, Drumcaurin.
Sun 6th 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: Virginia Donnellan, 'St. Joseph's, Hermitage.
 Helen Griffin, Woodlawn, Loughville.
 Mary, Mick & Kitty Connellan, Ard na Gréine.
 Griffey family, Circular Rd., Inch & N.Y.
11.30am: Brian Ensko, Connolly Villas. **1st Anniv**
 Michael Sheedy, College View & Ogonnelloe.
 James Kelly, Clonroadmore.
 William Lacey, College Grove.
 James (Jim) O'Sullivan, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.
 Rita Hurley, Turnpike & Vincent, U.K. & Ballyea.
 John Fogarty, Fernhill, Gort Rd.



Tuesday 1st February is the Feast of St. Brigid Patroness of Ireland.



Wednesday 2nd February – Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple, also known as Candlemas Day and a Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life.

The Blessing of candles for use both at home and in the church will take place at all masses. Donations of candles for use in the church are very welcome and can be left at all churches for blessing on Wednesday. On this day we pray for all who have consecrated their lives in the service of the Church in particular the religious communities of the Poor Clares, Franciscan Friars, Mercy Sisters and Christian Brothers who witness to Christ in our parish.

Diocesan Needs' Appeal

This weekend at all our Masses the annual appeal from Bishop Fintan Monahan to support the Diocesan Needs takes place. This collection helps the Bishop to finance the work of the Church at Diocesan level. Supporting Religious Education, Marriage Preparation, Formation of Laity are some of the ways that your generosity to this appeal supports.

There is a white envelope in your box of envelopes for this appeal. Bishop Fintan thanks you in anticipation of your generosity.

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Joe Moran, Corrovorrin Grove.
Sun 30th Jan 10am: Frankie, Barry & Fergus O'Connor, Pearse Ave.
11.45am: Joan Kelly, Corrovorrin Drive. **1st Anniv.**
 Tom McMahon, Lifford Rd. MM.
 Bill Hanrahan, Ashfield Pk.
Fri 10.30am: Griffin family, Kilmaley.
Sat 10.30am: Paddy Barrett, Lifford.
7pm: Tony Strand, Shannon Park.
 Paddy Rynne, Ballyalla.
 Susan Brohan, Considine's Rd.
Sun 6th 11.45am: Teresa Howard, Kilrush Rd.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 1st Feb 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €2,000, €50, €50.

We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Newly Baptised

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

Jack Joseph Daly



Cathedral House Renovations

In recent days work was completed on the renovations in Cathedral House. Frs. Tom & Joy and Deacon Antun have once again taken up residence in the house. Our thanks to all who made the work possible.



Poor Clare Monastery

Following the relaxation of restrictions last weekend, the Poor Clare Sisters will reopen their Chapel for public Mass and prayer from Sunday 30th January. Mass will take place each morning at 7.45am. Rosary, Evening Prayer and Benediction will take place each Sunday at 5pm.



Ennis Parish
 Development Fund
 for Sunday, 23rd January.

Fund **€2,763**
 Online **€130**

SACRAMENT DATES 2022



Holy Communion

Afterschool	2nd April
Ennis National School	7th May
Gaelscoil	14th May
Holy Family School	21st May

Confirmation

Ennis National School	25th March
Holy Family School	1st April
Afterschool	2nd April
Gaelscoil	20th May

Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes

Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes will take place in the Cathedral starting next Thursday 3rd February and concluding on Friday 11th February, World Day of Prayer for the Sick. The Novena will take place at the 7.30pm Mass each evening and at the 11am Mass on Saturday and 11.30am on Sunday. Also available on www.ennisparish.com/webcam and Parish Radio link 106.4fm.

Monday 7th Feb: Fr. Damian Casey, OFM, Franciscan Pilgrimage Director.

Tuesday 8th Feb: Canon Brendan O'Donoghue, Shannon.

Wednesday 9th Feb: Fr. Brendan Quinlivan, Tulla.

Thursday 10th Feb: Fr. Noel Kirwin, St. John's Cathedral, Limerick.

Friday 11th Feb: Bishop Fintan Monahan. It is hoped that we will have two pilgrimages from Shannon Airport direct to Lourdes in late June and early October. Dates to be confirmed.

Lifting of Covid Restrictions.

Following on from the Government announcement last weekend of the lifting of Covid restrictions we are adapting a cautious and phased approach to returning to the new normal in the parish.

1. The Sign of Peace will continue to be suspended.
2. Holy Water fonts will remain empty.
3. Holy Communion will continue to be distributed on the hand only.
4. We ask people to be respectful of each other & make good use of the 'space' in each seat.

We invite our Eucharistic Ministers in all our Churches to contact the Parish Office or the Sacristy if they are happy to resume their Ministry.

Active Retirement Group

The Active Retirement Group will be returning to weekly meetings starting on Tuesday 15th February at 11am in the Scout Hall, Ennis. All welcome.



ALONE seeking Volunteers.

Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please contact Karen on karen.byrne@alone.ie or on 086 0576401

RECOVERY a new group to help people with mental health difficulties through 'Will Training' every Friday at 7.30pm in Ennis Community Centre, Chapel Lane. More info from 087 2935754.

Thursday 3rd February Feast of St. Blaise

Individual blessing of throats will not take place this year due to Covid 19. There will be a general blessing at the end of all Masses on the day seeking the intercession of St. Blaise against sickness of the throat and all other sickness.

Friday 4th February First Friday of February

Sick and housebound parishioners will receive Sacraments at home. If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like to receive the Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office.

RIP



Hareesh Vazhaparampil
Cahercalla, & India

Bridie Cooke (née Lerner),
Willow Park & Kilkee.

Michael (Mick) Sheedy
Avondale, Kilrush Road.

Seamus Gormley, College Grove.

Raymond Molloy,
McNamara Park.

Pat Fitzgerald,
Castleconnell, Limerick, father of
Fr. Ger Fitzgerald.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Naomh Bríd.

Ceiliúrtar Lá Fhéile Bríde ar an Mháirt seo chugainn an chéad lá de mhí Feabhra. Lá speisialta ar fud na hÉireann is ea é.

Tá cáil ar Naomh Bríd mar gheall ar a féile, a carthanacht agus a cúram do na heasláin. Ba mhaith lena hathair cleamhnas a dhéanamh di ach theastaigh uaithi a maighdeanas a choisreacan do Dhia. Mar a rinne Naomh Pádraig, bhain Bríd úsáid as an nádúr mórtimpeall uirthi le teagasc a thabhairt faoi Íosa. D'úsáid sí brobh luachra le cros a dhéanamh, agus tá an nós seo againn in Éirinn go dtí an lá atá inniu ann. Feictear na crosa i dtithe ar fud an domhain.

Is é seo a leanas an phaidir a deirtear ag beannú na gcros:

Go raibh beannacht an Athar, an Mhic agus an Spioraid Naoimh ar na crosa seo, ar na háiteanna ina bhfuil siad agus ar gach duine a fhéachann orthu.

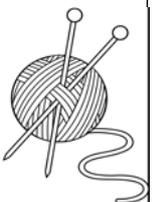
The feast of Saint Brigid is celebrated next Tuesday 1 February. A special day in Ireland. Saint Brigid was famous for her hospitality, charity, and care of the sick. Her father wanted her to marry but she wanted to consecrate her life to God. Like Saint Patrick, Brigid used nature to teach about Jesus. She made a cross from rushes and this custom has prevailed in Ireland. St. Brigid's crosses are to be seen in houses throughout the world.

This prayer can be said to Saint Brigid:

May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless these crosses, the places where they are kept and everyone who sees them and praises Him. Amen

Ennis National School Art Project.

The 3rd to 6th Classes at Ennis National School are in the process of completing a number of fabric and fibre art projects. There are approximately 300 children taking part. We are looking for donations of wool and knitting needles to ensure the project is accessible to all. Donations may be left in the reception at Ennis National School. ***Thank you.***



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God!

And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

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 prophet Jeremiah

Jer 1:4-5.17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was
addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I
knew you;

before you came to birth I

consecrated you, I have appointed
you as prophet to the nations.

So now brace yourself for action.

Stand up and tell them

all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence,
or in their presence I will make you
dismayed.

I, for my part, today will make you

into a fortified city,

a pillar of iron,

and a wall of bronze

to confront all this land:

the kings of Judah, its princes,

its priests and the country people.

They will fight against you

but shall not overcome you,

for I am with you to deliver you -

it is the Lord who speaks.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *My lips will tell of your help.*

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;

Let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, free me:

Pay heed to me and save me.

R.

Be a rock where I can take refuge,

A mighty stronghold to save me:

For you are my rock, my stronghold.

Free me from the hand of the wicked.

R.

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,

My trust, O Lord, since my youth.

On you I have leaned from my birth,

From my mother's womb

you have been my help.

R.

My lips will tell of your justice

and day by day of your help.

O God, you have taught me from my youth

and I proclaim your wonder still.

R.

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13

Love is always patient and kind: it is never
jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it
is never rude or selfish; it does not take
offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no
pleasure in other people's sins but delights in
the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust,
to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there
are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when
they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will
not continue for ever; and knowledge - for
this, too, the time will come when it must fail.
For our knowledge is imperfect and our
prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection
comes, all imperfect things will disappear.
When I was a child, I used to talk like a child,
and think like a child, and argue like a child,
but now I am a man, all childish ways are put
behind me. Now we are seeing a dim
reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be
seeing face to face. The knowledge that I
have now is imperfect; but then I shall know
as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith,
hope and love; and the greatest of these is
love.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,
says the Lord;*

*No one can come to the Father except
through me. Alleluia!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This
text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'
And he won the approval of all, and they were

astonished by the gracious words that came
from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But
he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the
saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me,
"We have heard all that happened in
Capernaum, do the same here in your own
countryside." And he went on, 'I tell you
solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his
own country'.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can
assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven
remained shut for three years and six months
and a great famine raged throughout the land,
but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he
was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian
town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there
were many lepers in Israel, but none of these
was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the
synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their
feet and hustled him out of the town; and they
took him up to the brow of the hill their town
was built on, intending to throw him down the
cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and
walked away.

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

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let
me never be put to shame, for I call on you.