

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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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Year C) 9th January, 2022

OUR BAPTISMAL CALLING

It is only weeks since the start of the Christmas story. It is still fresh in our minds as we abruptly come to the Feast of Jesus' Baptism. The Magi have just come and gone and our Christmas decorations are put away for another year.

This weekend we jump from the Child Jesus to the mature Jesus setting out on his mission which is publicly inaugurated by his Baptism by John in the River Jordan. By accepting baptism, Jesus was committing himself to the work of taking away the sins of the world.

The start of the new year provides us with an opportunity to review our commitment to Christ and reflect on our calling as a member of God's family. Our special role is to announce Jesus to the world. The ways of doing this are many and varied. We are called to witness to Christ in our own sphere of living and to make the world a better place by our presence.

The lighted candle at the end of the Baptism Ceremony means we are to show forth Christ by word and deed wherever we go.



Prayer Before Birth

Lord, Jesus, we have seen the baby scan, and are amazed to see life growing within me. We were like the apostle Thomas, we did not realise until we saw.

Now it hits us we are to share with your Father in bringing new life to birth. We hope that our child may be healthy and strong.

We know that this is how you came to life so we trust you will be there to support us.

Since our child will have to learn from us, help us to be more loving. Mary, Mother of Jesus, how much greater your worry might have been. You knew nothing of scans, but you teach us to trust in God.

Help us to relax in the knowledge that the Father's love surrounds and enfolds us in this new life to which He has called us.

Priest on Duty 9th January, 2022
Fr. Ger Jones - 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Joe Hanley, Knocknacarra, Galway. **MM.**
 Mary English, Clonroad.
 Michael Lynch, Clare Rd.

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: Peter Cullinan, Coopers Place. **MM.**
 Mary Considine, Hazelwood. **1st Anniv.**
 Paddy Guthrie, Ard na Gréine.
 Peggy & Jim Casey, 'White House',
 Shanaway.
 PJ Malone, Beechpark.
 Liam & Eoin Madigan, St. Michael's Villas.
 David Barrett, Willow Park.

Mon: 7.40am: Maura & James Doohan, Lissycasey.
11am: Stephen Cunningham, Aylerie, Labasheeda.
7.30pm: Seamus Guinnane, Fountain Cross. **MM.**
 Frances Arthur, Parnell St. & Station Court.

Tues: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.
11am: Stephen Cunningham, Aylerie, Labasheeda.
7.30pm: Hannah Ahern, Limerick.
 Catherine Considine, Hermitage.

Wed 7.40am: Sean Foudy, Kilrush Rd.
11am: Thomas Molloy, Ballaghboy, Doora.
7.30pm: Joseph Connery, Dalcassian Park.
 PJ, Lily & Sr. Maeve Brooks, College Pk.
 Martha Kennedy & Frank Barrington, Parnell St.

Thurs 7.40am: Andrew Cunningham, Donegal &
 Florida.
 Griffin Family, Feakle.

11am: Bartholomew Torpey, Shragh & London.
7.30pm: Lucy Bradley, Showgrounds Rd.
 Alice Brennan, O'Connell St.
 Joe Coffey, Circular Rd.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Michael & Billy Shanahan, Clonroadmore.
Sat: 11am: Lorraine O'Gorman, Hermitage.
 Bro. Matthias Comyns, Kilkee.
 Laurence Byrne, Donegal. **MM.**
 Scaria VK, India.

6.30pm: Barry O'Halloran, Limerick Rd. **1st Anniv.**
 Christina Griffin, Parnell St.
 Tony Shannon, Clancy Park.
 Humphrey Counihan, Fergus Lawn.
 Patrick McMahon, Carmody St.
 Bodie & Bill Hanley, Parnell St.

Sun 16th 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: Delia & James Armstrong, Cahercalla.
 Peter & William Fallon, Roscommon.
 Tom Kelly, College Rd.
 Philomena Barrow, Drumcliffe.
 Arunas Bandzevicius, Lithuania.

11.30am: Dominic (Donny) Martin, Morrissey Ave.
 Louis Galvin, Ennis.
 Patrick Lyons, Avondale.

Just a thought....



In the present challenging times of Covid 19, the Pandemic is teaching us and making us stronger.

Those gone before us sealed with the beautiful sign of faith, lived with a sense that life and health were fragile, not to be taken for granted.

These days, more than ever, we all need to remind ourselves that we are not exempt from the threat of sickness, debilitation and death.

In short, all our contemporary world can offer us in terms of technology, medicine, nutrition and insurance of every kind, doesn't exempt us from fragility and vulnerability.

Covid 19 has shown us how vulnerable we all are. Our very modern world of today, for all the good things it gives us, has lulled us asleep in terms of our fragility, vulnerability and mortality.

This Pandemic is a wake up call, not just to the fact that we are really vulnerable but especially to the fact that we cannot take for granted the precious gifts of health, family, work, community, parish, travel, recreation, freedom to gather and yes, even going to Mass.

Making your Will

Please remember Ennis Parish as a beneficiary in your will. Donations made in this manner will greatly assist the parish in proclaiming the Gospel. The parish appreciates such thoughtfulness and generosity.

Ennis Parish
 Development Fund
 for Sunday,
 2nd January, 2022

Fund **€2194**
 Online **€105**

St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 7pm: William Bloomfield, Glensheen,
 Gort Rd. **MM.**
 Pauline Gibbons, Kincora Park.
 John, Josephine & Maire O'Gorman, Kilkee & Ennis.

Sun 9th 10am: Toss O'Sullivan, New Rd.
 Linda Lee Drennan, Lahinch Rd.

11.45am: Hogan Family, Dysart & Corrovorrin

Tues 10.30am: Michael Moloney, Marian Ave.

Wed 10.30am: John & Maureen Arthur, Tulla Rd.

Sat 10.30am: Anthony Dormer, Rosanore.
7pm: Mary O'Keefe, Drumcliffe Rd. **1st Anniv.**
 Ann O'Connor, Corrovorrin Grove.

Sun 16th 10am: Annie, Peter & Anne Barry & Barry
 Family, Ard Mhuire, Shanaway Rd.

11.45am: Peter Burke, Lifford Rd.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9th 11am: Michael Hennessy, Shalee Drive.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Fri 9.30am: Bridget Crosse Kinnane,
 Ennistymon & Galway.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €1,000, €20, €50. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.

Parish Statistics



	2021	2020	2019
Baptisms	175	118	210
Marriages	29	11	24
Funerals	162	128	155

(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

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Prayer for Hope after a Hard Year.

God, thank you for helping us to make it through this difficult year. Thank you that you've carried us through the uncertainty of deep waters, through the flames of trials, and through the pain of hard losses.

We are constantly aware of how much we need you, your grace, your strength, your power working through even the toughest days. Help us to keep our focus first on you this season. Please forgive us for giving too much time and attention to other things, for looking to other people before coming to you first.

Help us to reflect again, on what Christmas is really all about. Thank you that you came to give new life, peace, hope, and joy. Thank you that your power is made perfect in our weakness. Help us to remember that the gift of Christ, Emmanuel, is our greatest treasure, not just at Christmas, but for the whole year through.

Fill us with your joy and the peace of your Spirit. Direct our hearts and minds towards you. Thank you for your reminder that both in seasons of celebration and in seasons of brokenness, you're still with us, for you never leave us. Thank you for your daily powerful Presence in our lives, that we can be assured your heart is towards us, your eyes are over us, and your ears are open to our prayers.

Thank you that you surround us with favour as with a shield, and we are safe in your care. We choose to press in close to you today, and keep you first in our hearts and lives. Without you we would surely fail, but with you, there is great hope.

Thank you for your healing power, thank you for bringing us into this new season up ahead. We look forward to all that You still have in store. In Jesus' name, **Amen**

Sharing a Cup of Tea

There were many people around the world who shared a cup of tea at 3.30pm on Christmas Day and made a connection with a loved one. This was made



possible by the generosity of a small group of parishioners who over the last year spent time sewing little bags to hold a teabag. All proceeds of €4216.50 have been donated to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal.

Our thanks to the very committed group who made this a special occasion for others while at the same time raising very needed funds for the Cathedral. Special thanks to those who sponsored the material and tea bags and to TM Office Supplies, Cootes' Shop, Kilrush Rd., The Vegetable Shop, Turnpike Rd, Friary Office and Parish Office who sold tea bags.

Ennis Active Retirement Group

Meetings for Ennis Active Retirement Group at the Scout Hall, Ennis have been suspended for the month of January. This will be reviewed at the end of the month.

Newly Baptised

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



Alfie James Fleming

Rest In Peace



Vinny Blake, Drumcliffe Cottage.

Theresa Corcorcan O'Neill, Springfield.

Peggy Wynne, Hazel Lane, Gort Rd.

Michéal Crimmins, Clonroad.

Rose Culligan, Doora, Mother of Stephanie, Park Ave.

Albert Noonan, Cappahard.

Larry Byrne, Glencolmcille, Co. Donegal, Brother of Ann Byrne, Hermitage.

Bridget McDonagh, Sligo & London, sister of Ann Ward, Dún na hInse.

Denis Guthrie, Kilnaboy, brother of Kathleen Cahir, St. Michael's Villas.

Mary Hickey, Waterpark Heights, Drumbiggle.

Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Moladh Dé.

Tá 2022 thar tairseach isteach chugainn agus go mbeirimid beo ag an am seo arís. Go mion minic bímid ag déanamh idirghuí chun Dé teacht i gcabhair orainn féin agus ar ár gcairde agus is fiúntach an rud é sin ach ní foláir dúinn freisin moladh a thabhairt do Dhia gach lá as ucht an ghrá atá Aige dúinne. Is iad seo a leanas na Molta Diaga gur féidir linn a rá ó am go ham.

Moladh le Dia.

Moladh lena Ainm Naofa.

Moladh le hÍosa Críost is FíorDhia agus fíordhuine.

Moladh le hAinm Íosa.

Moladh lena Chroí Rónaofa.

Moladh lena Fhuil Róluachmhar.

Moladh le hÍosa i Naomh Sacraimint na hAltóra.

Moladh leis an Spiorad Naomh, an Sólásaí.

Moladh le mórmháthair Dé, Muire Rónaofa.

Moladh lena Gabháil gan Smál.

Moladh le hÍosaef Naofa, a céile rógheanmnaí.

Moladh le Dia ina chuid aingeal agus ina chuid naomh.

2022 has arrived and may we all be alive this time again.

Very often we petition God for favours for ourselves and our friends and this is to be recommended but we ought also to praise God for His great love for us. The following are the Divine Praises which we can recite from time to time.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints. **Amen.**

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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 Isaiah.

Is 40:1-5.9-11

'Console my people, console them,' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast

and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are.

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. R.

Above the rains you build your dwellings. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. R.

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. R.

All of these look to you, to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: You open your hand, they have their fill. R.

You take back your spirit, they die, Returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; And you renew the face of the earth. R

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

Tt 2:11-14;3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I.

He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 3:15-16.21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.