

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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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C) 13th FEBRUARY, 2022.

Recipe for Happiness

In the Beatitudes Jesus gives a recipe for happiness. We all crave for happiness, for joy and contentment. According to the Dalai Lama the purpose of our lives is to be happy. And the ultimate source of happiness is within us, he tells us.

What makes us happy?

What would make you happy?

Many would say winning the Lotto,

driving the top range of Mercedes,

owning a yacht,

having a house in the Riviera,

for others a loving family and good health.

The Jewish people at the time of Jesus saw prosperity, power, prestige and popularity as a blessing from God (the one who chose them) Happiness was reckoned to consist of a long life and abundant possessions.

But Jesus rejects the traditional values prevailing in Israel and opts for the company of the poor, the hungry, the rejected and the sorrowful. *"Happy are those who are poor, yours is the Kingdom of God..... Alas for you who are rich you are having your consolation now."*

Compared with that of our forefathers we live comfortably and enjoy much better health and

educational facilities than they did. Has our materialistic lifestyle and prosperity made us any happier than our forebearers were?

Our TV news reports more crime, murders, drug abuse, depression and suicide etc... We live in a world divided by the haves and the have nots where the rich grow richer and the poor have gotten poorer Oxfam reported recently that billionaire wealth double worldwide to 1.3 trillion in the past two years. The top richest people have seen their wealth double while 5 to 7 million people need food aid to keep them alive. "Alas for you who have your fill now you shall go hungry".



The secret to happiness according to Socrates an ancient Greek Philosopher *"is not found in seeking more but developing the capacity to enjoy less."*

Priest on Duty 13th February, 2022

Fr. Tom Ryan - 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 6.30pm: Austin Smith, Ballymacahill, Roslevan. MM.

Maureen Murphy, Hermitage.
Patricia McInerney (nee Roche), Dalcassian Park.
Patrick Kerin, Carron.

Sun 13th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Margaret McMahon, Loughville.

Monica Sheridan, Hermitage.
May & Micko Glynn, Knockaderra.

11.30am: Mary Keane, Considine's Rd. MM.

Danny Moran, Shanaway Rd.
Michael Griffin, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.
Frank & Mary McNamara, Corofin.

Mon 7.40am: Nora & James St. Leger,
O'Callaghan's Mills.

Paddy Lynch, Kilmaley.

11am: Bernadette Keane, Summerhill.

Jack, Annie & John Barry, Limerick.

7.30pm: Paddy & Mary Keane, Limerick Rd.

Olive & Tom Slattery, College Park.

Sacraments' Preparation Mass - Ennis N.S.

Tues: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.

11am: No intention.

7.30pm: Agnes Sexton, Hermitage.

Flora Herlihy, Coopers' Place.

Sacraments' Preparation Mass - Ennis N.S.

Wed 7.40am: No intention.

11am: Gertrude Ryan & Mary Guinan.

Patrick Kearney, Kincora Park & Market St.

7.30pm: Michael Dixon, St. Michael's Villas.

Sacraments' Preparation Mass - Ennis N.S.

Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Michael & Mary Hogan, St. Flannan's Tce.

Bryan & Anne MacMahon, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.

7.30pm: Yvonne O'Callaghan, Cahercalla & Turnpike.

Cyril Lane, Tobertaoscairn

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Jimmy McNamara, Golf Links Rd.

Teresa McCormack, Hermitage.

John & Mary McMahon, Kinturk, Connolly.

7.30pm: Robert Nestor, Cloughleigh Rd. MM.

Cyril Lane, Tobertaoscairn.

Christy Shannon, Hermitage.

Sat 11am: James (Jim) O'Halloran, Dalcassian Drive.

Susan & Pappy Downes, The Hand, Mullagh.

John Collins, Cahercallamore. MM.

Margaret Neylon (nee McInerney), Gallows Hill. MM.

Tony Coyle, Gleninagh, Gort Rd.

6.30pm: Noel Molloy, Turnpike Rd.

Patrick, Catherine & Margaret Doohan, Connolly.

Mary & Michael Ryan, St. Michael's Villas.

Francis Lyons, Golf Links Rd. & Jacinta Flynn, Dublin.

Sun 20th 8am: Gerard Keane, St. Anne's Tce.

9.30am: Tony Cheung, Fernhill. MM.

Johnny & Seamus Purcell, Ard na Gréine.

Gerry & Mary Moroney, Lower Market St.

11.30am: Senan Sheehan, Clare Rd.;

Cillian O'Sullivan, The Glen, Ballinskelligs.

Nora Kierse, St. Michael's Villas.

Pat Jones, College Park.

Mark Leyden, Shanaway Rd.

Love One Another



This Monday we will hear plenty about love. It is easy to love people who are far away. It is not always easy to love those who are close to us.

It is easier to give a few Euros to relieve famine in Africa than to relieve the loneliness of someone living next door. In other words, it is easy to love at a distance but not so easy to love at close quarters.

But does Christ really expect me to love that woman next door who never stops gossiping, that lazy person I have to work beside every day, that unfriendly shop assistant who never smiles, that shouting teacher or social climber, that bad-tempered foreman, that neighbour's spoilt child?

Ah, if only they were in a country in crisis and they needed my help, I would be moved with pity and send them something. But they are right on my doorstep!

Yes, these are the people Christ asks us to love. We must begin by loving the people near us. That is where our love for each other must start. But of course, it doesn't have to end there. Happy St. Valentine's Day!

Synodal Pathway

We ask parishioners to complete the online survey for the Synodal Pathway. It is an opportunity for everyone to be part of the Synod.

https://www.killaloediocese.ie/synod-keyqs/

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: John Byrne, Corrovorrin Green. 1st Anniv.

Sun 13th 10am: Maura Cavanagh, Pine Grove.

Flan Mangan, Market Court, Drumbiggle. 1st Anniv.

Francis Mangan, Corrovorrin Grove.

11.45am: Mary Chesser, Gleninagh. MM.

Joan Stack, Lifford Rd. 1st Anniv.

Peadar & Marie O'Keeffe, Drumcliffe Rd.

Sat 7pm: Patrick & Kyle O'Donovan,

The Crescent & London.

Sun 20th 11.45am: Katie Drennan, Lahinch Rd

Brendan Armstrong, Mountain View.

Meeting Room for Hire

The meeting room at St Joseph's Presbytery is now available for hire; it is suitable for small groups. Enquiries and bookings can be made at the Parish Office 065 6824043



Volunteers Needed at St. Josephs.



Ministries

The ministries of Reader, Eucharistic Minister and Sacristan at St Joseph's Church need extra volunteers and we are asking you to step up and join the lists of those who have given such generous service. If you would like to join the rotas please leave your name at the parish office or contact Fr David for further details.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €54 & €50 x 4. 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:

Tadhg Dillon



Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 6th February

Fund €2,935.33 Online €302



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 13th: PJ, Bridie & Trevor Dilger, Hermitage.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 20th 11am: Gabriel Kerin, Considine Rd.

FCJ Spirituality House,
Teach Spioradálta, Spanish Point.

Thanks to all for 2 fabulous mornings with Deirdre Ni Chinneide last weekend as we cross the threshold into Spring with Brigid. Also to the full house that joined us for movie night on Tuesday, and to all already booked in for Somatics this Saturday. We have moved from online events into small group meetings relatively quickly, so we are grateful to you all for your enthusiasm but also for your respect for one another's space and safety. It's a great combination!!

Morning meditation is back in person (and online), and Journey of the Universe continues online on Thursdays. Three nice upcoming events are listed below and can be booked at <https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/fcj-spirituality-house-spanish-point-35764429733> or call/text 087 447 9115. More workshops coming up – talks, baking, song, prayer, and more!

- Friday, Feb 18th Songs by the Sea with local singer/songwriter Shona Blake. Intimate concert before Shona launches her beautiful new album. Book in advance to avoid disappointment
- Wed, Feb 23rd Reflections on Hope with Donal Dorr. An online discussion, as part of a monthly series.
- Sat, Feb 26th: Spring Circle Dance with Mary Lillis. Mindful Meditative Hope, no experience required.

RIP

Brendan Hogan, Oakwood Drive, Ennis, and Kilduff, Tulla

Brian Hallahan, Clara, Co. Offaly, brother of Paula Carroll, Riverside, Clonroadmore.

Jimmy Nolan, Barntick, Clarecastle & member of Cathedral Choir.

Michéal O'Loinsigh, Clarecastle, former Schools' Inspector, Dept. Education.

Margaret Vaughan, Kilfenora, sister of Paddy Vaughan, Woodlawn, Bridget Pyne, Kildysart Rd. & Mary O'Keefe, Cúan an Chláir.

Catherine Brannigan, Kilkenny, mother of Linda Kocher, Showgrounds Rd.

St. Anthony's Brief

The latest edition of St Anthony Brief Magazine is available for sale in both the Cathedral and Friary. Your €2 supports the work of the Franciscan Friars and the magazine helps spread devotion to St. Anthony.

EBCF Laudato Si Book Club Meeting
Online Thursday Evenings 7 - 8.15pm
In person during Festival March 4-6
It's an opportunity for the dialogue that Pope Francis appealed for. Contact Bridget at 086 2444512 or info@ennisbookclubfestival.com to sign up or for more information.

Mtg 1 - Feb 10 - chapter 1

Mtg 2 - Feb 24 - chapter 2

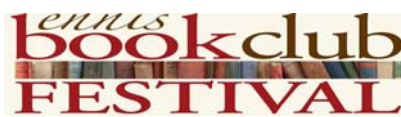
Mtg 3 - March 5 - chapter 3

in person meeting at Festival (11:30am)

Mtg 4 - March 10 - chapter 4

Mtg 5 - March 24 - chapter 5

Mtg 6 - April 7 - chapter 6



Covid 19 Restrictions – Update

In the coming weeks we will be removing the signs on seats in the Cathedral. We ask people to be respectful of others and still keep a distance. From the weekend of 19th/20th February, you will be invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion. For those with mobility difficulties Holy Communion will be brought to you.

Please note:

1. Holy Communion to be received only in the hand.
2. The sign of peace will continue to be suspended.
3. Holy Water fonts are not in use.
4. Face Masks to be worn in Church.

Dates for Sacraments



Holy Communion

Afterschool	9th 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	9th April
Gaelscoil	20th May

Fr. Tom Appeals!!

Fr. Tom appeals to the woman who spoke with him before 6.30pm Mass recently regarding book.

Please make contact with Fr. Tom.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Naomh Vailintín

Beidh Féile Naomh Vailintín á chomóradh againn an Luan seo chugainn Mháirt 14 Feabhra. Seolfar go leor cártaí Vailintín agus pléafar cúrsaí grá sa phobal agus sna meáin chumarsáide ach cérbh é Naomh Vailintín? Mairtíreach agus sagart ab ea é a cuireadh chun báis sa Róimh breis is 1,800 bliain ó shin toisc gur bheannaigh sé lánúineacha a bhí i ngrá. Ní raibh fonn ar na fir óga ag an am troid in Arm an Impire Rómhánaigh Claudius. Chuir Claudius an milleán ar na mná agus d'ordaigh sé gach pósadh agus gealltanas pósadh a chur ar ceal. Bhí an bás i ndán d' aon duine a chuirfeadh ina choinne. Níor aontaigh Vailintín le seo. Cuireadh i bpríosún é agus dícheannadh é sa Róimh 14 Feabhra 270 A.D.

Sa bhliain 1835 thug John Spratt, sagart Chairmilíteach cuairt ar an Róimh agus tháinig na sluaite amach chun é a chloisteáil ag soiscéalú. Mar chomhartha buíochais bhronn an Pápa Gréagóir XV1 taisí Naomh Vailintín air agus tá siad in Eaglais na gCairmilíteach i Sráid na mBráithre Bána i mBaile Átha Cliath ó shin. Tugann lánúineacha cuairt ar an scrín chun a bheannacht a iarraidh ar a bpóstaí. Is é seo a leanas a deir Naomh Pól faoi ghrá: "Bíonn an grá foighneach agus bíonn sé lách; ní bhíonn éad air; ní dhéanann sé maíomh ná mórtas; ní bhíonn sé mímhúinte ná leithleasach, míchéadfach ná agrach". (1 Cor. 13: 4-5).

We celebrated the Feast of St Valentine on Tuesday 14 February. Valentine Cards were sent and love matters were discussed by people and the media. But who was St. Valentine? He was a priest martyred in Rome approximately 1,800 years ago because he blessed couples who were in love. Young men were reluctant to join the Roman Empire Army of Claudius. Claudius placed the blame for this on women. He forbade marriages and marriage engagements. Anybody who opposed him was put to death. Valentine did not agree with this.

He was imprisoned and beheaded in Rome in February 270A.D. In 1835 an Irish Carmelite priest Fr. John Spratt visited Rome. Many came to hear him preaching. As a reward he received the relics of St.Valentine from Pope Gregory XVI and they are in the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Whitefriar Street, Dublin ever since. Many couples visit his shrine to ask for a blessing on their marriages. St.Paul says: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking." (1 Cor. 13: 4-5)

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God,
A mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!"

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 17:5-8

The Lord says this:
A curse on the man who put his trust in
people,
who rely on things of flesh,
whose hearts turn from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
He settles in the parched places of the
wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in
the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrust its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
Its foliage stays green;
It has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders God's law day and night.

R.

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.

R.

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

R.

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

1 Cor 15:12.16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has
been preached, how can some of you be
saying that there is no resurrection of the
dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ
has not been raised, and if Christ has not
been raised, you are still in your sins. And
what is more serious, all who have died in
Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ
has been for this life only, we are the most
unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the
dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen
asleep.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
For revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
To mere children.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lk 6:17.20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and
stopped at a piece of level ground where
there was a large gathering of his disciples
with a great crowd of people from all parts
of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the
coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had
come to hear him and to be cured of their
diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he
said: 'How happy are you who are poor:
yours is the kingdom of God.
Happy you who are hungry now: you shall

satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh'.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive
you out, abuse you, denounce your name as
criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Re-
joice when that day comes and dance for joy,
for then your reward will be great in heaven.
This was the way their ancestors treated the
prophets

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having
your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall
go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn
and weep.'

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of
you! This was the way their ancestors treated
the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visi-
ble 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 as-
cended 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
resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come.

Amen.

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill,
And what they craved the Lord gave them;
They were not disappointed in what they
craved.