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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](http://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/](http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscan-friary-webcam/)

Monday to Saturday 10am

Vigil Mass Saturday 7.30pm

Sunday 10.30am

Poor Clare Monastery

Daily Mass at 7.45am

Christ the King Oratory Cloughleigh

Monday to Friday 9.30am

Sunday 11am

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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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 20th February, 2021.

### The power of forgiveness

Today's gospel summarises something new for the 'religious leaders of Jesus' day. Their law decreed *"an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."* In other words, they were expected to strike back at those who harmed them in any way. It is in a gospel like that presented to us today that we see just how radical and revolutionary Jesus' teaching must have sounded back then.

Indeed, it is still quite revolutionary in today's world, with our dog-eat-dog mentality. The process of salvation which he had come to establish would be based on forgiveness, and, therefore, to be part of, and to belong to that process must put each of us right out there in the front line of tolerance, forgiveness, and love.

Imagine yourself in front of a mirror, reflect on the failures and sin in your life. You take as much time as you need for this.

You are going to ask God's forgiveness, you are going to try to make amends wherever possible, and you want to move forward from here.

**Ask yourself one simple question:**

***Can you absolve yourself before asking God to forgive you?***

***Can you ask God to do something for you that you are unwilling to do for yourself?***

Guilt is not from God. Rather is it your own inability to forgive yourself. A leading psychiatrist said that he could discharge two thirds of his patients immediately if he could get them to forgive themselves. Jesus taught us one simple prayer,

which we call the Our Father or the Lord's Prayer... It is a simple prayer, and it is quite short. One of the petitions is where we ask God to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. We can rattle off this prayer, and fail to realise the bind in which it can place us.

In the Lord's Prayer, we ask God to forgive us on one condition, which is that we will forgive others in our turn. There is a proven power in forgiveness and love. ***"Blessed are the meek" says Jesus, "they shall possess the earth."*** We are impressed by the power of forgiveness shown by characters like Mahatma Ghandi, Martin Luther King, and others who somehow managed to turn the other cheek. The bully cannot deal with the power of the one who won't strike back, but often resorts to violence as the only way to silence their voice of protest.



To err is human, to Forgive is divine. We would aim to be bighearted, tolerant and patient.. But the ideal Jesus sets for us is, ***"Be merciful, just as your heavenly Father is merciful."***

**Priest on Duty 20th February, 2022**  
**Fr. Joy - 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat: 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.  
 Maureen Burke, Quin, Galway & Dublin.  
**Mon: 7.40am:** No intention booked.  
**11am:** Tubridy Family, Clohanbeg, Cree.  
 Tony Dargan & Siobhán Colleran, Limerick Rd.  
 Joseph Kavanagh, Ennis.  
**7.30pm:** Jacksie & Lil Russell, Kilrush Rd.  
 Martin Healy, Loughrea.  
**Tues: 7.40am** Book of Intentions.  
**11am:** Cleary Family, Carrownakilla, Ballynacally.  
 Margaret Graham, 'Prague House', Cusack Rd.  
**7.30pm:** Mary Pigott, Connolly Villas.  
**Wed 7.40am:** No intention booked.  
**11am:** Francis Nagle, Vincent Morgan & Mary Casey,  
 Cahercalla Estate.  
**7.30pm:** No intention booked.  
**Thurs 7.40am:** Frances & Joe Molony, O'Connell St.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** Tom Flynn, Golf Links Rd.  
 Kitty & John Looney, Shyan, Kilmihil.  
 Patrick, Mary & Joseph Quigley, Ballinacarra,  
 Kilfenora.  
**Fri 7.40am:** Mass for the People.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** Raymond Molloy, McNamara Park. MM.  
 Pat Murphy, 'Bernan House', Circular Rd.  
**Sat 11am:** Daniel, Ellen, John & Eddie Kelly, Marie &  
 John McCarthy, Theresa Carroll, Tom O'Sullivan.  
 T.Kenny, Rathflynn, Corofin.  
 John & Nora McGrath, Considine Rd.  
 Paudge Hurson, Summerhill.  
**6.30pm:** Mary Pickford, Drumbiggle Rd. **1st Anniv.**  
 Michael Sheedy, Avondale, Kilrush Rd. MM  
 Seán **1st Anniv.** & Lorraine Cooley, Dalcassian Ave.  
 Marion Sheill, Friars' Close.  
 James Casey, Bastion Quay, Athlone.  
 Ailish O'Dwyer McNamara, Bodyke.  
 Frank Lillis, Beechpark.  
**Sun 27th 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** No intention booked.  
**11.30am:** Lily Cusack, Parnell St;  
 Mary Cleere, Tubber;  
 George & Margaret McMahon, St. Michael's Villas.  
 Simon O'Donnell, Kilrush Rd.  
 Jim Burke, Park Ave.  
 Donal Ryan, Cusack Rd.  
 Joan Petty, Dublin.

**Newly Baptised**

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

**Sadhbh Brid Murray,  
 Sophie Ruth Hehir**



**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.killaloe-diocese.ie/synod-keyqs/>

A public meeting for the Abbey Pastoral Area to discuss the Synodal Pathway in the Maria Assumpta Hall on Wednesday 23rd March @ 8pm

**Adoration  
 of the  
 Blessed Sacrament  
 in Cathedral**



Monday to Friday from  
 5pm to 7pm

Do you need support to find the right job or return to work? EmployAbility Clare helps people with a health condition or disability. Contact Karen on 0656844007 or email [karen@employabilityclare.ie](mailto:karen@employabilityclare.ie)

**Ennis Brass Band  
 Free Concert**

We invite you to join us in our fond farewell to our musical director Mark Nutley at the Holy Family Hall at 7.30pm Friday 25th of February. Admission is free! Not only are we thrilled to be able to publicly perform together again but it promises to be a very special night for us, being our final performance with Mark. All welcome.

**St. Joseph's**



**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat 7pm:** Patrick & Kyle O'Donovan, The Crescent & London.  
**Sun 20th 11.45am:** Katie Drennan, Lahinch Rd  
 Brendan Armstrong, Mountain View.  
**Thurs 10.30am:** Mary Hegarty, Shanaway Rd.  
**Sat 10.30am:** Decd members of Dullaghan family,  
 Dundalk & Newry.  
**7pm:** Anna Casey, Marian Ave.  
 William Moloney, Clarecastle & Boston. MM.  
**Sun 26th 10am:** Monica Howard, Ennis.  
**11.45am:** Deirdre Tynan, St. Senan's Rd. MM

**Volunteers Needed at St. Joseph's.**



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.

**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



**Cloughleigh**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**  
**Sun 20th 11am:** Gabriel Kerin, Considine Rd.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Sun 26th 11am:** Lucille Hayes, Pearse Ave,  
 Cloughleigh & Bridge Court.

**The Kiss of Christ**

Fr Séamus O'Connell, St. Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth will resource and guide the course.

**Introduction (online)**  
 week of Feb 23rd 7.30-9pm  
**Deeper reading (online)**  
 week of Feb 28th  
**Lectio Live**  
 Wed 9th March 7.30-9pm  
**The Word and Life (online)**  
 week of Mar 14th  
**Lectio Live**  
 Wed 23rd March 7.30-9pm  
**The Word and Silence (online)**  
 Week March 28th  
**Lectio Live**

Further information and online registration €10 [www.aspal.ie](http://www.aspal.ie)

**Ennis Parish  
 Development Fund for Sunday  
 13th February  
 Fund: €3588.34  
 Online: €205.00**

## Covid 19 Restrictions – Update

This weekend we have removed the signs on the seating in the Cathedral. We have retained social distancing seating (every second seat) on seats from the Baptismal font back to St. Anthony's Shrine.

We ask people to be respectful of others and still keep a distance.

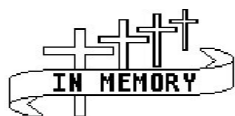
You will be invited to come forward for Holy Communion.

For those with mobility difficulty, Holy Communion will be brought to you.

Please note:

- 1) Holy Communion will 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 are to be worn in the Church.
- 5) The aisle from the Baptismal font back is for social distancing use only.

## RIP



**Frank Forde**, Considine's Terrace, and formerly of Glanquin, Carron;

**Mary Anne Casey**, Ballyea;

**Anne Coughlan nee Geoghegan & Patsy Geoghegan**, died in U.S.A. formerly of Ballybeg;

**Mary Mullins**, Clanamore, Cree, mother of Jimmy

*Those we love  
don't go away,  
they walk beside us  
every day  
Unseen, unheard  
but always near,  
still loved, still missed  
and very dear*

## Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €500, €100, €100, €50 x 4. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

## Ash Wednesday



Wednesday 2nd March is the beginning of Lent. Trócaire Boxes will shortly be available and during Lent this year morning prayer in the Cathedral each weekday at 7.30am before mass.

Late opening of the Cathedral will take place on the Mondays of Lent until 10pm from after the Evening Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Cathedral concluding with night prayer at 9.50am. During this time a priest will be available for confession, a chat or a blessing.

## 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

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](mailto:info@ennisbookclubfestival.com)

to sign up or for more information.



**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**

## *Sr. Eileen's Cúinne*

Moladh Dé.

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 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 fiordhuine.

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 mór mháthair Dé, Muire Rónaofa.

Moladh lena Gabháil gan Smál.

Moladh le hlósaef Naofa, a céile rógheanmnaí.

Moladh le Dia ina chuid aingeal agus ina chuid naomh.

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.

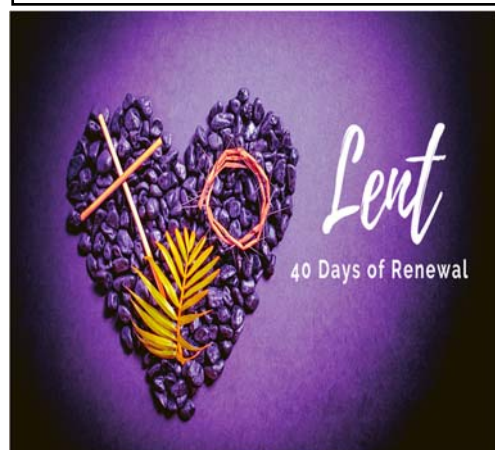
Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.

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

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been  
bountiful with me.

### 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 first book of Samuel 1 Sam 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness  
of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men  
chosen from Israel to search for David in the  
wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their  
way towards the force, where they found  
Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear  
stuck in the ground beside his head, with  
Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has  
put your enemy in your power; so now let me  
pin him to the ground with his own spear.  
Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him  
twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill  
him, for who can lift his hand against the  
Lord's anointed and be without guilt?'  
David took the spear and the pitcher of water  
from beside Saul's head, and they made off.  
No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up;  
they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from  
the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on  
the top of the mountain a long way off; there  
was a wide space between them. David then

called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one  
of the soldiers come across and take it. The  
Lord repays everyone for his uprightness  
and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in  
my power, but I would not raise my hand  
against the Lord's anointed.'

### The word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm;

*Response: The Lord is compassion and  
love.*

*My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.*

*My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. R.*

*It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. R.*

*The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. R.*

*As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.*

*As a father has compassion on his sons  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. R*

#### A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says,  
became a living soul; but the last Adam has  
become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the  
one with the soul, not the spirit, and after  
that, the one with the spirit. The first man,  
being from the earth, is earthly by nature;  
the second man is from heaven. As this  
earthly man was, so are we on earth; and  
as the heavenly man is, so are we in heav-  
en. And we, who have been modelled on  
the earthly man, will be modelled on the  
heavenly man.

### The word of the Lord

#### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!*

#### A reading from the holy Gospel accord- ing to Luke Lk 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you  
who are listening: Love your enemies, do  
good to those who hate you, bless those  
who curse you, pray for those who treat you  
badly. To the man who slaps you on one  
cheek, present the other cheek too; to the  
man who takes your cloak from you, do not  
refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who  
asks you, and do not ask for your property

you, what thanks can you expect? Even  
sinners love those who love them. And if you  
do good to those who do good to you, what  
thanks can you expect? For even sinners do  
that much. And if you lend to those from  
whom you hope to receive, what thanks can  
you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to  
get back the same amount. Instead, love  
your enemies, and do good, and lend without  
any hope of return. You will have a great  
reward, and you will be sons of the Most  
High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful  
and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is  
compassionate. Do not judge, and you will  
not be judged yourselves; do not condemn  
and you will not be condemned yourselves;  
grant pardon, and you will be pardoned.  
Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full  
measure pressed down, shaken together,  
and running over, will be poured into your  
lap; because the amount you measure out is  
the amount you will be given back.'

### 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

I will recount all your wonders,  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
and sing psalm to your name,  
O Most High.