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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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Third Sunday of Lent Year C 20th March, 2022

## Grow in Holiness

The gospel today has two parts, the first sees Jesus using two examples of bad things happening to people. Our Lord is challenging the idea which was prevalent that if something bad happened to you then you must have done something wrong! Jesus is very clear, *Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you.* Jesus is challenging the complacency of the people. There was a certain comfort for them in pointing to the misfortune of others as somehow a sign of their own virtue. That is sadly a temptation all of us face, the idea that if we put others down we raise ourselves up. This is not true however, for in putting others down, in speaking ill of other people, in looking down on other people we are really lowering ourselves. The first half of the gospel is telling us that in the eyes of God we are no better or worse than anyone else, we are all in need of Gods mercy. Jesus strongly calls the people to repent, to turn away from their sins whatever they may be and to seek Gods mercy.

The image of the fig tree, shows us vividly what Gods mercy means. In the second part of today's gospel God

is represented not by the owner of the vineyard but by the gardener. The vineyard is usually a metaphor for the relationship between God and his people. The image of God as the gardener trying his best to make the fig tree bear fruit, not giving up on it, saying give it another year shows us how much God seeks to forgive us, seeks to bless us.

Maybe we don't think of our faith in that way, but this gospel points us to that truth. We are people who are growing, whatever our age, we are meant to bear the fruit of good works, yet so often we fail to do that. Our God who loves and wants what's best for us, continues to work despite our failures. Our God does not give up on us. He wants what's best for us, Just as a fig tree is meant to bear fruit so we are meant to grow in holiness and bear the fruit of goodness.




**Priest on Duty 20th March 2022**  
**Contact Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**  
**Sat: 6.30pm:** Albert Hanberry, Roslevan.  
 Albert, Bridie, & Sr. Marie Stephens, Clonroad.  
 Don & Jenny Ryan, Summerhill.  
 Martin Bradley, Clonroadbeg.  
**Sun 20th 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** James Vaughan, The Market.  
 Jim Flanagan, Roslevan & Tuam.  
**11.30am:** Gerard O'Loughlin, Old Gort Rd. **1st Anniv.**  
 Maisie, John, Jim & Martin Bradley, Limerick Rd.  
 Billy & Teresa Fitzgerald, "St. Joseph's", Clare Rd.  
 John Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.  
 Thomas & John Neylon, Kilmorane House, Darragh & Dublin.  
 Peter Fox, High St.  
**Mon: 7.40am:** Michael Joe Lynch, Mullagh.  
**11am:** Colin Paul & Family, Maiville.  
**7.30pm:** No intention booked.  
**Tues: 7.40am** Book of Intentions.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** Delia, John & Martin McMahon, Lisheenacrona, Killee.  
**Wed 7.40am:** Vincent Crowley, Kilmihil.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** Joan & Tristan Crowe, Willow Park.  
**Thurs 7.40am:** Susan & Vincent Crowley;  
 Eileen & Willie O'Carroll & Crowley & Callinan families. Clonakilla, Cooraclare & Tullabrack.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** Noreen Considine & John O'Halloran, Considine's Tce.  
 Gary Kelly & Delia Keary, Ennis & Crusheen.  
**Fri 7.40am:** Mass for the People.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** John O'Halloran, Cahercalla Rd. **MM.**  
 Pat Hanrahan, Ard Aoibhinn, Limerick Rd.  
**Sat: 11am:** Tisha (Doris) Tuohy, Considine's Rd. **MM.**  
 Frank Kelly, Miltown Malbay.  
**6.30pm:** Martin Browne, Cahercalla Estate. **1st Anniv.**  
 Les Blackmore, Ennis & Canterbury **1st Anniv.**  
 Mary Hynes, Clare Road.  
**Sun 27th 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** Maura Frawley, Cahercalla. **MM.**  
**11.30am:** Fiona Howard, Rockmount. **MM.**  
 Jim Kitson, Claureen Drive.  
 Paddy McInerney, Dalcassian Park.  
 Peter Wilkie & Kearney family, Hermitage & O'Callaghan's Mills.  
 Ciara Fox, Hermitage.  
 Nono Lynch, Dalcassian Park.

**Newly Baptised**  
*We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:*  
**Daniel James Kenny**  
**Holly Claire Kelly**



**Dates for Sacraments**

**Holy Communion**

<b>Afterschool</b>	<b>9th April</b>
<b>ENS</b>	<b>7th May</b>
<b>Gaelscoil</b>	<b>14th May</b>
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>21st May</b>
<b>Scoil Chríost Rí</b>	<b>21st May</b>
<b>CBS</b>	<b>28th May</b>

**Confirmation:**

<b>ENS</b>	<b>25th Mar</b>
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>1st April</b>
<b>Afterschool</b>	<b>9th April</b>
<b>Gaelscoil</b>	<b>20th May</b>
<b>CBS</b>	<b>26th Mar</b>

**Trees**

Let me tell you something about trees. They speak to each other. They speak to each other through tunnels that extend from their roots, opened in the earth by fungus, sending their messages cell by cell, with a patience that could only be possessed by a living thing that cannot move. If a tree is starving, its neighbours will send it food. No one really knows how this can be, but it is. Nutrients will travel in the tunnel made of fungus from the roots of a healthy tree to its starving neighbour, even one of a different species. Trees live, like you and me, long lives, and they know things. They know the rule, the only one that's real and must be kept. **What's the rule? You know. I've told you lots of times before. Be kind.**

"From A Low and Quiet Sea" Donal Ryan

**Rest in Peace**

**Peggy Feeney O'Keeffe nee Garvey, Kincora Pk.;**  
**Timothy (Ted) Collins,**  
 Seapoint, Barna, Galway & Abbey St., Ennis,

**St. Joseph's**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**  
**Sat 7pm:** Pat O'Brien, Shannon Park.  
**Sun 20th 10am:** Noreen Malone, Aughanteeroe, Gort Rd. **1st Anniv.**  
 Marian & Patrick Watson, Fergus Park.  
**11.45am:** No intention booked.  
**Mon 10.30am:** Brigid & Michael Clune, Ballymacahill.  
**Tues 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Wed 10.30am:** John, Winnie & Bridie Hayes, Coore.  
**Thu 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Fri 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Sat 10.30am:** **No 10.30am Mass.**  
**7pm:** Joe Skelly, New Rd.  
 Brid McMahon, Kevin Barry Ave.  
**Sun 27th 10am:** No intention booked.  
**11.45am:** Paul Glynn, Corrovorrin.

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**Cathedral Renovation Appeal**  
 In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €200.00, €30, €20  
 We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

**Census 3rd April 2022**


It's quick, it's confidential and it's compulsory. Every five years there is a census in Ireland and this year it will happen on Sunday 3rd April. Wherever you sleep on that night is where you should be included on a census form.

**Confirmation**

On Friday next Bishop Fintan will celebrate the Sacrament with pupils from Ennis National School in three different ceremonies in the Cathedral. We congratulate the sixth class pupils, their families and teachers and pray that the gift of the Holy Spirit given on the day will sustain them through their lives.  
**We ask the regular mass goers in the Cathedral to avail of mass at 10am in the Friary or 10.30am Mass in St. Joseph's on Friday.**

**The Synodal Way**

A public consultation on the Synodal Way in which Pope Francis is seeking the views of everyone on the future of the Church will take place for the Abbey Pastoral Area in the Maria Assumpta Hall on this Wednesday 23rd March at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to come and listen and express their views.



**Feast of the Annunciation**

Friday next 25th March is the Feast of the Annunciation. This feast is the celebration of the Angels, when Mary accepted the call to become the Mother of God and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

**Parish Columbarium**

All of the niches in our Parish Columbarium have been reserved. There is the possibility of a new phase with extra capacity being added to the Columbarium. For more information, please contact Joseph O'Neill on 085 2148301 or infor@eternumcolombarium.com or Fr Tom

**Cloughleigh**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**  
**Sun 19th 11am:** Patrick, Mary Ann & J.J. Fitzpatrick, Circular Rd., Ennistymon.  
**Mon: 9.30am:** Donor's Intention.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Wed 9.30am:** Martin Kennedy, Kilcurrish, Fountain.  
**Sun 27th 11am:** Austin Connole, Shanlee, Lahinch Rd  
 Lucille Hayes, Pearse Ave & Bridge Court.

**Lost:** St. Martin Rosary Beads at Mass in the Cathedral. If found please contact: 086 0869315



## Lourdes 2022



After an absence of two years, due to the Covid pandemic our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes resumes again this year from 28th June to 3rd July, direct from Shannon Airport. Sick or assisted pilgrims will not travel this year. €739 to €759 depending on the choice of hotel, Agena or La Solitude.

To reserve your place please contact Joe Walsh Tours. Tel: 01-2410800  
email: [info@joewalstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalstours.ie)

Post: Joe Walsh Tours, 69 O'Connell Street Dublin 1

The autumn pilgrimage will take place from 2nd to 7th October 2022

Enquiries to Fr Tom Ryan

Pilgrimage Director 087 2349816 or [tfryan.enis@gmail.com](mailto:tfryan.enis@gmail.com)

Please note: the Franciscan Pilgrimage takes place from 22nd—27th September. More details in the Friary.

## National Collection for Ukraine



A special collection will take place at all masses in Ireland next weekend 26th / 27th March to help the people of Ukraine.

Donations can be left into the Parish Office or donate on line at Ennis Parish Website.

## Prayer for Peace for Ukraine



Loving God,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid.

We pray for World Leaders,  
for compassion, strength  
and wisdom  
to guide their choices.

We pray for the world,  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity,  
to our sisters and brothers in need.

May we walk in your ways,  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality  
for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.

Amen



## Daily Mass

Seven daily Masses in the Parish

**Cathedral:** 7.40am, 11am, 7.30pm

**Cloughleigh:** 9.30am

**Friary:** 10am

**Poor Clares:** 7.45am

**St. Joseph's:** 10.30am

## Late opening of the Cathedral on Mondays

20th, 27th March, 4th, 11th April.

To celebrate the Sacrament of Confession and spend some quiet time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament from 8pm to 10pm.

**Night Prayer** with Fr. Brendan Quinlivan at 10pm each night on Tulla Parish facebook page.

**Praying the Stations of the Cross** on Friday Evening after 7.30pm Mass.

## Our Prayer / Fasting / Almsgiving (PEA) programme continues this Lent.

If you want a real purpose-driven Lent, the prayer / fasting / almsgiving programme is made for you.

- ◆ Prayer-commit to a daily prayer.
- ◆ Fast-commit to eating three meals a day.
- ◆ Almsgiving-commit to donating to Trócaire.

Each day you will help yourself, help others and help your relationship with God. This programme involves making sacrifice, but there is no doubt that the benefits we will receive at Easter will be immense.

## Third Sunday of Lent—20 March

'Leave it one more year' – isn't it how we might feel about returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation time after time with the same old sins. But God awaits us with joy and mercy – let us 'not remain prisoners of shame for our sins' says Pope Francis because God is never ashamed of us.

**The Abbey Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service will be on Monday 11th April at 7:30pm in the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul, Ennis.**

Reflections, scripture and music will be part of this prayerful celebration and a number of priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

*You are very welcome to join us.*

## National Day of Remembrance and Reflection

This Sunday 20th March, the country pauses to remember the many people who have died during the pandemic. It is estimated that over 2,100 in the country's nursing homes and other care settings died during the pandemic.

This day is an opportunity for people to support each other and as a nation to be there for each other.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### An Tríú Domhnach den Charghas. Teachtaireacht an Aingil.

Is é seo an Tríú Domhnach den Charghas. Inniu táimid leath bealaigh tríd an gCarghas agus is féidir linn ár ruín a athnuachan. Ceiliúrfar Teachtaireacht an Aingil chun na Maighdine Muire ar an Aoine 25 Márta. I Soiscéal Naomh Lúcas (Lúcas1:26-38) tagann an tArd aingeal Gabriel chuig Muire. "Agus ar a theacht isteach chuici dúirt: 'Sé do bheatha, atá lán de ghrásta, tá an Tiarna leat: is beannaithe thú idir mhná' Lúcas1:28-29. Ceiliúraimid an ról atá ag Muire mar an té a roghnaíodh le bheith ina máthair ag Íosa. Is í Muire an té is gaire do Chríost agus dúinne chomh maith. Cé go bhfuil clabhsúr tagtha ar Sheachtain na Gaeilge ná déan dearmad ar an Ghaeilge a labhairt. Is seoid luachmhar í, ná lig di dul in éag. – *Beatha teanga í a labhairt.*

### Fáilte an Aingil

Tháinig aingeal le scéala chun Muire. F.

Agus ghabh sí ón Spiorad Naomh. 'Sé do bheatha a Mhuire, srl.

Féach mise banóglaigh an Tiarna. F.

Déantar liom de réir d'fhocail. 'Sé do Bheatha srl.

Agus ghlac an Briathar colainn dhaonna. F.  
Agus chónaigh sé inár measc. 'Sé do bheatha, srl

Guigh orainn, a Naomh-mháthair Dé. F.

Ionas go m'fhiú sinn gealltanais Chríost.

Guimis: Doirt anuas, impimid, a Thiarna, do ghrásta inár gcroí, ionas, sinne a fuair fios, trí scéala an aingil, ar theacht Íosa Chríost do mhac i gcolainn dhaonna, go dtiocfaimis, trí luaíocht a pháise agus a chroise, chun glóire a aiséiri, trí Chríost ár dTiarna. Áiméan

### Third Sunday of Lent.

#### Feast of the Annunciation.

This is The Third Sunday of Lent. Today we are halfway through the season of Lent and we can renew our resolutions. The feast of the Annunciation is celebrated on Friday next 25 March. In the Gospel of St. Luke (Luke1:26-38) we read that the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary. "He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice so highly favoured! The Lord is with you' Luke1 28-29. We celebrate Mary's role as the person chosen to be mother of Jesus. Mary is the closest to Jesus and to us too. Irish Language Week has come to a close but we must not forget our language but speak it at every opportunity. It is precious, don't allow it to be forgotten. – The life of a language is to speak it!

**The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. R.** And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

**Behold the handmaid of the Lord. R.**

Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary... And the Word was made flesh. R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

Pray for us O holy Mother of God. R.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us Pray.

Pour forth we beseech you, O Lord, Thy Grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel may by His passion and Cross be brought to the Glory of His Resurrection. Through Christ our Lord. Amen



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
For he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
For I am alone and poor.

## 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 book of Exodus

Ex 3:1-8.13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up.

"I must go and look at this strange sight", Moses said, "and see why the bush is not burnt".

Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" he said. "Here I am" he answered. "Come no nearer" he said. "Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father", he said, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob". At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, "I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow".

Then Moses said to God, "I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you". But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?" And God said to Moses, "I Am who I Am." "This" he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel:" "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." "This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come".

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

R: *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 does deeds of justice,  
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.  
He has made known his ways to Moses  
and his deeds to Israel's sons. R

The Lord is compassion and love,  
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth  
So strong is his love for those who fear him. R

## A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 10:1-6.10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!*

*Repent, says the Lord,*

*for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*

*Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk.13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices.

At this he said to them, "Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans?"

They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it; it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

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

The sparrow finds a home,  
And the swallow a nest for her young:  
By your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King  
and my God.  
Blessed are they who dwell in your  
house, forever singing your praise.