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Monday to Friday 7.40am, 11am & 7.30pm

Saturday 11am & Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday 8am, 9.30am & 11.30am

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Monday to Friday 10.30am

Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm

Sunday 10am & 11.45am

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

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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

Phone Numbers: Cathedral:- 6824043;

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Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C) 27th March, 2022.

The Hidden Mother

The gospel today is that of the Prodigal Son whose story we are all familiar with from our childhood days. It challenges us to act like the forgiving father in the story who ran out to greet his repentant son, rejoiced in his homecoming and killed a fatted calf for a celebration in his honour.

The father was prepared to lay aside any just grievance he had against his son and wipe clean the slate of all the wrong and hurt he inflicted on his father and his family. The question is simply this: could you or I be so generous in our forgiving?

An aspect of the prodigal son story that always grabs my attention is the fact that the three main characters of the story are men: the father, the older son, and the prodigal son. I wonder where the mother in the story was. I like to think that she was not deliberately overlooked, but that like all strong mothers she played a hidden role behind the scenes. It was she who prompted the

father to lay aside any misgivings and told him to put it all behind him and go now and welcome your son! Too, later on, it was she who sent the father to the elder son and tells him to get over himself and come inside and join in the celebrations. Meanwhile, she may have had a quiet word with the prodigal son and told him to behave himself in future.

Coincidentally, today is Mother's Day and we honour all mothers. This Sunday is also called Laetare or rejoicing Sunday when the Church pauses Lent to celebrate the joys of life and Church membership. It is a good day to celebrate all our mothers. Just as we acknowledge the hidden mother of the gospel

story, we acknowledge too the many hidden and unsung qualities of our good mothers and all mothers worldwide. We do more than acknowledge our mothers – we rejoice in them!



**Priest on Duty 27th March 2022**  
**Contact Fr. David Carroll 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Martin Browne, Cahercalla Estate.  
**1st Anniv.**

Les Blackmore, Ennis & Canterbury **1st Anniv.**  
 Mary Hynes, Clare Road.

**Sun 27th 8am:** Holy Souls.

**9.30am:** Maura Frawley, Cahercalla. **MM.**

**11.30am:** Fiona Howard, Rockmount. **MM.**

Jim Kitson, Claireen Drive.

Paddy McInerney, Dalcassian Park.

Peter Wilkie & Kearney family, Hermitage  
 & O'Callaghan's Mills.

Ciara Fox, Hermitage.

Nono Lynch, Dalcassian Park.

**Mon: 7.40am:** Michael & Molly Meehan, Summerhill.

**11am:** Martin Hogan, St. Flannan's Terrace.

Mary, Patrick, Mary Kate & Roddy Tuohy, Feakle.

Brian Sheehan, Kerry.

**7.30pm:** Donor's Intention.

**Tues: 7.40am** Book of Intentions.

**11am:** Mary Farrell, Lanesborough, Co. Longford.

**7.30pm:** Donor's Intention.

**Wed 7.40am:** No intention booked.

**11am:** Martha & William Costin, Hospital, Co. Limerick.

Agnes & John (Sonny) Hehir, Gortmore.

William (Bill) Guilfoyle, Hermitage.

**7.30pm:** Noel Martin, Rathoath, Co. Meath. **1st Anniv.**

Gerry Browne, College Rd.

Kathleen Maloney nee Brigdale, Castlewood Pk.

**Thurs 7.40am:** Marie Walsh, Feenagh, Quin.

**11am:** Nurse Kathleen Duggan, Francis St.

**7.30pm:** Desmond Cullinan, Dalcassian Pk.

**Fri 7.40am:** Mass for the People.

**11am: Holy Family Confirmation.**

**7.30pm:** Marie Moran, Shanaway Rd. **1st Anniv.**

**Sat: 11am:** Ann O'Sullivan nee Howard, Dublin & St.

Michael's Villas. **1st Anniv.**

Patrick Howard, St. Michael's Villas.

Hannah (Annette) O'Brien, Ard Aoibhinn, Limerick Rd.

**MM**

Margaret (Monie) Meehan, Carmody St.

**6.30pm:** Thomas Whelan, Dalcassian Pk.

Nell & Mary Ryan, Stonepark, Barefield.

Joan Moloney, Considine Rd. **MM.**

**Sun 3rd April 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** No intention booked.

**11.30am:** Josephine & Patrick Kelly, Ard na Greine.

Mary Keane, Clancy Pk.

Rita Hennessy, Yorkshire & Turnpike Rd.

John Staunton, Gallows Hill.

Frances & Bobby O'Rourke, Dalcassian Avenue.

**Dates for Sacraments**

**Holy Communion**

**Afterschool 9th April**

**ENS 7th May**

**Gaelscoil 14th May**

**Holy Family 21st May**

**Scoil Christí Rí 21st May**

**CBS 28th May**

**Confirmation:**

**Holy Family 1st April**

**Afterschool 9th April**

**Gaelscoil 20th May**

**Special Collection for Ukraine**



This weekend as you leave Mass there will be retiring Bucket Collection to give people the opportunity to support the many people from Ukraine who are homeless and who have lost everything in the war. Your contribution will be sent by Trócaire to Caritas International who are on the ground in Ukraine and neighbouring countries helping refugees. Contributions can also be left into the Parish Office or made online at the Donate Button of the parish website. Please include the word 'Ukraine' in the message box if donating on line.

**Newly Baptised**



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

**Jack Dylan McGuane & Darragh Patrick McGuane**

**Bridget Lucia Keenan.**

**Congratulations**

to the boys and girls  
 from Scoil Christí Rí,  
 Cloughleigh who made their  
 First Confession  
 last Thursday!



**St. Joseph's**



**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat 7pm:** Joe Skelly, New Rd.

Brid McMahon, Kevin Barry Ave.

**Sun 27th 10am:** No intention booked.

**11.45am:** Paul Glynn, Corrovorrin.

**Mon 10.30am:** Harry Ballinger, Gort Rd.

Nora O'Connor, Naas.

Patrick, Margaret & Mary Finlay, Ennis.

Patrick Duggan, Connolly Villas.

**Tues 10.30am:** Edwin Twomey, Mellor, Blackburn.

**Wed 10.30am:** Margaret Spellissy, Steele's Terrace.

John (Eddie) Sheridan, Marian Ave. **MM**

Patrick & Michael Cleary, Clancy Pk.

**Thu 10.30am:** Deceased members of McMahon

families.

**Fri 10.30am:** No intention.

**7pm: No intention**

**Sun 3rd 10am:** Michael Devitt, St. Senan's Rd.

Denis & Bridie Greer, Shannon Park.

**11.45am:** M.J. Twomey, Roslevan. **1st Anniv.**

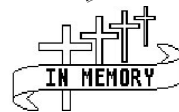
John McCabe, Newpark, Roslevan.

**Cathedral Renovation Appeal**

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donation of €100.

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

**RIP**



**Michael Falvey, Kilrush Rd.**

**Mannix Berry, Cappaghmore & Rice College.**

**Thomas Copeland, Ennis.**

**Mary Larkin (nee O'Loughlin), Hermitage, died**

in New York, sister of Eileen Bradley,

Clonroadmore & Michael O'Loughlin, Lahinch

Rd.

**Stasia O'Hara (nee Keane), Cratloe, sister of**

Francie, Golf Links Rd. & Joe, Dromore, Ruan.

**Confirmation**



This weekend we congratulate pupils from Ennis CBS who received the Sacrament in St. Joseph's Church this Saturday.

On Friday next the pupils of the Holy Family Senior School will celebrate the Sacrament here in the Cathedral.

We pray for these young people as the spirit of God dwells among them as they go forward in their teenage years.

Please note due to the Confirmation Ceremony on Friday in the Cathedral, we ask 11am Mass goes to avail of Mass on Friday 10am in the Friary or 10.30am in St. Josephs.

**Cloughleigh**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sun 27th 11am:** Lucille Hayes, Pearse Ave. & Bridge Court.

Austin Connole, Shanlee, Lahinch Rd.

**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.

**Wed 9.30am:** Quinlivan Family, Kilmihil.

**Thu 9.30am:** Packie Murrhy, Mullagh.



## 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@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.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.

Booking forms for the pilgrimage are now available in the Parish Office

Accord is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of Marriage Preparation Programmes.



Application forms are available by contacting [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie). Selections will take place in June of this year with training commencing in September. This year Accord is celebrating 60 years supporting couples and families. Please contact us for any support you may need [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, 30th March at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr Martin Shanahan who currently serves in the Parish of Inagh will deliver the reflection. Petitions may be left at the shrine in Tulla Church during the Novena. All welcome.

### 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](mailto:infor@eternumcolombarium.com) or Fr Tom

### First Friday April

Friday next 1<sup>st</sup> April is the First Friday of the month. Sick and housebound parishioners will receive Sacraments at home. If you know of any parishioner who is housebound and who would like to receive the Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office.



**FIRST FRIDAY**

# Lent



### 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

28th 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.

### Fourth Sunday of Lent—27th March

From shame to celebration, from humiliation to joy – even before the son has time to humble himself, the father embraces him, lifts him up and celebrates with him and for him. This is the supreme example of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Abbey Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service will be on Monday 11 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.



Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday, 20th March

Fund €2,793  
Online €433

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### Ceathrú Domhnach den Charghas

Inniu an Ceathrú Domhnach den Charghas. Tugtar Domhnach *Laetare* ar an Domhnach seo mar de réir an traidisiúin ba lá ceiliúradh i lár an Charghais é. Is éard is brí le *Laetare* ná Lúcháirimis! Meabhraíonn an Scríptúr dúinn go bhfuil cúis gairdeas sa Tiarna againn. Caitheann an sagart éide rósach agus an tAifreann á léamh aige inniu. De ghnáth ní bhíonn aon bhláthanna ar an altóir le linn an Charghais ach is féidir iad a bheith ann inniu. Fadó ní bhíodh an t-orgán le cloisteáil sa tréimhse seo den bhliain ach amháin ar Dhomhnach *Laetare*.

Feicimid na boscaí do Thrócaire sna séipéil ó thús an Charghais. Iarrtar orainn gach bliain teacht i gcabhair ar thíortha atá ar ghéarchéim nó i bpráinn. Cuireadh an eagraíocht Trócaire ar bun sa bhliain 1973. Tá sainordú ag Trócaire: tacú le tionscadail forbartha fadtéarmach thar lear agus faoiseamh a chur ar fáil le linn éigeandálaí agus leis sin, a chur in iúl do phobal na hÉireann faoi chúiseanna na bochtaineachta agus éagóra agus an pobal a ghriósú chun athrú domhanda. Tá tionchar ar a cuid oibre cheana féin agus an taithí agus an dóchas atá le feiceáil i measc na mbocht agus daoine atá faoi chois. Tacaíonn Trócaire le pobail ina n-iarrachtaí chun feabhas a chur ar a saol, freastal ar a riachtanais bhunúsacha agus dínit an duine a chinntiú. Bhí muintir na hÉireann i gcónaí báil le tíortha a bhíonn i sáinn. Go gcaithfidimid go fíal le Trócaire an Carghas seo.

Guimis ar son gach uile dhuine atá ag fulaingt de bharr cogaidh nó gorta, daoine atá ruaigthe as a n-áit cónaithe nó as a dtír féin.

A Dhia, cabhraigh linn cúram a dhéanamh dár gcomharsana uile. Cabhraigh linn comhoibriú le daoine eile chun an domhan seo a fheabhsú. Deasaigh ár mbeathaí créachta. Áiméan.

This is the Fourth Sunday of Lent also called *Laetare* Sunday. It is a day of celebration. *Laetare* means Rejoice! The Scriptures tell us that we have a reason to rejoice in the Lord. The priest wears rose coloured vestments. There are usually no flowers on the altar during Lent but today is an exception. In the past the organ was silent during Lent but was heard on *Laetare* Sunday.

Trócaire Boxes are available in our churches during Lent. We are asked to help those in dire need in many parts of our world. Trócaire was established in 1973. Trócaire has a dual mandate: to support long-term development projects overseas and to provide relief during emergencies; and at home to inform the Irish public about the root causes of poverty and injustice and mobilise the public to bring about global change. Its work is also influenced by the experiences and the hopes of the poor and oppressed. Trócaire supports communities in their efforts to improve their lives, meet their basic needs and ensure their human dignity. The Irish people have always contributed generously to those in need. Let us continue this wonderful tradition.

Let us pray for all people who are suffering because of war or famine, people who are displaced or forced to leave their own country.

Lord, help us to care for the common good of all. Help us to work with other people to build a better world. Heal our broken lives. Amen.



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who are in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling  
breast.

### 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 Joshua

Jos 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

### The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

*R: Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.

*R*

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free.

*R*

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress.

*R*

## A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

2 Cor 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ;

it is as though God were appearing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

### The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!  
I will leave this place and go to my father and say:  
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 15:1-3.11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

Now the elder son was out in the fields, and

on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening." The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

### 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

You must rejoice, my son  
for your brother was dead and has come to life;  
he was lost and is found.