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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

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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

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Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C 3rd April, 2022

What News?

The day I heard,
'Our life like a bird has escaped
from the snare of the fowler,'
I thought of how we can all find ourselves at times,
flapping about helplessly,
held fast by one bad memory,
one idea, a particular addiction,
circling about ourselves and going nowhere.

The image of a bird escaping the snare
evokes in us the joy of being alive,
and the exhilaration of a big sky and a playful wind.

Psalm 124 *'we are free like a bird from the trap!
the snare has been broken and we are free'*,
implies that someone has broken the snare for us.
Love has set us free!

The poet R. S. Thomas puts it well
when he observes that -
*'we cover the ground faster
but what news do we bring?'*

Is it news of being free,
of having second and third chances,
of encouragement to spread our wings
and rise above our fears?
In a world where our desires are sometimes small

as the product we are persuaded to buy,
we can starve for a bit of good news.

There are ways of being great
that may not be newsworthy;
as when we reach out and
undo the snare for each other.

This graceful gesture might be as simple as
pointing out a patch of blue in a cloudy sky,
or giving a hug instead of advice.

Either way, it seems to say,
'haven't you noticed, the snare is broken
no, silly, you don't need wings.
Come on. Let's fly' ' *Songs for the Slow Lane -Hugh O' Donnell'*

The challenge of today's Gospel!

Can we forgive as readily as Jesus forgives?
Can we forgive and leave it?



Priest on Duty 3rd April 2022
Contact: Fr. Tom Ryan 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Thomas Whelan, Dalcassian Pk.
 Nell & Mary Ryan, Stonepark, Barefield.
 Joan Moloney, Considine Rd. MM
 Paddy Kennedy, Parnell St.
Sun 3rd 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. 1st Anniv
 John Staunton, Gallows Hill.
 Frances & Bobby O'Rourke, Dalcassian Avenue.
 John & Darragh O'Halloran, Ard na Gréine.

Mon: 7.40am: Coll & Gilgunn Families.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Michael & Mary Kate Griffin, Parnell St.
 Tessie Meere, Cahercalla.

Matt Talbot Prayer Society.

Tues: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.
11am: Tom McDonagh, Childers Rd.
7.30pm: No intention booked.
 John & Eileen Bennis, Limerick.
Wed 7.40am: Susan & Vincent Crowley, Kilrush,
 Eileen & Willie O'Carroll & Callinan & Crowley families.
11am: John & Mary O'Looney, Kilfenora.
 Edward Baker, Hermitage.

Josephine West, Cloughleigh.
7.30pm: Bridie Butler, Marian Ave.
 Belle & Josie Broderick, Ardlea Rd.

Thurs 7.40am: Donor's Intention.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Pat & Nora Harnett, Limerick.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Thomas & Aoife Devitt, Derryharrive, Inagh.
7.30pm: John, Catherine & Teresa Flanagan,
 Connolly Villas.
Sat: 11am: Maureen 1st Anniv. & Seán Cronin,
 Mountain View.

Norah O'Halloran, Dalcassian Ave. 1st Anniv.
 Sarah Williams Rynne, Cusack Rd. 1st Anniv.
6.30pm: Doris & Jerry Molloy, Hermitage.
 William (Bill) Guilfoyle, Hermitage.

Sun 10th 8 am: PJ Meaney, Cranny.
9.30am: Norrie Power, Considine Rd.
 Lily Cleary, The Close, Cappahard, Tulla Rd.
11.30am: Christina Lynch, Clare Rd. MM.
 Sylvester Keane, Garraunakilla, Upper Market St.
 Monica Brooks, Drumcauran.
 PJ Coote, Cahercalla.
 Tony, Paddy & Dolly Lillis, O'Connell St.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:
Mon: 9.30am: Donor's Intention.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Special Intention.
Fri 9.30am: Nance Whelan, Toonagh.

Ennis Parish
 Development Fund
 for Sunday 27th March 2022,
 Fund **€3,059.33**

Dates for Sacraments

Holy Communion
Afterschool 9th April
ENS 7th May
Gaelscoil 14th May
Holy Family 21st May
Scoil Chríost Rí 21st May
CBS 28th May

Confirmation:
Afterschool 9th April
Gaelscoil 20th May

Newly Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Jenna Anne Daly
Gloriane Essombno
 Nzuiki Mbongo
 Roisin Eva Varden
 Kate Louise Varden
 Theo Krister Tony Arons-Morrissey
 Indie Elizabeth Brace
 Áine O'Donnell



Teen Takeover
 Discover Ennis Heritage Day this Sunday. Free Historical walking tours of Ennis leaving from Chapel Lane Market Building on the hours between 1pm and 4pm. Activities throughout the afternoon include basket weaving, spinning wool, butter churning, story telling, face painting and much more. There will also be live traditional Irish Music and dance hosted by Gaelcholáiste an Chláir and St. Flannan's College.

The Synodal Pathway
 Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent public consultation on your thoughts and expressions of being a part of our Church. We would still like to hear from you. You are welcome to fill in our online survey by using the link or our Killaloe Diocese website.
[Synodal Pathway - Key Questions](#)
[- Online Survey - Killaloe Diocese](#)

Ukraine Appeal
 We thank all who contributed €16,046.00 to this National Appeal last weekend. Your generosity will be a great help to the many people whose lives have been displaced by war and violence. If you still wish to make a contribution, please do so this week before we send our parish contribution to Trócaire.

St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:
Sat 7pm: No intention booked.
Sun 3rd 10am: Michael Devitt, St. Senan's Rd.
 Denis & Bridie Greer, Shannon Pk.
11.45am: M.J. Twomey, Roslevan. 1st Anniv.
 John McCabe, Newpark, Roslevan.
Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.
Tues 10.30am: No intention booked.
Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.
Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.
Fri 10.30am: Gerald Rooney, London & Fermanagh.
 Jim McLoughlin, Ard na Gréine.
 Maria, Paddy & John Duddy & Bridget McIntyre, Tulla Rd.
Sat 10.30am: No intention booked.
7pm: Joe Conway, Corrovorrin & Teresa Kalkhaf (nee Downes), New York & Mullagh.
 Kevin Lynch, Lifford Rd;
 Kevin & Cissie Lynch, Kilrush Rd.
Sun 10th 10am: Tom & Mae Minitier, Kincora Park.
 Kathleen & Martin Kelly, Old Gort Rd.;
 Baby Emma Kelly, Toonagh.
11.45am: Martin Cotter, St. Senan's Road.

Our apologies for the delay in the building works in St. Joseph's Church. This is beyond our control as the project is led and managed by the HSE. We hope that the exterior work will be completed shortly after Easter and that the ceiling replacement will commence shortly after that.

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.

Matt Talbot Prayer Society
 The Monthly Mass for all those enrolled in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society praying for all those suffering or sharing in the life of addiction takes place this Monday Evening at the 7.30pm mass in the Cathedral. If you wish to enrol somebody in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society, please visit: www.matttalbotprayersociety.com



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

Confirmation and Holy Communion
 We congratulate the pupils from Holy Family School who were confirmed by Bishop Fintan on Friday. On Saturday next children from the Afterschool Group who have been preparing for Holy Communion and Confirmation will receive the Sacraments at a ceremony in the Cathedral at 12 noon. We thank our teachers and volunteers who have accompanied the children on this faith journey.

Legion of Mary
 We have resumed our Legion of Mary meetings in the Parish Office on Tuesday at 7pm. New members are very welcome

Lourdes 2022

Direct from Shannon Airport
June 28th—July 3rd
Summer Pilgrimage
September 22nd—27th
Franciscan Pilgrimage
October 2nd –7th
Autumn Pilgrimage
Details available on the parish website or on the posters in the Cathedral or Friary.
Booking forms for the pilgrimage are now available in the Parish Office



Knock Shrine

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Sunday 22nd May.
A bus will travel from Ennis.
To book your seat please contact Cian at Brigdale Coaches. 087 2661333 or Claire at the Diocesan Office 065 6828638



Lough Derg

Our Diocesan and Parish Pilgrimage will take place from Monday 1st to Wednesday 3rd August. Details from the Parish Office.
Bishop Fintan will lead all three pilgrimages making them a Diocesan gathering for all parishes to participate.



Lent



Pastoral Area
Sacrament of Joy
Reconciliation Service
Monday 11th April 2022
7.30pm
Ennis Cathedral



Peace Apart
Lasting Impressions of C.S. Lewis



This is the latest book by Bishop Fintan Monahan which was launched on Zoom in the past week and published by Veritas.
The book will be launched locally here in the Cathedral after the 11am mass on this Wednesday.
All are welcome to the launch.
The book is available for sale in the Parish Office @ €10 per copy. An ideal Easter, Confirmation or Birthday gift.

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

4th April, 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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent 3 April

'Has no one condemned you? Neither do I?' As we approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation let us do so knowing that the Lord does not wait for us to condemn us, but to welcome us, encourage us, protect us. 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 on Good Friday, April 15th @ 12noon at the Square in Ennis where there will be a public Vigil for the 32 County Holy Face. Rosary, Chaplet, Holy Face Prayers.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign



This is the fifth week of our Lenten Journey of helping the poor.
Trócaire work on our behalf in helping millions of people facing humanitarian catastrophies because of extreme weather or conflict. Every cent and euro does make a difference.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Cúigiú Domhnach den Charghas

Tá mí Aibreáin buailte linn. I mí Aibreáin bí linn a Thiarna, mí na bhfáinleog, mí na cuaiche, mí an fhásra, mí an fhéir ghlais. Is iad intinní an Phápa don mhí seo ná: D'oibríthe chúram sláinte: Guímis ar son oibríthe chúram sláinte a bhíonn ag freastal ar na heasláin aosta, go háirithe sna tíortha is boichte; go bhfaighe siad an tacaíocht is dual dóibh ó rialtais agus ó phobail áitiúla.

Inniu an Cúigiú Domhnach den Charghas. Tá an séasúr beannaithe ag teacht chun deireadh agus an tSeachtain Mhór ag druidim níos gaire dúinn. I soiscéal naomh Eoin inniu tugann Íosa dúshlán dóibh siúd atá ag éisteacht leis agus dúinne gan a bheith ró thapaigh breithiúnas a thabhairt ach a bheith truachroíoch agus – mar a bhí Íosa - mall chun feirge agus lán de thrócaire " " An duine agaibh atá gan pheaca, bíodh sé ar an gcéad duine ag caitheamh cloch léi...d'ímíodar leo ina nduine is ina nduine... " (Eoin 8: 7-9).

Go raibh Íosa ina réalta eolais againn inár ndeacrachtaí agus inár spriocanna go léir agus go raibh dóchas agus creideamh againn as, chomh maith le grá mór. Áiméan.

April is here. Be with us Lord during the month of April, the month of the swallows, month of the cuckoo, month of growth, the month of green grass. The Pope's intention for this month: We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

This is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The holy season is coming to an end and Holy Week is approaching. In Saint John's Gospel today Jesus challenges those listening and us not to be quick to rush to judgement but to be forgiving and – as Jesus was - slow to anger and rich in mercy. " If there is one among you who has not sinned let him be the first to throw a stone at her'...when they heard this they went away one by one..." (John8:7-9)

May Jesus be our guiding light in times of difficulty and in all our aspirations. May we have faith and hope in Him together with

RIP



Frank O'Connor, Oak Park.

Mary Moroney, Corrovorrin.

Christy McDonagh, Childer's Rd.

Fr. Senan Mahoney, Caldey Island, Tenby, South Wales, brother of late Tommy Mahony, Tobartaoscaín;

Breda McMahan nee O'Halloran, Clonroadbeg

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me. For you, O God, are my strength

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 prophet Isaiah

Is 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink.

The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R: *What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R**

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

Phil 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ,

king of eternal glory!

Seek good and not evil

so that you may live,

And that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.

Praise to you, O Christ,

king of eternal glory!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?'

They asked him this as a test, looking for

something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir', she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus, 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

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

Has no one condemned you, woman?

No one, Lord.

Neither shall I condemn you.

From now on, sin no more.