

# ENNIS PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Mass Times

Cathedral-[www.ennisparish.com/webcam](http://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](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

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

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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St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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<http://www.facebook.com/ennis.parish>

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 14th August, 2022

### Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Korean artist Khan Lee constructed an art piece called Ladder to nowhere in Vancouver, Canada. It is a 126 feet tall and two feet wide ladder made of galvanized steel and consisting of 108 Steps towering into the sky and it heads nowhere. The aim of this piece of art was to inspire viewers to "reach upward and beyond to achieve perceivably unattainable goals".

Human quest for goals, achievable targets and meaning in life is unending. Both the corporate world and individuals set goals and constantly try to achieve them. Yet life often becomes meaningless not knowing where we proceed. Life often seems to be an endless ladder that we climb, a leap into the dark.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary gives us a bright hope for our own future; it is our Ladder to Somewhere! That somewhere is where we all long to reach some day. The solemnity reminds us that when we too live lives pleasing to God and cooperate in His plan of Redemption, we will be raised on our last day, we will be given glorified bodies and will share in God's glory where our Blessed Mother who is already present and will show us the way. Mary's Assumption is God's promise to us too.

In 1950, Pope Pius XII declared Mary's Assumption into Heaven to be an official dogma of the Catholic faith, by stating, "We Pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the Immaculate Mother of God, the Ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory".



The Assumption of Mary has two important dimensions to it: First of all, it is an assurance for us that we have a mother who is ever constantly praying for us, and who intercedes for us directly from beside the throne of her Son. Just like the occasion of the miracle of the wedding at Cana, even the Lord would still listen to the words of His loving mother. Let her words echo in our hearts, "Do whatever he tells you!"

Secondly, in the Assumption of Mary we also see the promise of new life and existence that we ourselves are going to experience in the time to come, when the final judgement comes, we will also be raised to heaven body and soul and our souls shall be reunited fully with our new bodies: glorified, purified and blessed, that we may enjoy forever, with Mary, and with all the saints, the glory and true joy of Heaven with God forevermore.

On this great feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may we be filled with hope and strength as we journey through our life filled with tribulation, trials, crisis and sufferings. This feast is also a constant reminder of victory and hope. The same God who journeyed with Mary now journeys with us to lead us onward from brokenness to wholeness and transformed us to be messengers of hope and healing. Mary's perfect life of surrender to God and her glorious Assumption into Heaven teaches us one of Life's greatest lessons: life on earth is not about surviving, but to find a place in the hearts of people and above all in the heart of God.



**Priest on Duty: Fr. Tom Ryan**  
**Please contact: 065 6869098**



### Cathedral

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**6.30pm:** Michael Fitzgerald, Corrovorrin. **1st Anniv.**  
**Sun 14th 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** Eddie & Maura Cotter, Victoria Court.  
**11.30am:** Eileen Downes, Steele's Terrace.  
 Larry Brennan, Abbey Lawn, Clarecastle.  
**Mon: 7.40am:** No intention booked.  
**11am:** Mary Connolly, Dublin. **1st Anniv**  
 Mary Chapman nee Downey, Ennistymon & Ennis. **MM**  
**7.30pm:** No intention booked.  
**Tues:7.40am** Book of Intentions.  
**11am:** Christy Meaney, Kilkee.  
**7.30pm:** Pat & Bridget Woods & decd Woods family,  
 Circular Rd.  
 Sean Mounsey, Marian Avenue.  
**Wed 7.40am:** No intention booked.  
**11am:** Eoghan Byrne.  
**7.30pm:** No intention booked.  
**Thurs 7.40am:** No intention booked.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** No intention booked.  
**Fri 7.40am:** Mass for the People.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** Maureen Rynne, Cusack Rd. **MM**  
**Sat:11am:** Patrick McNamara, Mullagh & London.  
 James, Kathleen & Tommy Coote, Circular Rd.  
 Teresa Walshe, Kilbricken, Doora.  
**6.30pm:** Michael O'Connor, Ros na Rí, Shanaway. **MM**  
**Sun 21st 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** Paddy Forde, Ardlea Rd.  
 Amy Molloy, Dalcassian Park.  
**11.30am:** Pat & Mary Neylon, P.J., Mary & Michael  
 Palmer, Connolly Villas.  
 Thomas Pilkington, Loughville.  
 Monica & Fergus Gallagher, Cappahard, Tulla Rd.  
 David Timlin, Ashfield Pk.  
 Teresa (Teddy) Ryan & family, Connolly Villas.

### A Blast from the Past

The parish newsletter of 17th August 1986 tells us that Fr. Taaffe was the Parish Priest on duty.

- ◆ An all night vigil to Knock Shrine was advertised for September.
- ◆ The Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes cost £305
- ◆ The Third Order at the Friary were celebrating Jubilee of members.
- ◆ Community information office at Clare Social Services office on O'Connell St was open on Thursdays and Fridays.
- ◆ Parish collection was £1,935
- ◆ Cois na hAbhna was holding Irish Traditional nights three nights a week.
- ◆ Dancing for Pleasure in the West County on every Sunday Night.
- ◆ A pre-marriage course was advertised for Ennis.
- ◆ Tony Glynn was running a bus to Knock every Sunday from the Old Ground, return fare was €5.00



### St. Joseph's

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**7pm:** Gerry Jones, Orchard Lane.  
 Mary, James & Willie Cooney, Limerick.  
**Sun 14th 10am:** Patrick Carmody, Kincora Park.  
**11.45am:** Michael McNamara, Glensheen.  
**Mon 10.30am:** James, Bridget & Michael Murphy,  
 Kilkerrin, Labasheda.  
 Paddy & Tony O'Hara, Oakleigh Wood.  
**Tues 10.30am:** John & Mary McMahon, Marian Ave.  
**Wed 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Thu 10.30am:** Donor's Intention.  
**Fri 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Sat 10.30am:** Jack & Eilish Reidy, Dangan, Tulla.  
 Lauretta O'Sullivan, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.  
**7pm:** Seán Dolan, Castletawn.  
**Sun 21st 10am:** Gerry Sheridan, Marian Ave.  
 Teresa Butler, Courtview, Lifford.  
**11.45am:** No intention booked.

### A walk through the Mass (week 2)

**Greeting:** The mass is a series of movements or moments with nourishment for the people from the table of the Word and the table of the Altar. Ideally, the priest begins the mass from the chair and invites us to begin with the sign of the cross, reminding us of Baptism, and this is followed by the greeting "the Lord be with you." You will hear this greeting frequently. It means many things. Like "good day" it can mean both "hello" and "good bye". It is both a wish (may the Lord be with you / Dia Dhuit) and a profound statement of faith (as you assemble for worship, the Lord is with you). It is an ancient biblical greeting: Boaz returned from Bethlehem (we read in the book of Ruth 2:4) and said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you!" The ritual response to this greeting is always the formula, "And with your spirit," by which we return the hello, the good wishes, the statement of faith.

### Cloughleigh

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Wed 9.30am:** Quinlivan family, Kilmihil.  
**Thurs 9.30am:** Donor's intention.

### Knock Novena A Journey of Hope

The National Novena to our Lady of Knock continues every day this week at both 3pm and 8pm. All are welcome to attend and it can also be viewed live on the Knock Shrine website. For full details of speakers and other activities during the Novena, see Knock Shrine website.

### Newly Baptised

*We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:*  
**Eva Rose McMahon;**  
**Abbie Mc Mahon;**  
**April Elizabeth Quinn;**  
**Zoe Byrne;**  
**Conor George Guilfoyle;**  
**Oisin John Guilfoyle;**



### St. Joseph's Well

The annual mass at St. Joseph's well on the Gort Rd will take place on this Monday Evening, the Feast of the Assumption at 7pm.  
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### St. Anthony's Magazine

The latest edition of St. Anthony's magazine is now available for sale at €2 from both the Cathedral and the Friary. Promoting devotion to St. Anthony while at the same time supporting the missionary work of the Franciscans.

### Lourdes Pilgrimage



### Franciscan Pilgrimage

Sept 22nd –27th

### Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage

October 2nd—7th

### Both Pilgrimages direct from Shannon Airport. Details & bookings:

The Friary or Ennis Parish Office.  
 www.joewalstours.ie Tel: 01 2410800



Feast of the Assumption  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Monday 15th August



It is a Holyday of Obligation.

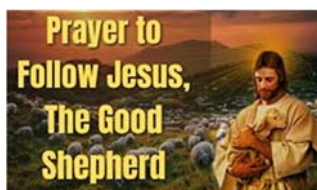
Mass times in Ennis Parish for the  
Feast will be as follows.

**Monday August 15th**

7.40am:	Cathedral
7.45am:	Poor Clare Monastery
9.30am	Cloughleigh
10am	Friary
10.30am	St. Joseph's
11am:	Cathedral
7.30pm:	Cathedral

Please note there will be No Vigil  
Masses for the Feast on  
Sunday Evening.

**Pray for Vocations**



Lord Jesus Christ, gentle shepherd,  
you know your sheep and you know  
how to reach their hearts.

Give to the people of our Diocese,  
hearts that are open  
to the call of the Holy Spirit.

Speak to the hearts  
of the faithful men

and women of our Diocese  
that they may hear your call

to follow and serve your people  
as priests, consecrated religious,

Deacons and to all forms of ministry.

Awaken in them the  
courage to answer,

"Here I am Lord, send me"

St. Francis,	pray for us
St. Senan,	pray for us
St. Clare,	pray for us
St. Flannan,	pray for us
St. Benedict,	pray for us
St. John Vianney	pray for us

Sr. Stephanie Murphy RIP



Sr. Stephanie Murphy died peacefully on  
Saturday, 6 August 2022 in University Hospital,  
Limerick, after a short illness.

Sarah Elizabeth (Sadie), the youngest in a  
family of five, was born to the late John Murphy  
and Sarah Johnston on the 4<sup>th</sup> of Sept. 1936 in  
Cobh, Co. Cork. Her siblings have all  
pre-deceased her; she is survived by her sisters  
-in-law, Maryse, Marjori and Ivana, nieces,  
nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Sarah was educated at Rushbrook NS and St.  
Mary's Mercy Secondary School, both in Cobh.  
Having trained in general nursing and midwifery  
in England, she became a staff nurse in Nenagh  
General Hospital. From there she joined the  
Sisters of Mercy in Nenagh in 1962 and Sr.  
Stephanie made profession of perpetual vows in  
1968. After courses in hospital administration in  
Belfast and London Stephanie was appointed  
matron in Nenagh Hospital, (1975 to 1985). She  
is remembered as an effective and hard-working  
matron but also as exceptionally kind and caring  
of patients and staff. Her term as Matron was  
followed by a one-year course in Geriatric  
Nursing in Dublin, after which she moved to the  
staff of St. Joseph's Geriatric Hospital in Ennis;  
she lived in Shallee Drive, Cloughleigh.

From her retirement in 2004 Stephanie  
continued to be busy; she assisted the care  
team at St. Xavier's Convent, visited families,  
was a Eucharistic Minister and a helpful  
neighbour in Cloughleigh. She was a well-known  
and tireless walker around Ennis!

Apart from all her ministries, one could honestly  
say of Stephanie that she personified mercy and  
exuded the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy,  
peace, patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control – all of  
which were evident in her personality and  
temperament. The first hour of her day was  
always for prayer. **Ar dheis Dé go raibh a  
hanam uasal, dilis.**

**Rest in Peace**

**Mary Nolan (née Singleton)**, Ballydavid,  
Athenry, Co Galway and formerly of Hermitage,;

**Philip Malone**, O'Connell St., Ennis;

**Elizabeth (Meta) Duggan (née Hackett)**,  
Ballymacuiggan,

Sr. Stephanie Murphy, Shallee Drive;

Patrick Cunningham, Dublin & Ennis;

Derek Brown, College Park;

Patricia Callaly, Ballycarroll, Barefield & Glór,  
Ennis.;

Dr. Paul Cahill, Roslevan;



**Sr. Eileen's Cuinne**

*Deastógáil na Maighdine Muire/Lá Fhéile  
Muire san Fhómhar*

*An Luan seo chugainn Féile na Deastógála.  
Ar lá fhéile na Naomh Uile sa bhliain 1950  
d'fhógair an Pápa Pius X11 gur  
deastógáladh an Mhaighdean Mhuire idir  
chorp agus anam chun na bhFlaitheas. Ag  
deireadh Chomhairle na Vatacáine 1965,  
d'fhógair an Pápa Pól V1 an teideal **Muire  
Máthair na hEaglaise ar Mhuire. Sa  
Leabhar Breac, lámhscríbhinn an cúigiú  
haois déag, tugadh an teideal Muire,  
Máthair na hEaglaise, Neamhaí agus  
Talúnda di. Is iad seo a leanas liosta de na  
teidil ar Mhuire a scríobh an file Piaras Mac  
Gearailt san 18ú haois.***

**Crann Soilse is Criostal na Críostaíochta.  
Farraige na Daonnachta.**

**Grianán na Glóire.**

**Réaltán Eolais gach Seachránaigh.**

**Bean Réitigh na Feirge.**

**Seomra Séad na Suáilce.**

**Tuile na nGrásta;**

**Tonn Chlíodhna na Trócaire.**

Guímis rath Dé ar gach duine atá ag  
glacadh páirte in imeachtaí cultúrtha ar fud  
na tíre faoi láthair agus amach anseo.

**I ngaol Dé, i ngrá Dé, i dtoil Dé, i súil Dé, i  
rún Dé, i gcúram Dé go gcónaímid.  
Aiméan.**

**Feast of the Assumption**

Next Monday we celebrate the Feast of the  
Assumption of Our Lady. Pope Pius X11  
declared on the feast of All Saints 1950, that  
Our Lady was taken body and soul into  
heaven. Pope Paul V1 declared Our Lady  
**Mother of the Church** at the close of the  
Vatican Council 1965. In the 15th century  
manuscript *Leabhar Breac* Mary is given the  
title **Mother of the Church, Heaven and  
Earth**. The following is a list of Marian titles  
written by the poet Piaras Mac Gearailt in  
the 18th century:

**Crystal tree lights of Christianity;**

**Sea of humanity;**

**Bower of glory;**

**Guiding star of those who stray ;**

**Dispeller of anger;**

**Path of virtue;**

**The flood of grace which never ebbs;**

**The Clíodhna wave of Mercy.**

We pray God's blessing on everyone taking  
part in cultural activities throughout the  
country at present and in the coming weeks.  
**May we live in the kinship of God, in the  
love of God, in the will of God, in the  
sight of God, in the mystery of God, in  
the care of God. Amen.**

Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday 7th August

Fund **€3,129.33**  
Online **€400.00**

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
And look on the face of your anointed  
one;  
One day within your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.

## 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 glo-  
ry, 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 38:4-6.8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king.  
'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is  
unquestionably disheartening the remain-  
ing soldiers in the city, and all the people  
too, by talking like this. The fellow does not  
have the welfare of this people at heart so  
much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as  
you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for  
the king is powerless against you.' So they  
took Jeremiah and threw him into the well  
of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the  
Guard, letting him down with ropes. There  
was no water in the well, only mud, and  
into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the  
palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord  
king,' he said 'these men have done a wick-

have thrown him into the well where he  
will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-  
melech the Cushite the following order:  
'Take three men with you from here and  
pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well  
before he dies.'

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry. R

He drew me from the deadly pit,  
from the miry clay.  
He set my feet upon a rock  
and made my footsteps firm. R

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.  
Many shall see and fear  
and shall trust in the Lord. R

As for me, wretched and poor,  
the Lord thinks of me.  
You are my rescuer, my help,  
O God, do not delay. R

## A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Heb 12: 1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud  
on every side of us, we too, then, should  
throw off everything that hinders us,  
especially the sin that clings so easily,  
and keep running steadily in the race we  
have started. Let us not lose sight of  
Jesus, who leads us in our faith and  
brings it to perfection: for the sake of the  
joy which was still in the future, he  
endured the cross, disregarding the  
shamefulness of it, and from now on has  
taken his place at the right of God's  
throne. Think of the way he stood such  
opposition from sinners and then you will  
not give up for want of courage. In the  
fight against sin, you have not yet had to  
keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The sheep that belong to me listen to my  
voice, says the Lord,*

*I know them and they follow me.  
Alleluia!*

## A reading from the Holy Gospel

according to Luke Lk 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to  
bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it  
were blazing already! There is a baptism I  
must still receive, and how great is my  
distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to  
bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but  
rather division. For from now on a  
household of five will be divided: three  
against two and two against three; the  
father divided against the son, son  
against father, mother against daughter,  
daughter against mother, mother-in-law  
against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law  
against mother-in-law'.

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

I am the living bread that came down  
from heaven, says the Lord.  
whoever eats of this bread will live  
forever.