

# 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-](http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/st-josephs-church-webcam)

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

[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 & 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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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 11th September. 2022

## Losing, finding, rejoicing!

**In chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing; the parables of**

**The Lost Sheep,**

**The Lost Coin,**

**The Lost Son.**

Each one explores the notion that is at the very heart of the spiritual life - namely, that God is the one who searches for us. Why would God fret over one little soul? Why would he bother? Well, it's his nature. It's what he does. As we see in the sheep, the coin and the son, recovering a lost soul is what he rejoices in doing.

He presents us with these deeply tender images of God to show that whenever we stray from God's compassion and love, God always searches for us in order to find us, heal us and bring us home. All we have to do is realise and admit that sometimes we do wander off and get lost. We are asked to recognise our need for God, and then begin our journey home where God will rejoice and celebrate. The shepherd, the woman and the father went to great lengths to find what they had lost. They never gave up until they found their most precious belonging. God never gives up on us. God loves each of us personally, passionately and intimately. He does not rest until everyone has been accounted for.

Pope Francis has put this message at the centre of his agenda. The Church for him is not a museum for saints or an enclosure for the virtuous but a field hospital for the wounded. It is this radical embrace of the vulnerable that is so powerfully shown by him at places like refugee camps, prisons, slumps and hospitals. It is this unashamed solidarity

with people at the margins that made him the object of criticism even inside the Church.

We are called to practice an ethic of concern, care and support for one another so no one is excluded from the table or left behind. We are challenged to be a community of hospitality, compassion and inclusion, which is an alternative to the populist politics of individual prosperity, security and self-interest.

*And so St. Luke in his Gospel invites us to consider:  
If we really believe in God's mercy?*



*How does that change our lives?*

*If we truly realize we are treasured?*

*What are we actually searching for in our lives?*

*These are questions we can only answer for ourselves.  
Nobody else can do it for us.*



**Priest on Duty**  
**Contact: Fr. Martin Blake 0656869098**

**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**6.30pm:** Teresa Sheerin Ryan, Kilmaley & Co. Meath. Bridie & Sean McMahon, Knockanoura, Tulla Rd. Sheila, Tom & John Cotter, Loughville.  
**Sun 11th 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** Andrew Hogan, Hermitage. Rita Keane, Loughville.  
**11.30am:** Pauline Greer, Ashline, Kilrush Rd. Michael Tierney, Cahercalla. Tony Mulrennan, Westfields. Veronica & John Drinan, Cusack Rd.  
**Mon: 7.40am:** Joe Egan, Castlebar.  
**11am:** Special Intention.  
**7.30pm:** Michael Kears, St. Michael's Villas. George O'Mahoney, Westbourne Court. **1st Anniv.**  
**Tues:7.40am:** Book of Intentions.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** William & Mary Anne McNamara, Bodyke.  
**Wed 7.40am:** Mary & Thomas Haren, Kilmaley.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** Nellie Bourke (nee Kelly) Tulla Rd. Kay McNamara, Hillcrest, Tulla Rd.  
**Thurs 7.40am:** Special Intention.  
**11am:** Séan Mc Donnell, Gallows Hill; Marissa Mc Donnell, Cathedral Court..  
**7.30pm:** Aidan Frost, Castlewood Park.  
**Fri 7.40am:** Mass for the People.  
**11am:** John & Delia Corey, Loughville. Donor's Intention. John McGann, Ard na Greine.  
**7.30pm:** Frank Molony, O'Connell St. Jackie Browne, Ardlea Rd.  
**Sat:11am:** Olive O'Malley (nee Ensko), Doora. Greene Family, Coolmeen. Nancy Shannon, Hermitage & decd Hewitt & Shannon families.  
**6.30pm:** Dan & Mary O'Keeffe, Ardlea Rd. Astrid Flynn, Corrovorrin. Michael McLnerney, London & Tulla. Patricia (Paddy) Ryan, Roscrea. Mary & John Griffin, Beech Park.  
**Sun 18th 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** No intention booked.  
**11.30am:** Mary Carey, Carmody St. Kathleen McGovern, "St. Martin's", College View. Eileen Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce. Finbarr O'Toole, Friars' Close.

**Salesian Sisters' Centenary**

There will be a celebration of the centenary of the arrival in Ireland of the Salesian Sisters' on this Sunday in St. Michael's Church, Kildysart at 11am.. Bishop Fintan Monahan, the Provincial of the Salesian Sisters and many of the sisters who lived in Cahercon will be in attendance for the parish Sunday Mass. Afterwards, there will be an opportunity to meet and chat to the Sisters.

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**Sick and Retired Priests' Appeal**

Thank you to all who contributed to this appeal last weekend. Your generosity is very much appreciated . Final figure is not yet available as contributions are still being received.

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**Clare Roots' Society Meeting**

Thursday 15th September @ 8p.m. In the Maria Assumpta Hall, Ennis Genealogy research updated Resources and Websites available since 2020. **Lecturer:** Jane Halloran Ryan, current Chairperson of Clare Roots' Society

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**Old Folks' Group** meeting first and third Tuesday of each month; music, bingo, chat and a cuppa. 8.30pm in Maria Assumpta Hall. All over 65's welcome. Bus available for pick up. Contact 087 1090414

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**The Harmony Bridge Club** will recommence on Friday 9th September @ 7.30pm in the Bridge Centre, Harmony Rd. The Harmony Club is a novice and intermediate club and beginners and new members always welcome and encouraged.

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**Clare SVP** in Clare has launched its third level Education and Training Bursary for 2022/23. Students must demonstrate that they have applied for all available state funding or other grants. Bursary awards are dependent on funding availability.

For more information contact the SVP shop at 065 682 4188 or by email at StJoseph's.Ennis@Svp.ie



**St. Joseph's**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat 7pm:** Martin & Maureen Mullins, Marian Ave.  
**Sun 11th 10am:** No intention booked.  
**11.45am:** Paul Cahill, Roslevan. **MM.**  
**Mon 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Tues 10.30am:** Madeleine Keown, Corofin. Patrick, Mary & Frank Moroney, Mullagh.  
**Wed 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Thu 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Fri 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Sat 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**7pm:** Margaret McEvoy, College Grove. **MM.**  
**Sun 18th 10am:** Noel Carmody, Kincora Park.  
**11.45am:** John & Margaret McNamara, St. Senan's Rd .

**A Walk through the Mass (week 5)**



**Homily.** It means more than just a sermon or a talk about how we are to live or what we are to believe. It is an act of worship rooted in the texts of the Mass and especially in the readings from Scripture which have just been proclaimed. The homily takes that word and brings it to our life situation today. Just as a large piece of bread is broken to feed individual persons, the word of God must be broken open so it can be received and digested by the congregation.

**Creed.** When we recite creed we are making a statement of our faith in the word we have heard 'proclaimed in the Scripture and the homily, and a profession of the faith that leads us to give our lives for one another as Christ gave his life for us. The Liturgy of the Word (our "storytelling" part of the Mass) comes to an end with the prayer of the faithful. These prayers help us become who God is calling us to be. We are the Body of Christ by Baptism. Now, as we prepare to approach the table for Eucharist, we look into the readings, like a mirror, and ask: Is that who we are? Does the Body of Christ present in this assembly resemble that Body of Christ pictured in the Scripture readings? We pray that our assembly really comes to look like the Body of Christ, a body at peace, with shelter for the homeless, healing for the sick, food for the hungry and for the Church.

**RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.**

Do you or someone you know wish to become a Catholic? Are you baptised but never confirmed or received First Holy Communion? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) may be the place for you! Every year adults are welcomed in to the Catholic Community through the RCIA parish programme. **INTERESTED!!** Don't hesitate to drop into the Parish Office or call 065 6824043.




 **Cloughleigh** 

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**  
**Sun 11th 11am:** Summerly Family, Ennis  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Sun 18th 11am:** No intention booked.

**Newly Baptised**

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

**Fiadh Emily Canavan** 

Ennis Parish  
 Development Fund  
 for Sunday,  
 Fund **€3,360**  
 Online **€365.00**

**Lourdes Pilgrimage**  
**Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage** October 2nd—7th  
**Pilgrimage direct from Shannon Airport.**  
**Details & bookings:** Ennis Parish Office.  
 www.joewalstours.ie Tel: 01 2410800

## Friends of Eugene Ryan RIP



Nearing the first anniversary of the passing of our friend, Eugene Ryan, a group proposes to climb the 12 O clock hills on Saturday September 17th, to remember and reminisce. Eugene completed this climb on 15th September 2021. Anyone who wishes to join is welcome.

Assembly at Belvoir Car Park, (Eircode V95 YKN5) at 9.45am, for a 10.00am start.

It is intended to have a bucket collection at the carpark. Proceeds to Barretstown, a cause close to Eugene's heart.

Options for 5K, 8.5K or 13K trail.

A 4K guided walk will commence at 10.30 am

Local guide will talk about heritage and social history of families who lived here.

### Mass for the Feast

#### St. Pio of Pietrelcina



Ennis Franciscan Friary, Friday  
September 23rd ' 7.30pm

Mass will be celebrated by

Fr. Martin Shanahan.

All are welcome

### Clare Community Response Forum

Many Ukrainians are being hosted in private arrangements through the county. The Forum is assisting and coordinating agency supports to those in emergency accommodation but is also keen to reach out and ensure adequate supports are in place for Ukrainians and their host families. If you are hosting Ukrainians, or if you are a Ukrainian being hosted, we would like to hear from you. There are supports in place to help you all and we want to assure all in the county are receiving appropriate supports. Please feel free to contact on [communityresponseforum@clarecoco.ie](mailto:communityresponseforum@clarecoco.ie) or on our portal at <https://www.clarecoco.ie/ukraine/>. If we receive sufficient response we may set up information sessions in the near future.

Clare Leader Forum will host their first AGM since the pandemic on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at starting at 11am in Cloughleigh Hall All are welcome tea and sandwiches will be served Agenda available on the day; guest speaker Michael Donnellan career guidance with adult education center Ennis. We will be electing new officers on the day including chair, vicechair, secretary, vice-secretary, treasurer/s, social media correspondent, venue arranger, PRO and Membership manager. Call for more details, 0863157591

### Exercise Classes for over 55's

Held each Monday at 1.15pm in Cois na habhna and on Wednesdays 1.45 pm in the Scouts Hall. Classes focus on bone health and bone strength, flexibility and movement concentrating on Osteoporosis, Osteopenia, osteoarthritis, fall prevention and balance poses. Classes Pay As You Go  
[www.fitness4fun.ie](http://www.fitness4fun.ie) Contact John 087 6666927

## Day of Prayer for Ukraine Wednesday 14th September

We are now in the seventh month since the 24 February full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russia. President Putin was sure that he would overrun Ukraine in three short days. He did not expect that the people of Ukraine, regardless of their ethnic background, religious affiliation or language group, love their country and are determined to defend it. For Ukrainians there is no going back to the tyranny and oppression that generations experienced under Russian imperial and Soviet rule from the middle of the 17th century. When the Soviet Union dissolved in 1991, the people of Eastern Europe, including Russia, had hope for the future, and, until Putin's first invasion in 2014, Ukraine had made great progress as a post-Soviet state. It is truly hard for us to believe that such a war could even be possible, with the kind of horrific brutality against the civilian population that we have seen in the last seven months. At the same time, we are inspired to see how the people of Western Europe have opened their hearts to the thousands that have fled harm's way seeking temporary refuge. In this effort communities across Ireland have also extended their traditional and world-famous Irish hospitality to newly- arrived Ukrainians, for which I am particularly grateful. The struggle is not over yet, and the cost of rebuilding will be unimaginable—broken lives and families, destroyed homes, villages, farmlands, cities, infrastructure. But for now, we give glory to God for his many blessings, and for the grace he has shown us through the kindness and generosity of the wonderful people of Ireland.

As a mark of solidarity from the Church all over Europe. Please pray for an end to the war and suffering of the Ukrainian people.

We pray too for continuing generosity of spirit in our response to those who have been forced to leave their homeland.

**Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski as Apostolic Visitor to the Ukrainian Catholic Community in Ireland. He has composed this prayer for Ukraine at this time.**

### Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €40. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

### Rest in Peace



**Patrick McNamara, Ennis & Doughmore, Doonbeg;**

**Bride Moriarty nee Sullivan, Station Court & Kenmare, Co. Kerry**

**Pauline McMahon (née Garvey), Killone, Clonroadmore;**

**Teresa Larkin, Cusack Rd.;**

## A Prayer for Ukraine

Almighty and Great God,  
accept our gratitude for your  
boundless mercy towards us.

Hear the supplication of our afflicted hearts  
for the land and people of Ukraine,  
as they confront foreign aggression  
and invasion.

Open the eyes of those who have been  
overtaken by a spirit of deception and violence,  
that they be horrified by their works.  
Grant victory over the powers of evil  
that have arisen and bless Ukraine  
with your gifts of liberty, peace,  
tranquillity, and good fortune.

We implore you,

O Merciful God,

look with grace upon those  
who courageously defend their land.  
Remember the mothers and fathers,  
the innocent children,  
widows and orphans,  
the disabled and helpless,  
those seeking shelter and refuge,  
who reach out to you and to their fellow  
human beings looking for mercy  
and compassion.

Bless the hearts of those who have  
already shown great generosity and solidarity,  
and those who prepare

to receive their Ukrainian brothers and sisters  
in Ukraine's greatest time of need.

Bring us together as your children,  
your creation, and instil in us  
your strength, wisdom and understanding.

May you be praised and glorified,  
now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

Amen.

## An Ceathrú Domhnach is Fiche

Sa bhliain 326 chuaigh Naomh Helena máthair  
Impire Chonstaintín Mór soir go hIarúsailéim  
agus d'éirigh léi Cros Chéasta Chríost a fháil.

D'fhógair an Pápa PiusV11 Féile Sheacht nDólas  
na Maighdine Muire agus ceiliúrtar é ar 14 Meán  
Fómhair. Is fiú dúinn machnamh ar Sheacht  
nDólas na Maighdine Muire.

Tairngreacht Shimeon

An Teitheadh don Eigipt

Iosa ar iarraidh sa Teampall inIarúsailéim

Castar Iosa lena máthair ar a thuras

go Calvaire

Céasadh Iosa ar Chnoc Chalvaire

Cliathán Iosa á tholladh le sleá agus

tógтар Iosa den chros.

Iosa á adhlacadh ag Iosaef ó Airiomatáia.

### The 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Catholic Church celebrates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14 and Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15. St Helena mother of Emperor Constantine the Great discovered the True Cross of Christ in Jerusalem. Pope Pius V11 declared the feast Our Lady of Sorrows which is celebrated on the 15 September. We ought to reflect on Our Lady's Sorrows.

The Prophecy of Saint Simeon

The Escape and Flight into Egypt.

The Loss of the Child Jesus in the

Temple of Jerusalem

The Meeting of Mary and Jesus on

the Via Dolorosa.

The Crucifixion of Jesus on Mount

Calvary.

The Piercing of the Side of Jesus, and

His Descent from the Cross.

The Burial of Jesus by Joseph of Arimathea.

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

## 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 book of Exodus.

Ex 32:7-11.13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised.

They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice.

"Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.'

So the Lord relented and did not bring on the people the disaster he had threatened.

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

R. *I will leave this place and go to my father.*

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. R

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. R

## A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy

1 Tm 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith.

Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus.

Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life.

To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel:

Lk 15:1-32

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:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go

after the missing one till he found it?

And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

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.

Amen.

## Communion Antiphon

The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.