

ENNIS PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mass Times

Cathedral-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

Monday to Friday 10.30am

Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm

Sunday 10am & 11.45am

Friary-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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 4th September, 2022

Discipleship

There are two short stories in Luke's Gospel today. Both are about sensible planning.

The first one is about deciding to build a house. You sit down look at plans, finance and other factors before you begin.

The second repeats the message but for a community or nation. If a country decides to go to war the leaders will have to sit down and consider the cost. Maybe a better solution will be to work for peace.

So, what do we hear in these stories. The language is very tough. Discipleship means God's work first and all other attachments second. Not everyone will be happy with this but it explains why there are few disciples.

In Jesus' time as in our own there are always people ready to follow the new; ideas, fashions even religions. But the kingdom of God is not built on emotion but faithful commitment.

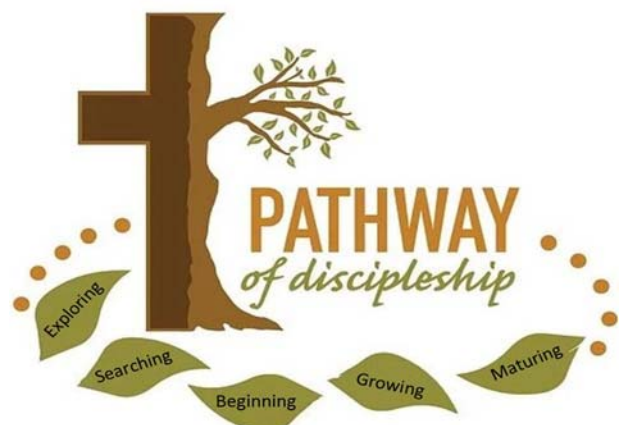
Discipleship costs!

Anyone can stand up and declare themselves for Jesus especially in the heat of a religious experience.

But Jesus is suggesting that discipleship is not something to accept blindly. "Sit down," he says, "Weigh the pros and cons."

Jesus is saying that he doesn't want reluctant disciples. He doesn't want people who feel trapped in something they don't understand. Jesus proclaimed freedom. His disciples proclaim freedom. We can't do that if we don't feel free.

"Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey." Pope Francis



Priest on Duty Fr. Joy Njarakattuvely - 4th September 2022
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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Teresa Ward, Dalcassian Ave. **1st Anniv.**

Margaret McMahon, Carmody St.
 Mary Ellen & John Queally, Drumcliffe.
 Martin Hurson, Phoenix Court & Dublin.
 George & Joan Summerly, Brookville.
 James Cahill, Lisheen, Ballynacally.

Sun 4th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: John & Michael Shannon, Loughville.

11.30am: Ronan Kildea, Castlerock, Tulla Rd.

Margaret Smith, Cahercalla Heights.
 Brigid Geraghty, Coopers Place,
 John & Mary O'Dwyer, Castlewood Park.
 Deceased Members 22nd Battalion Association.
 Bridget, Joseph & Molloy family, Hermitage.
 David Cullinan, Clonroad. **MM**

Mon: 7.40am: Donor's Intention.

Marie Ange Chinon.

11am: Mr. Kurian, Ennis.

7.30pm: Jimmy Fenton, Ard na Gréine.

Margaret & Andy Woods, Hermitage.

Matt Talbot Prayer Society.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Áine O'Shaughnessy, Clooney.

Agnes & Bernie O'Shaughnessy, St. Michael's Villas.
 Geraldine & Tom Quinn, London.

7.30pm: Nonie Flanagan & Family, Cornmarket.

Wed 7.40am: Donor's Intention.

11am: Frank Rice, Circular Rd.

Maureen O'Brien, Hermitage.

7.30pm: Molly Slattery, Cahercalla.

John Coyne, Ardlea Rd.

Thurs 7.40am: Peter Finnegan, St. Senan's Rd.

11am: Maura & Paddy Duddy, Donegal.

7.30pm: Susan McMahon, Limerick Rd.

Frank Barrington, Parnell St.
 Martha Kennedy, Parnell St.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Oliver Moylan, Golf Links' Rd. **MM.**

Patricia Sammon, Canterbury & Ennis. **MM.**
 Mary & Joe Kelly, Showgrounds.

Sat: 11am: Ann **1st Anniv.** & Seán & Brendan Mullarkey, College Green.

6.30pm: Teresa Sheerin Ryan, Kilmaley & Co. Meath.

Bridie & Sean McMahon, Knockanoura, Tulla Rd.

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.

Friary News

First Wednesday 7th September. All members of the Secular Franciscan Order are reminded that Wednesday 7th September will be the date for making plans for the coming months. The usual reading of the Office of St. Francis will be done before mass at 10am, and afterwards a short meeting for members will be held in a room at the Friary, to hear, and answer questions that may be raised.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €400 & €100. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Michael Meere, Corrovorrin Green.

Eamon Stenson, Shannon & College Rd. **MM.**

Sun 4th 10am: Carolyn Williams, Australia. **MM.**

Bridie 1st Anniv. Martin & Paul Byrnes, Gort Road.

Noel Bane, Marian Ave.

Tom & Christina Hogan, Shannon Park.

11.45am: Margaret & Tom Crowe, Lahinch.

Theresa Omon Utuokpaikhian (nee Edeko), Nigeria.

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: James Fahy, Cavan & Whitegate & Lelia O'Brien, Ennis.

Sat 10th 10.30am: No intention booked.

7pm: Martin & Maureen Mullins, Marian Ave.

Sun 11th 10am: No intention booked.

11.45am: No intention booked.



Bishop Michael Fogarty

One of the most famous and long reigning Bishops in Ireland was Bishop Michael Fogarty, who on Sunday 4th September, 1904 was consecrated Bishop of Killaloe in the Cathedral. He served as Bishop for fifty-one years at a time when Ireland was evolving as a nation.

A native of Youghal, Tipperary he went to the Diocesan Seminary in Springfield, Ennis and then to Maynooth where he was ordained in 1885. He was Curate in Toomevara and a Professor in Carlow College and Maynooth before his appointment as Bishop 118 years ago this Sunday.

Many of our older generation will have their own memories of this Bishop who was a fearless champion of faith and nation. He is buried in the aisle of the Cathedral.

Cathedral's Historic Day

This Sunday is a very historic day in the life of the Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul in Ennis.

For it was in September 4th, 1842 that the then Parish Priest Dean Terence O'Shaughnessy celebrated the first mass in the O'Connell Street Church.

Although the church was far from complete, it was a great day for the eighty-two year old parish priest as the financial burden of the project had been enormous at a time when many parishioners were living in extreme poverty.

The decision to build a new church was taken at a parish meeting in 1821. It was seven years later that Francis Gore, a Protestant, donated a site on the edge of the town for a nominal rent.

Dean O'Shaughnessy sensed that the Church to be built would one day become the Cathedral Church of the Diocese as it was very probable that Ennis would become the future residence of the Bishop of Killaloe.

In the summer of 1828 there was tremendous excitement in Ennis caused by the by-election in which Daniel O'Connell was returned to Parliament. Financial difficulties stalled the progress of the building on many occasions.

In September, 1837 there was a serious accident on the site when scaffolding collapsed and two men were killed. We remember them this weekend, even though we do not have their names.

By January 1841 the walls were ready for roofing and slating.

While the first mass was celebrated on 4th September, 1842, it wasn't until February, 1843 that the Church was blessed and placed under the patronage of Saints Peter and Paul by Bishop Kennedy.

At the time of the blessing much remained to be done including the building of the tower and steeple. The Great Famine brought all work to a halt. It was in 1871 that this work was completed. This weekend, we reflect with gratitude for this house of prayer, serving the people of Ennis for the past 180 years & hopefully for many more years to come. The Cathedral has welcomed people who walked through the door for occasions of joy and sorrow or just for a little bit of peace to connect with the Lord. At the present time preparations are ongoing for new floor covering for the Cathedral and it is hoped to be in place in the near future.

Thank you and the many people of Ennis over the last 200 years whose generosity has made it possible for the Cathedral to be a house of prayer.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 4th 11am: Josephine McMahon, Shanaway Rd.

Mon 9.30am: Frank Crowe, Knockerra.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Special intention.

Saturday 2.30pm: Sr. Stephanie Murphy, Sisters of Mercy, Shallee Drive, Cloughleigh.

Sun 11th 11am: Summerly Family, Ennis.



Congratulations to Sr. Frances Diamond Jubilee



We congratulate Sr. Frances Collins of the Poor Clare Monastery Ennis who celebrated 60 years as a Poor Clare Sister on Friday 26th August. Sr Frances was born in Darragh in the parish of Clarecastle/Ballyea and was educated in Ballyea National School and Ennis Community College, known at the time as The Tech.

After school, she worked in Western Garage on Mill Road before moving to Clare County Council. It was while working in the Council that Sr Frances felt drawn to the newly opened Poor Clare Monastery on Francis Street and she applied, was accepted, and on the 26th August 1962 she made her profession as a Sister of St Clare.

For the last sixty years, Sr Frances has faithfully lived out her vocation, praying every day for our needs and the needs of the world.

When Sisters were needed for The Poor Clare Monastery in Belfast Sr Frances volunteered to help the Sisters. Sadly in recent years, the Belfast Monastery has closed and the Sisters went to other monasteries throughout the country.

We congratulate Sr Frances on this very special occasion and wish her and the community every blessing in their powerhouse of Prayer on Frances Street.

Brother Colm Moloughney



Bro. Colm was born in Clonmel on the 7th July, 1931. After his profession as a Christian Brother, he taught in Crumlin, Deerpark, Cork City, Tipperary Town and here in Ennis where he was Principal of the

Primary School from 1987 until 1995. In retirement he served in Mount Sion, Waterford, Thurles and St. Teresa's CBS, Limerick.

Bro. Colm was a man of vision who promoted and progressed the introduction of co-education to the Primary Schools in Ennis Parish in 1992. He was Cathaoirleach of Cumann na mBunscoil an Chláir from 1992 to 1996, a time when Clare GAA achieved unprecedented success.

Bhí suim mhór aige sa chultúr Gaelach. Choithaigh sé mórtas agus meas ar seo I measc daoine gur raibh baint aige leo. He left an indelible record in our parish. Laoch ar lár agus gan dabht ar bith ní fheicimid a leithéid arís.

Clare Older People's Volunteer of the Year Award

The search is on again to recognise those who give their time, energy and skills to help others in the local community. For application form please contact Helen on <https://www.clarecoco.ie/services/commubnity/age-friendly-programme/clare-age-friendly-county.html>.

Application forms must be submitted by Friday 16th September

All of God's people have a place in the Choir ENNIS CATHEDRAL CHOIR



An exciting new programme of music for this September.

Adults

Mozart, Gounod, Hadyn & Jenkins. The music of these great church composers will be performed once a month at a special Sunday Mass.

We invite interested singers to join us in delivering this new programme.

Teenagers

We are taking on 20 new teenagers to join the adult choir, 1st to 6th year. In addition to the music, this will be an opportunity to make new friends and have some fun.

Workshop for Male Teenagers

3 Free Workshops with Dean Power, please see our Facebook page.

Primary School

Our wonderful Junior Choir is starting back in September. This is an auditioned choir for boys and girls in 3rd to 6th class. They sing once a month at Sunday Mass and on other special church occasions.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact the choir director Fiona Walsh 087 6886378 or email enniscathedral@gmail.com.

Monastic Experience Day

Are you under 40? Would you like to know more about the Poor Clare Way of life? If yes, then come and talk to us about discerning a vocation with the Poor Clares on Saturday 24th September from 10am to 5pm. To book a place contact vocations@poorclares.ie



Cloughleigh Music Ministry is looking for musicians and singers to join our Cantor Rota/Choir. Contact 086 3591725.



Newly Baptised

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

Fabricio Sivak;

Sonny Denis Jack.

Matt Talbot Monthly Mass

The monthly Matt Talbot Freedom from Addiction Mass will take place in SS Peter & Paul Cathedral, Ennis at 7:30pm on Monday 5th September. At this Mass we pray for all those battling addiction, their families and all those affected by addiction. We also pray specifically for all those enrolled in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society. We welcome you to join us at this Mass to pray for yourself or somebody you may know who has an addiction. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please email vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

An Tríú Domhnach is Fiche.

Inniu an Tríú Domhnach is Fiche Saor. Tá mí Mheán Fómhair agus séasúr an Fhómhair buailte linn. Mí Mheáin Fómhair, mí na scoile, mí na Féile Michíl. Intinní an Phápa do mhí Mheán Fómhair: Guímis go gcuirfeair pionós an bháis, a dhéanann ionsaí ar dhíneit an duine, ar ceal go dlíthiúil i ngach tír. I mí Mheáin Fómhair bí linn, a Thiarna. Seo paidir do Mheán Fómhair ón gcnuasach *Feac do Ghlúin*.

Smaoineoidh muid feasta ar Mhuire, Máthair Íosa,

A chuaigh ar mhuin asail go stábla fíorfhuar; Saolaíodh di an leanbh ar uair an mheán oíche,

Is tháinig aingil ó na flathis aici a' canadh is a' ceol.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today is the Twenty-Third Sunday of the year. The month of September and Autumn have arrived. September, season of fruitfulness, season of harvesting the corn, month of schools' re-opening, month we celebrate the feast of St. Michael. Be with us Lord during the month of September. We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country. The following prayer for September is from the collection *Feac do Ghlúin*.

We will keep forever in our memory Mary, Mother of Jesus

Who rode on a donkey to a bitterly cold stable,
Her baby was born at midnight
And angels from Heaven came singing and rejoicing.

Rest in Peace



Theresa Sullivan, Turnpike Road & formerly Waterpark Heights;

Cecelia Murphy, Chicago & Doonbeg, sister of the late Paddy Greene, Corrovorrin Ave;

Sr. Anne Mc Crohan, Religious Sisters of Mercy, Auburn Convent, Sacramento, California, sister of Br. Denis Mc Crohan, C.B.S., New Rd., Ennis

Eileen McCarthy, Fenit, Tralee, mother of Kathy Howe, Fernhill.

Ooneen Fitzgerald (nee Houlihan), Ballinrobe, sister of Michael, Kilkee, Desmond, Cusack Rd., Deirdre, Abbeyville, Limerick Rd & Peter, Gort Rd.

Anne Collins, Cusack Rd.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 28th August

Fund €3,273

Online €215

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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 Wisdom

Ws 9:13-18

'What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. R.

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. R.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever. Show pity to your servants. R.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. R.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Philemon

Phm 9-10.12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains:

I mean Onesimus.

I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self.

I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me.

However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous.

I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord.

So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel

according to Luke Lk 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers,

sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.'

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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 light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.