

# 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 & 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;

Email: [info@ennisparish.com](mailto:info@ennisparish.com)

St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

Ennis Parish Web Site: <http://www.ennisparish.com>

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

## First Sunday of Advent (Year A) 27th November, 2022

### “ARE WE THERE YET?”

This is a question we have probably heard, many times throughout our lives. It is a question that often comes up on a journey by the kids in the car wondering when they would finally arrive at the seaside or some other destination. And it is a question that we may be tempted to ask during the Advent season.

This season of Advent, this beginning of the Church's new liturgical year, is an opportunity for us to take the time to enjoy the journey. To proceed a little more slowly and intentionally towards Christmas – to notice what God is doing in our lives, and in the world around us, to help us be better prepared to welcome Jesus anew.

One liturgical year has just closed, and another lies open before us. The readings for this Sunday begin with the prophet Isaiah and the Psalmist both describing the desire to journey toward the dwelling place of God. It speaks to a worldview that has God firmly at the centre – a time when the entire earth desires to “stream toward” this mountain of the Lord.

As Christians, we wait in joyful anticipation as we slowly move to this great celebration of Christ's birth. Once we're there, we take time to be enveloped by the mystery of God's own Son coming to us in the fullness of time. Then we set off anew into the rest of our year: travelling through Judea, walking after the Cross, and eventually celebrating Jesus' universal kingship again before the cycle repeats.



*As Christians we recognise that this entire life is a pilgrimage to our heavenly home. We use the rhythm of the year to show us how to anticipate, prepare, and walk this journey. Perhaps we can take this Advent to truly place ourselves in the mindset of the traveller. Let us walk the way to Bethlehem with our*

*Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. As we travel, let us see that mountain of the Lord draw ever closer and feel rejoicing well up in our hearts to return to the House of the Lord.*

**Priest on Duty: Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick**  
**Contact: 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**6.30pm:** John Daly, Clare Rd.  
 Kathleen Quinn, Park Ave. **MM**

**Sun 27th 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** Mary (May) Traynor, Cappahard, Tulla Rd.  
 Paddy Clohessy, Loughville.  
 Monsignor Patrick McDonald, Ennis & Florida.

**11.30am:** Breda Murphy, 'Drummin', Gort Rd. **MM**.  
 Ted & Nancy Sheils, College Rd.  
 Ann & Robin Lacey, College Green.  
 Michael Griffin, Ennis & Clarecastle.  
 Decd members Clancy & Desmond Families,  
 Kilrush & Tuam.  
 Jerzy Lacki, Poland.  
 Con & Angela Glynn, Kilmaley.

**Mon: 7.40am:** Edmund Cahill, Corofin.

**11am:** Nora McNamara, Ard na Gréine.

**7.30pm:** Eileen & Mick Keane, McNamara Park.  
 Christopher & Michael Moloney, McNamara Park.

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

**11am:** Mary, William, Michael & David Chapman,  
 Ennistymon.

**7.30pm:** Jimmy Cronin, Clonroad.  
 Noel McCullagh, Doora.

**Wed 7.40am:** Breda & deceased Kelly family, Turnpike Rd. & Cranny.

**11am:** Julie Guilfoyle, Hermitage.  
 Tossie Guilfoyle, Marian Ave.

**7.30pm:** Cyril Lynch, Circular Rd.  
 Annual Remembrance Mass for Deceased Members,  
 Benefactors & Beneficiaries of St. Vincent de Paul in Clare.

**Thurs 7.40am:** Geraldine McCarthy nee Cunningham,  
 Ballynacally.

**11am:** Ned Monahan, Bramble Lane.  
 Kathleen, Peter & Joe Fallon, Roscommon.

**7.30pm:** Noelie Ryan, Summerhill.

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

**11am:** Joe & Brian Stack, Kerry.

**7.30pm:** Holy Souls.

**Sat: 11am:** Daryl Dobson, Ashfield Park.  
 Tim Flanagan, Rockmount House, Rockmount.  
 John & Mary McCormack, Ennis & London.  
 Jimmy Jordan, Mayo.

**6.30pm:** Paul **MM**, Patrick & baby Mary Crowley,  
 Cahercalla Estate & Cree.  
 William Bloomfield, Glensheen. **1st Anniv.**  
 Sean & Vera Moloney, Tulla Rd.  
 Margaret & Humphrey Counihan, Fergus Lawn.  
 Patricia, Christopher & Robert Gormley, Dalcassian Pk.; Ann Kelly, Kilcock.

**Sun 4th 8am:** Deceased members Leyden Family,  
 Carmody St. & Cloughleigh.

**9.30am:** Mary & Cronan Griffin, Kildysart Cross.  
 Kitty Hanrahan & Dan Herbert, Dalcassian Drive.

**11.30am:** Deceased White Family, Hermitage.  
 Peter Cullinan, Coopers' Place, Ennis. **1st Anniv**  
 Deceased Quinn Family, Cahercalla.  
 Marian Rice Carmody, Circular Rd. & Kilkishen.  
 Peggy Malone, Dalcassian Drive.

**Newly Baptised**

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

Eve Murphy;  
 Páidí Martin Kilbane;  
 Ezra Jermaine Maula;  
 Alex James Gallagher;  
 Bonnie Mai Helen Prunty;  
 Cian Gerard Cabey;



**St Paul's Sunday Missal 2023**

The Sunday Missal for 2023 containing all the readings and prayers for the coming year are for sale for €8 in the parish office. An ideal Christmas Gift for housebound parishioners who watch or listen to mass.

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**Cathedral Readers' Rota**

Rotas for 2023 are available for collection in the Sacristy after all Masses.

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**Getting Married in 2023!**

Accord Pre Marriage Courses available face to face in Ennis. Courses on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Bookings:  
[www.courses.accord.ie](http://www.courses.accord.ie)

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**Old Folks' Club**

Help needed with the Old Folks' Annual Street Collection on 2nd December. Please contact Bella on 087 10904141

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**Seisiún Cois Tine Trad.  
 Trócaire Fundraiser**

Sunday November 27th at 6pm  
 Admission €3  
 Cois na hAbhna, Gort Road,  
 Ennis. 065 68 24276

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**Cathedral Renovation Appeal**

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €1,000.00, €200.00 €20. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

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**Chair Exercise for the young at Heart.** 11am - 12 noon every Tuesday, St. Joseph's Meeting Room, Kincora Pk.

**St. Joseph's**



**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**7pm:** Hugh, Frances & Mary Gilmore, Drumcliffe.  
 Maureen O' Gorman, Marian Ave.  
 Martin & Terry Barry, Clonroad.

**Sun 27th 10am:** Tommy & Alice Fitzpatrick, Larchill.  
 Margaret Twomey, Mellor, Blackburn.

**11.45am:** Margaret Hanrahan, An Pháirc, Bruach na hAbhann. **MM**

**Mon 10.30am:** Deceased Finlay family, Portumna.

**Tues 10.30am:** Deceased O'Rourke family, Whitegate..

**Wed 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**Thu 10.30am:** Patrick Kilker, St. Senan's Rd.

**Fri 10.30am:** Thomas & Margaret O'Mahony, Tralee.

**Sat 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**7pm:** Martin Fitzpatrick, The Green, Ennis.

**Sun 4th 10am:** Anne McNamara, Turnpike Rd.  
 PA Peter Olasidg Akinniyi, Nigeria.

**11.45am:** Maura Beakey, Cahercalla Estate.

**Cloughleigh**

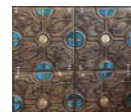
**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sun 27th 11am:** Roger Knightson, Ballymacaula.

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

**Sun 4th 11am:** Mary & Martin 'Brod' Nevin, Hermitage.  
 Tom & Mary Darcy, Castlerock, Tulla Rd.

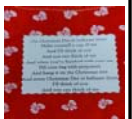
**Columbarium**



Work on the second phase of the Columbarium is continuing. Joseph O'Neill from Eternum Columbarium will be available after all Masses next weekend and on Monday and Tuesday 5th & 6th December to meet with parishioners who may be interested in reserving a Niche. To make an appointment, please ring 085 2148301

**Christmas Tea Bags**

One of the most important fundraisers for the Cathedral Renovation Appeal is the sale of our tea bags for Christmas. This little gift of a tea bag in a bag, that you hang on your tree and use at half past three on Christmas Day is very popular as a gift to share with family and friends or simply put into your Christmas Cards. The tea bags are available both in the Parish Office and Friary Offices and selected shops throughout the town. Buy one for €3 or two for €5  
 All proceeds to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal.



**First Friday of December**



Friday 2nd December is the first Friday of the month. Sick and housebound parishioners will receive the Sacraments at home. If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like to receive the Sacraments, please contact the Parish office.

Ennis Parish  
 Development Fund  
 for Sunday 20th November  
 Fund €4,933.00  
 OnLine € 353.00

## St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal



This year's Christmas appeal welcomes vouchers for local shops for food, fuel, meat etc. Cash donations can be left into the Parish Office. **Please do not leave food parcels or toys at the Jesse Tree in our churches this year.**

The blue donation envelopes are available at the back of the Churches or the Parish Office.

Online donations can be made on:

<http://www.svp.ie/clareareacouncilappeal>

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### Annual Remembrance Mass

For deceased members, benefactors, beneficiaries of St. Vincent de Paul in Clare at Ennis Cathedral on Wednesday 30th November at 7.30pm.

All welcome.

## The Jesse/Advent Tree

This weekend the first Sunday of Advent our churches are adorned with the Advent Jesse Tree. The Christmas Tree has become such a part of our Christmas Celebrations and its Christian significance can be understood through the Jesse Tree.



The Jesse Tree, a tree that is decorated at the beginning of Advent represents Old Testament Events from Creation to the birth of Jesus. The Jesse tree is really an Advent Tree anticipating the coming of Christmas. Please take time during these Advent days to visit and see the Jesse Tree.

Our thanks to O'Connor's Vegetable Shop, Market St for supplying the tree.

## Ennis Parish Remembering our Dead

A booklet published by Ennis Parish remembering 216 parishioners who died in the past year is available in the Parish Office. We ask for a donation for each book to help us cover the cost incurred in publishing. This booklet helps keep the memory and stories of our loved ones alive for future generations.

### Rest in Peace

Rachel Brew, Bank Place,

Siarhei Melnikau, Carraig an Oir,  
Tobartaoscáin & late Belarus;

Celine Moroney, Clancy Park;

Felim Downey, Hazelwood & formerly  
Corrovorrin Green.



## Abbey Pastoral Area Advent Service of Reconciliation



"The people who walked in  
darkness have seen a great light"

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
7.30pm**

**Cathedral, Ennis.  
A Warm Welcome To All**

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### Advent Reflection

Stay awake, stand ready; the words of Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel help us to begin our Advent focus. As we look forward to our Reconciliation Service, maybe some reflection and preparation time would be good – be awake to that which keeps us from being ready to meet the Lord in every person.

## Advent is Coming



This weekend we begin  
the Season of Advent.

Four weeks of spiritual preparation  
for the coming of the Christ Child.

### Dates for your Diary:

**Sunday 27th November:**  
First Sunday of Advent.

**Sunday 11th December**  
Bambinelli Sunday

Blessing of the baby Jesus Figures

**Monday 12th December:**  
Reconciliation Service in the Cathedral.  
All are welcome.

**Sunday 18th December:**  
Ecumenical Carol Service in the Friary.

**Monday 19th December:**  
We celebrate the Feast of St Flannan.

## Ennis Parish Office



Now offering Christmas Cards  
Christmas Mass Bouquets  
We also have a selection  
of Cribs and Christmas Gifts

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### An Chéad Domhnach den Aidhbhnt

Inniu an chéad Domhnach den Aidhbhnt. Ciallaíonn an focal Aidhbhnt 'teacht'. Tá an Nollaig, Féile Bhreith Iosa, teacht ar dTiarna, gar dúinn agus tá ullmhúcháin le déanamh againn chuici. Bíonn fuadar fuinn faoi bhronntanais, shoilse, chárait, bhia, agus dheoch, agus is éasca go leor dearmad a dhéanamh ar an gciall dhomhain atá leis an Aidhbhnt. Is minic a dhéanfimid failli sa réiteach spioradálta nach mór a dhéanamh le haghaidh na Nollag. Tá séasúr na hAidhbhinte ag féachaint sa dá threo. Tá sé ag breathnú siar ar theacht Iosa don chéad uair i mBeithil agus tá sé ag breathnú amach roimhe i dtreo theacht Iosa athuair ag uair ar mbáis agus ag deireadh an tsaoil. Tá ar n-aird dirithé ar chomhlionadh phlean Dé nuair a thioctaidh a ríocht. **"Go ndéana Dia na Siochána féin sibh a naomhú go smior; agus go gcoimeádtar slán gan locht sibh idir spiorad agus anam agus corp i gcomhair theacht ar dTiarna Iosa Críost. Mar is iontaofa an té úd atá gaoch oraibh agus déanfaidh sé é sin"**. (1 Teas 5:23-24) San Aidhbhnt, tugtar deis dúinn buíochas a ghabháil le Dia as an ngrá thar cuimse a thaispeáin sé dúinn trína Mhac a chur ar talamh. Paidir a deirtear i rith na hAidhbhinte ná **"Tar chugainn, a Thiarna, Iosa Críost."** B'fhéidir go gcabhródh sé leat freisin.

### First Sunday of Advent

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent means 'coming'. Christmas, the coming of Christ among us, the feast of the Birth of Christ, is near and we must prepare for it. We worry about presents, lights, cards, food, and drink and it is easy to forget the deep meaning of Advent. We often neglect the spiritual preparation for Advent. Advent looks in two directions. During Advent we remember the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem on the first Christmas and we look ahead towards the coming of Jesus again at death and at the end of the world. Our attention is directed towards the fulfillment of God's plan when His kingdom will come. **"May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you he will not fail you"**. (1 Thess 5:23-24). During Advent we have an opportunity to thank God for His unending love in sending His son on earth. This prayer is said during Advent **"Come to us, Lord, Jesus Christ."** It may also help you also.

## Fatima Pilgrimage 2023.



Spiritual Director Fr. John Walsh. Departing 25th. May , 7 Nights, € 899 per person. \*

Special Offer € 100 off per person for bookings paid in full by 5th. December 2022.

Direct Return Flight from Dublin to Lisbon.

Return airport transfers in Fatima.

7 nights Hotel Tres Pastorinhos.

Full Board: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner each day. Full religious programme

Guided tours sanctuary & Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary. Visits to Aljustrel & Valinhos.

For information , please contact: Kathleen Hayes  
061 368549 / 085 1996440

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.

In you, I have trusted;  
let me not be put to shame.

Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

## 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 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,  
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the  
Temple of the Lord shall tower above the  
mountains and be lifted higher than the  
hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples  
without number will come to it; and they  
will say:

"Come, let us go up to the  
mountain of the Lord, to the  
Temple of the God of Jacob  
that he may teach us his ways  
so that we may walk in his paths;  
since the Law will go out from Zion,  
and the oracle of the Lord from  
Jerusalem."

He will wield authority over the nations  
and adjudicate between many peoples;  
these will hammer their swords into  
plough shares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,  
there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in  
the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

*Response: I rejoiced when I heard  
them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'*

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of  
Judgement of the house of David. **R**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
'Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!' **R**

For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: "Peace upon you!"

For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good. **R**

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Rm 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must  
wake up now: our salvation is even  
nearer than it was when we were  
converted.

The night is almost over, it will be  
daylight soon - let us give up all the  
things we prefer to do under the cover of  
the dark; let us arm ourselves and  
appear in the light.

Let us live decently as people do in the  
daytime: no drunken orgies, no  
promiscuity or licentiousness, and no  
wrangling or jealousy.

Let your armour be the Lord Jesus  
Christ.

## The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy*

*And give us your saving help.*

**Alleluia!**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in  
Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of  
Man comes. For in those days before the  
Flood people were eating, drinking,  
taking wives, taking husbands, right up to  
the day Noah went into the ark, and they  
suspected nothing till the Flood came  
and swept all away. It will be like this

when the Son of Man comes. Then of two  
men in the fields one is taken, one left; of  
two women at the millstone grinding, one  
is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know  
the day when your master is coming. You  
may be quite sure of this that if the  
householder had known at what time of  
the night the burglar would come, he  
would have stayed awake and would not  
have allowed anyone to break through the  
wall of his house. Therefore, you too  
must stand ready because the Son of  
Man is coming at an hour you do not  
expect.'

## 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

The Lord will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.