

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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Third Sunday of Advent (Year A) 11th December, 2022.

A Place of Dreams

I don't know where life may be defeating you this Advent. I don't know how Jesus may be disappointing you this Advent. But I would suggest to you this Advent that any disillusionment you feel may not necessarily be a bad thing. For what is disillusionment if not, literally, the loss of an illusion? And, in the long run, it is never a bad thing to lose the lies we have mistaken for the truth.

There was once a woman who was disappointed, who was disillusioned, who was depressed. She wanted a good world, a peaceful world, and she wanted to be a good person. But the newspaper and television showed her how far we were from such a reality. So she decided to go shopping. She went to the shopping centre and wandered into a new shop - where the person behind the counter looked strangely like Jesus. Gathering up her courage she went up to the counter and asked, "Are you Jesus?" "Well, yes, I am," the man answered. "Do you work here?" "Actually," Jesus responded, "I own the shop. You are free to wander up and down the aisles, see what it is I sell, and then make a list of what you want. When you are finished, come back here, and we'll see what we can do for you."

So, the woman did just that. And what she saw thrilled her.

There was peace on earth, no more war, no hunger or poverty, peace in families, no more drugs, harmony, clean air. She wrote furiously and finally approached the counter, handing a long list to Jesus. He skimmed the paper, and then smiling at her said, "*No problem.*" Reaching under the counter, he grabbed some packets and laid them out on the counter.

Confused, she asked, "*What are these?*" Jesus replied: "*These are seed packets.*" Surprised the woman blurted out, "*You mean I don't get the finished product?*" "No," Jesus gently responded. "*This is a place of dreams. You come and see what it looks like, and I give you the seeds. Then you plant the seeds. You go home and nurture them and help them to grow and someone else reaps the benefits.*" "Oh," she said, deeply disappointed in Jesus. Then she turned around and left the shop without buying anything.





Priest on Duty: Fr. Joy
Contact: 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Pat Fitzgerald, Ballyduff, Barefield. MM.
 Brigid, Michael & PJ Quinn, Hermitage.
 Patrick Shannon, Cornmarket St.
 Michael Hanrahan, Corrovorrin Grove;
 Ciss & Paddy Hanrahan, St. Michael's Villas.
 Claire, Flan & Deceased Donohue Family, Parnell St.
 Donough Moylan, Bindon St.
 John & Bridget Guerin, St. Flannan's Terrace.

Sun 11th 8am: Marion Hanley, Springfield & London.MM.

9.30am: Patrick Molloy, Dalcassian Park.
 Mary Ellen Quinn, Kincora Park.
 Patrick & John Quinn, Edenvale & London.
 Joe & Mary Nevin, Ennis.
 Mary O'Neill, Dysart.

11.30am: Joseph, Caroline & Brian Ensko, Connolly Villas.

Patrick & Mary Cullinan, Tubber.
 Jim Whymys, Cusack Rd.
 Anthony Shannon, Coopers' Place.
 Carmel Hally, Malahide, Co. Dublin MM.
 Eileen & Jack O'Donovan, Turnpike & Nellie Ryan, (nee O'Donovan).

Mon: 7.40am: Mass of Thanksgiving.
11am: Bridget Coughlan, Labasheeda.

7.30pm: Abbey Pastoral Area Penitential Services.
Tues:7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Don Farrell, Cahercalla Estate.

7.30pm: Loreto Ryan, Shallee Drive.
 Ella Burke, Phoenix Court & Mill Rd.
 Eileen & Patrick Morrissey, Cornmarket Street.

Wed 7.40am: Bridget & John Stokes, Co. Limerick.
11am: Tess & Joe Kerin & decd family, Clonroadmore.

7.30pm: Liam Slattery & decd Torpey family, St. Michael's Villas.

Marie Ryan nee Browne, College Rd.
 Mick, Marian & Michael Molloy, St. Michael's Villas.
Thurs 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Michael Stokes, Caherdavin, Limerick.

7.30pm: Eileen, Michael John, Leo, Oliver & Martin Byrnes, Doolin.

Michael, Mgt & Martin Fitzpatrick, St. Patrick's Terrace.
 Frank Kears, Connolly Villas.

Thomas, Agnes & Simon Cox, Limerick Rd;
 Carmel & Billy Whelan, Loughville.

Fri 7.40am: Brian & Tessie Kelly & Brian Junior, Limerick Rd.

11am: Vivien & Thomas Lee, Fr. Jim Kennedy & deceased Kennedy family, Ennis & Laois.

7.30pm: Kevin Barry, Kilnacally, Shnaway Rd. MM

Sat:11am: Sr. Mary, Bernie & Corry family, Loughville.
 Colin Barton, Cahercalla Heights.

Peggy & Michael Whelan & decd family members, Cree.
 Paddy, Maura & Peter Keane, Kilrush Rd.

Michael O Maoileoin, Dublin & London. **1st Anniv**
6.30pm: Vincent McHugh, Clonroad.

Frank & Tess White, Clare Rd.
 Mary & Paddy Gilligan, Cloughleigh Rd.
 Gertrude Vaughan, The Market.

Patrick & Amy Molloy, Dalcassian Pk.
 Annie O'Brien, Dysart.

Eileen, Frank & Barbara O'Dea, Cappa, Kilrush.

Sun 18th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Michael Bugler, Ballygreen.

Donal O'Brien, Turnpike.
11.30am: John Costin, Gallows Hill.
 Frances & Michael McInerney, Parnell St. & Park Ave.

Peggy Corry, Loughville.
 Donal Cahill, Roslevan.
 Maureen Martin, Woodstock View, Shanaway Rd.
 Martina O'Dea nee Wilson, John & Teresa Wilson,
 Patrick Linnane, Kilkerrin, Labasheda.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donation of €150. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this 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: www.svp.ie/fundraiseer/clare-area-council-appeal

This weekend at all our Masses you will have an opportunity to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul when the Annual Appeal takes place at all Masses. Your generosity will help the society to reach out to those who are poor and in need in our community. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Friary & Poor Clare Heating Appeal.

Both the Franciscan Friars and Poor Clare Sisters appreciate the generosity of so many who have contributed to their appeal. If you wish to contribute please leave your contribution in Friary Office or Parish Office marked '*Friary & Poor Clare Heating Appeal*'. The Sisters and Friars pray each day for their benefactors and appreciate the goodness of so many people.

Abbey Pastoral Area Advent Service of Reconciliation



This Monday our Pastoral Area Reconciliation Rite with the opportunity for individual Confession takes place in the Cathedral at 7.30pm.

Priests from the Pastoral Area will be available for Confessions. A Warm Welcome To All.



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Martin & Maureen Whyte, Kincora Park & Joan Whyte Connolly, Portlaoise.

Sun 11th 10am: Tom **1st Anniv.** & Breda McMahon, St. Philomena's, Lifford Rd.

11.45am: Seán Curtin, Willow Park.

Mon 10.30am: Bridget Orchard & John McMahon, Dysart & Ennis.

Thomas & Elizabeth Nugent.

Tues 10.30am: Eileen Leydon, London.

Ursula & John O'Sullivan, Cork
 Mick Purcell & Purcell Family, Birr.

Wed 10.30am: James O'Keefe, Lifford Rd

Thu 10.30am: John Leydon, Sligo.

Mick & Kitty Quinlan, Cork.

Fri 10.30am: Special intention.

Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.

7pm: Dan Baker, Barrack St.

Marie Walsh (nee Sheedy), Feenagh, Quin & Gort Rd.

Sun 18th 10am: Michael & Catherine Griffin, Drumduff, Maurice's Mills.

11.45am: Seán & Clare McGrath, Lifford Rd.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11th 11am: Mary & Jimmy Neylon, 'Lourda', Cloughleigh.

Mon: 9.30am: Donor's intention.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 18th 11am: Paddy & Kathleen Shannon, Cloughleigh Rd.

Newly Baptised

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



Éabha Rose Ann McNamara Malone
Annalise McDonagh

Financial Matters

We have good news and challenging news to report this week. In recent days we received €46,304.43 from Revenue for Charitable Donations received in 2021. Our thanks to all tax payers who contribute to the Parish and whose contributions make this possible.

On the other side of expenditure, our electricity bill for the Cathedral for the last month was €1,525.

We really appreciate the kindness, goodness and generosity of so many who contribute to the parish.

Annual Carol Service



On Sunday next 18th December the choirs of Ennis Parish will gather at 7pm in the Friary to sing and pray together in preparation for Christmas.

Sunday Missals for 2023 are available for sale in the parish office @ €8 each. An ideal Christmas Gift.

Christmas Mass Schedule 2022 Abbey Pastoral Area			
Christmas Eve		Christmas Day	
4.30pm	Cathedral	8.00am	Cathedral
5.00pm	St. Joseph's	8.45am	Ennis Hospital
5.00pm	Clarecastle		
5.30pm	Cloughleigh	9.00am	Roslevan
6.00pm	Roslevan	9.00am	Clarecastle
6.30pm	Cathedral	9.30am	Cathedral
7.00pm	Clooney	9.30am	Maghera
7.00pm	St. Joseph's	10.00am	Doora
7.30pm	Barefield	10.00am	St. Joseph's
7.30pm	Quin	10.30am	Friary
8.00pm	Ballyea	10.30am	Ballyea
8.00pm	Clarecastle	11.00am	Barefield
8.00pm	Friary	11.00am	Cloughleigh
8.30pm	Cloughleigh	11.00am	Quin
9.00pm	Cathedral	11.30am	Cathedral
9.00pm	Doora	11.45am	St. Joseph's
Midnight	Cathedral (Polish)	12 noon	Clarecastle
Confessions for Christmas Week			
Monday to Friday		Christmas Eve	
Friary	11.00am to 12.00pm	Friary	11-12noon
	4.00pm to 5.00pm		4-5pm
Cathedral	7.00pm to 7.25pm	Cathedral	10am-4pm

St. Joseph's Church Golden Jubilee

On Saturday 16th December, 1972, the Church of St. Joseph in the grounds of St. Joseph's Hospital was dedicated by Bishop Michael Harty. Patients in the hospital joined with children and adults from the local area as well as local politicians and representatives of Clare County Council and the Mid-Western Health Board in the celebration of the first mass in the newly built church.

The Church can seat 650 in addition to 40 wheelchair spaces in a specially designed Chapel which opens directly onto the Sanctuary. The floor of the Church is sloped to provide an uninterrupted view of the altar from all parts of the building.

The windows are antique quality stained glass – rich, warm and colourful in appearance. The building is roofed in copper and sadly after fifty years is now leaking. The HSE plan to replace the roof in the coming months.

The cost, fifty years ago, was £100,000 shared by the Mid-Western Health Board and the parish of Ennis. The Architects were Patrick Sheehan & Partners, Limerick and the church was built by McCarthy Brothers, Ennis.

This week as we celebrate fifty years of prayer and worship in St. Joseph's Church, we give thanks for the vision and foresight of those who planned and developed this church as a House of Prayer. As we look back, we do so in gratitude for all the blessings that have flowed from the church, for those who have walked through the doors to pray and who are no longer with us; may God grant them eternal rest. For those who continue to use St. Joseph's as your place of prayer and worship may God continue to answer and hear your prayers and may you hear God speak to you when you come together with others or on your own to pray.

Due to roofing and leaking problems at this time, it is not possible to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the church. It is hoped that in 2023 when repair work is completed, there will be an opportunity to celebrate fifty years.

Rest in Peace

Frances Murphy, Riverdale & formerly Parnell St & Dysart;
Michael Hogan, England & late St. Flannan's Terrace,
brother of Rita Hogan.

Brendan Hanrahan, Pine Grove;
Anne McNamara, College Grove;
Jamie Buckley, Cregau, Tobertaoscáin.
Mary Rutherford, Claureen Drive.

Ann Liston (nee Griffin), Castlemahon,
Limerick & formerly Griffin's Drapery, O'Connell Square.
Elizabeth Hayden, Naas, sister of Sr. Bernadine,
Abbess, Poor Clares, Francis St.

Anne Wall, Ballymaley House & formerly of Auburn Lodge.
Michael Richards, Cahercalla Rd.



Christmas Tea Bags

One of the most important fundraisers for the Cathedral Renovation Appeal is the sale of our tea bags for Christmas. The tea bags are available both in the Parish Office and Friary Office and selected shops throughout the town. Buy one for €3 or two for €5. All proceeds to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal.



Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

An Tríú Domhnach den Aidhbhínt
Gaudete!

Bígí lúcháireach i gcónaí sa Tiarna. Deirim arís é: bíodh lúcháir oraibh. Bíodh bhur gceansacht le feiceáil ag an saol mór mar ní fada uainn an Tiarna. (Fil 4:4-5)

Inniu Domhnach Gaudete nó Domhnach na Lúcháire; an tríú Domhnach den Aidhbhínt nuair a thógann dath rósach na lúcháire, áit corra an aithrí i bhFleasc na hAidhbhínte agus i gculaithe Aifrínn an tsagairt. Nós a bhí ag ár sinsear ná an mainséar a eagrú sa teach díreach tar éis 8 Nollaig. Is féidir an phaidir arsa seo a rá mar ullmhúchán cuí don bhFéile mhór.

Is beannaithe an nóiméad a rugadh Mac na hÓige, i meán oíche i mBeithil i lár an gheimhridh ghairbh. Deonaigh a Dhia, trí idirghuí Iosa Críost agus Muire Máthair, Iosa éisteacht le mo ghúí agus glac le m'achainí. Aiméan.

Gaudete!

Third Sunday of Advent

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. (Phil 4: 4-5). Today is Gaudete or Rejoicing Sunday; the Third Sunday of Advent when rose coloured vestments replace the purple of repentance and the rose coloured candle is lighting on the Advent Wreath. Our ancestors' custom was to erect the Crib after 8 December. We can say the following prayer in preparation for the great Feast.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born, of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my petition through the intercession of Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary His Mother. Amen. Gaudete!

Liscannor Festival of Crib

This weekend from Saturday, Sunday and Monday in St. Bridget's Church, Liscannor the annual Festival of Crib takes place from 10am to 6pm daily. Admission is Free.

Fr. Denis Crosby, Parish Priest of Liscannor shares over 500 cribs he has collected from all around the world. It is a wonderful opportunity during Advent to share the Christmas Story with others, especially children. Well worth a visit.

Clare 250 Cancer Centre Candles

Remember a loved one this festive season by purchasing a candle for €5, that will light for the Twelve Days of Christmas at the entrance to the Clare 250 Cancer Centre. Contact 0656841600 or www.clare250cancercentre.ie for details.

CHIME Ennis Outreach

Chime will be in attendance at the Parish Office on Wednesday 21st December from 10am-1pm and 2pm- 4pm (Appointment required)

If you would like any information or to make an appointment please contact: 086-2229638
Or e-mail: kathleen.daffy@chime.ie

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday,

Fund €2,706
Online €310

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon
Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

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 35:1-6.10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid!'

'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you!'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for those the Lord has ransomed shall
return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Come, Lord and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
The Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the
blind,
who raises up those who are bowed
down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.

R

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign forever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R**

A reading from the letter of St. James Jm 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's
coming. Think of a farmer: how
patiently he waits for the precious fruit
of the ground until it has had the
autumn rains and the spring rains!
You too have to be patient; do not
lose heart, because the Lord's
coming will be soon. Do not make
complaints against one another,
brothers, so as not to be brought to
judgement yourselves; the Judge is
already to be seen waiting at the
gates. For your example, brothers, in
submitting with patience, take the
prophets who spoke in the name of
the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The spirit of the Lord has been given
to me.*

*He has sent me to bring good news
to the poor.*

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mathew Mt 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what
Christ was doing and he sent his
disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one
who is to come, or have we got to
wait for someone else?' Jesus
answered, 'Go back and tell John
what you hear and see; the blind see
again, and the lame walk, lepers are
cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the
dead are raised to life and the Good
News is proclaimed to the poor; and
happy is the man who does not lose
faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving,

Jesus began to talk to the people
about John: 'What did you go out into the
wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the
breeze? No? Then what did you go out to
see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no,
those who wear fine clothes are to be
found in palaces. Then what did you go
out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you,
and much more than a prophet: he is the
one of whom scripture says: Look, I am
going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way before you. I tell
you solemnly, of all the children born of
women, a greater than John the Baptist
has never been seen; yet the least in the
kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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

Say to the faint of heart:

Be strong and do not fear.

**Behold, our God will come,
and he will save us.**