

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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Second Sunday of Advent (Year A) 4th December, 2022

The Advent Wreath – A Christmas Tradition

Christmas is near. It is a time of preparation and shopping for most. Children are writing letters to Santa. People are sending Christmas cards, buying gifts for loved ones and preparing their homes for visitors and family reunions.

It is very different to the last two years when we had lockdowns. We need to make spiritual preparation also, people are awaiting the coming of the Saviour.

The Advent Wreath is an essential and important symbol of Christmas and takes a central part in our Churches and in our homes during this season.

The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition which we use as part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas.

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season.

The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life.

The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

It goes on forever, just like God's love for us.

The 1st purple candle was lit last Sunday, November 27th, the 1st Sunday in Advent, and is the candle of *HOPE*.

The 2nd purple candle is lit today December 4th, 2nd Sunday in Advent, and is the candle of *PEACE*.

The 3rd pink candle is lit on the 3rd Sunday in Advent, December 11th, also known as Gaudete Sunday, and is the candle of *JOY*.

The 4th purple candle is lit on the 4th Sunday in Advent, December 18th, and is the candle of *LOVE*.

The central white candle is lit on Christmas Day December 25th as the Light of Christ enters the world when Jesus is born.

As we look to our celebration of Christmas, we pray that we will remember that, in Jesus, God's Son, we have received the most wonderful gift of all!



Priest on Duty : Fr. David Carroll

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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

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.
John & Darragh O'Halloran, Ard na Greine.

Mon: 7.40am: Patrick & Christy McInerney, Doora.

11am: Mary & John O'Looney, Kilfenora.
Molly Kurian, Ennis.

7.30pm: McEnery Family, Hermitage.

Cathy Chin, London & Ennis.
Kuruvilla Joseph, India.

Matt Talbot Prayer Society.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Mary, Denis & Pat Joe Kelly, Kinturk, Connolly.
Michael McGuane, Corrovorrin Drive.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Annual Mass for Deceased Teachers in Clare.

7.30pm: Deceased Barry Family, Inagh.

Thurs 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Michael Moloney, McNamara Park.
Vladimir Belis, Willow Park.

7.30pm: Mary O'Loughlin, St.. Michael's Villas.

Paschal Molloy, Cloughleigh.
Dermot Molloy, Cahercalla Estate.
George & Kathleen Dinan, Hermitage.

Mary Conway, "Greenlea", Station Rd.

Fri 7.40am: Eileen Queally, Surrey, England.

11am: Special intention.

7.30pm: Nuala Kearney, Ard na Gaoithe. **MM.**

Tony Breene, Mill Rd. **MM**
Noreen & Alan Seery, Davitt Tce.

Sat: 11am: Seamus Guinnane, Fountain. **1st Anniv.**

Nellie & Denis Wylde, Clonroad.
Maeve, Sean & Deirdre Casey, Cusack Rd.

6.30pm: Pat Fitzgerald, Ballyduff, Barefield. **MM.**

Brigid, Michael & PJ Quinn, Hermitage.
Mary & 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.

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

9.30am: Patrick Molloy, Dalcassian Park.

Mary Ellen Quinn, Kincora Park.
Patrick & John Quinn, Endenvale & London.

Joe & Mary Nevin, Ennis.
Mary O'Neill, Dysart.

Ignatius Mc Carthy, Tulla Rd.

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

Jim Whyms, Cusack Rd.

Anthony Shannon, Coopers' Place.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €2,500.00 & €500.00. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.



Next weekend at all Masses in the Parish there will be an opportunity to contribute to the work of St. Vincent de Paul. The society provides practical support to so many families and individuals who are in need and their work is totally confidential.

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/declareareacouncilappeal

Mass for Deceased Teachers

Teachers who taught in Co. Clare will be remembered at a special mass organised by the Retired Teachers' Association at 11am mass in the Cathedral next Wednesday. All retired teachers are welcome to the mass.

Bimis ag caint

Cuireann Caint agus Comhrá fáilte roimh chách le bheith páirteach leo ina ngrúpaí comhrá Dé Céadaoin/Dé Sathairn i gCaifé Glór ar 11:00; nó ar an Déardaoin san Temple Gate 8.00pm. Speakers of all ages, nationalities and levels of knowledge of Irish, are welcome to take part in Caint agus Comhrá informal convos.

Eolas:

caintaguscomhrá@outlook.com



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

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

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

11.45am: Maura Beakey, Cahercalla Estate.

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: Peter Cosgrove, Kincora Park.

Noel Moloney, Marian Ave.

Michael & Teresa Quinlan, Cork.

Sat 10.30am: Niel Casey, Willow Park. **MM.**

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.

If you have a key to St Joseph's sacristy and are not using it, please return it to the sacristy or Fr David. Thank you.

Plastic bottles for Holy Water are needed at St. Joseph's; we can only use water bottles; milk containers and soft drinks bottles cannot be used. Thank you.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 4th 11am: Mary & Martin 'Brod' Nevin, Hermitage.

Tom & Mary Darcy, Castlerock, Tulla Rd.

Mon 9.30am: Masie Murrhy, Mullagh.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Holy Souls.

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

Columbarium



Work on the second phase of the Columbarium is continuing. Joseph O'Neill from Eternum Columbarium will be available after all Masses this 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

Matt Talbot Prayer Society



The Monthly Mass praying for all suffering or sharing in the life of addictions takes place on Monday at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception



Thursday next 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holyday. Mass in Ennis Parish are as follows.

7.40am Cathedral
9.30am Cloughleigh
10.00am Friary
10.30am St. Joseph's
7.30pm Cathedral

The Vigil Mass on Wednesday 7th December will also Celebrate the Feast.

Bambinelli Sunday



Each year on the Third Sunday of Advent, Pope Francis invites people to bring the baby Jesus figure from your crib at home to be blessed next weekend at all masses in the parish. You are invited to bring your Bambinelli for a blessing on your crib and your home this Christmas.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Dara Domhnach den Aidhbhínt

Tá mí na Nollag buailte linn. Ní fada uainn féasta Bhreith Ár dTiarna. Mí na Nollag, Mí Bhreith ár Slánaitheora, Mí na mbronntanas. I Mí na Nollag bí linn a Thiarna. Sna heaglaisí agus na séipéil feicfidh tú Crann Leise, crann ginealaigh Íosa Chríost, agus samhail chomhartha na ndaoine a chuaigh roimhe ó Ádhamh agus Éabha go dtí Muire Máthair Íosa. Ba é Leise duine díobh siúd mar gurbh é athair Daibhéad é a chónaigh i mBeithil. Bhí an cine daonna ag feitheamh ar theacht an fhuascailteora. Ba é Ésaías an Fáidh ba mhó a bhí acu. Is aige a bhí na tuairiscí ba líonmhaire agus ba thábhachtaí. Thug sé solás dóibh i dtaobh an fhuascailteora úd a bhí geallta. Mhínigh sé don phobal faoi mar a chuirfeadh sé an t-olc, an éagóir agus an t-eascairdeas ar neamhní. Scaipfeadh sé an dorchadas agus chuirfeadh sé i réim rioga síochána agus sonas do chách. Iarraimid ar ár Slánaitheoir arís teacht i gcabhair orainn le solás agus síocháin. Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá i rith na hAidhbhínte:

Tar chugainn, a Thiarna, Íosa Chríost. Áiméan

Second Sunday of Advent

It is December. The feast of the Birth of Christ is drawing closer. December, the month when we celebrate the Birth of Christ, month of gift giving. Be with us O Lord in December. In the churches you will see the Jesse Tree, the genealogy of Jesus and the symbols of persons from Adam and Eve to Mary the mother of Jesus. Jesse was one of them as he was the father of David who lived in Bethlehem. People were awaiting the coming of the Saviour. Isaiah was their most famous prophet. He foretold the most important events. He brought them comfort and hope in the promised redeemer. He explained that the Saviour would end injustice and enmity. He would dispel darkness and proclaim a kingdom of peace and grace for everyone. Let us ask our Saviour during Advent to come to our aid and bring joy and peace:

Come to us, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Abbey Pastoral Area Advent Service of Reconciliation



“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light”
Monday 12th December
7.30pm
Cathedral, Ennis.
A Warm Welcome To All

Advent Reflection

“Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight” – the cry of repentance from John the Baptist is loud and clear. An honest look at our own lives is never easy but when done in the light of God’s compassion, we can be courageous in faith. On Monday 12th December at 7.30pm in the Cathedral we will have our Reconciliation Service; join us and help to clear a path for the Lord.

The Jesse/Advent Tree



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 Street for supplying the tree.

Ennis Flower and Garden Club

Teaching demonstration with Ann Marie Keefe at Treacy's West County Hotel Ennis on Tuesday December 6th. Doors open at 7.30pm, €10 for non members; all are welcome, demonstrators arrangements raffled on the night, also Christmas sales table; contact 0857743398

Advent



Dates for your Diary:

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 at 7pm

Monday 19th December:

We celebrate the Feast of St Flannan.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday 27th November

Fund **€3,066.00**
Online **€400.00**

Ennis Parish Office



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

Rest in Peace

Adam Kalinowski, Parnell Court & Poland;

Fintan Lynch, Friar's Close, Clonroad;

Marian and Paul Hanley, London, mother and brother of Greg Hanley, Springfield;

John Linane, Labane, brother of Marie O'Dea, Corrovorrin Grove;

Marie Bennis nee Cronin, Maghera Cross, Tulla. Funeral Mass in St. Joseph's Church this Sunday at 11.45am followed by cremation in Shannon Crematorium;

Anne Shannon, Clarecastle, sister of John Callinan, Clare Rd.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O People of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice
heard in the joy of your heart.

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 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict of hearsay,
and judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of
the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together
with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.

The lion eats straw like the ox.

The infant plays over the cobras hole;
into the vipers lair

the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,

for the country is filled with the knowledge of the
Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse

shall stand as a signal to the peoples.

It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: In his days justice shall flourish
And peace till the moon fails.

O God, give your judgement to the King,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.

R.

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

R.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

R.

May his name be blessed forever
and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name.

R.

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

Rm 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in
the scriptures was meant to teach us
something about hope from the exam-
ples scripture gives of how people who
did not give up were helped by God. And
may he who helps us when we refuse to
give up, help you all to be tolerant with
each other, following the example of
Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and
voice you may give glory to the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for
you to treat each other in the same
friendly way as Christ treated you. The
reason Christ became the servant of
circumcised Jews was not only so that
God could faithfully carry out the
promises made to the patriarchs, it was
also to get the pagans to give glory to
God for his mercy, as scripture says in
one place: For this I shall praise you
among the pagans and sing your name.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord,

Make his paths straight

*And all mankind shall see the
salvation of God.*

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared;
he preached in the wilderness of Judaea
and this was his message: 'Repent, for
the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.
This was the man the prophet Isaiah
spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of
camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist,
and his food was locusts and wild honey.
Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the
whole Jordan district made their way to him,
and as they were baptised by him in the river
Jordan they confessed their sins. But when
he saw a number of Pharisees and
Sadducees coming for baptism he said to
them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly
from the retribution that is coming? But if you
are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit,
and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We
have Abraham for our father," because, I tell
you, God can raise children for Abraham
from these stones. Even now the axe is laid
to the roots of the trees, so that any tree
which fails to produce good fruit will be cut
down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in
water for repentance, but the one who fol-
lows me is more powerful than I am, and I
am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise
you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnow-
ing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his thresh-
ing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn;
but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will
never go out.'

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 be-
fore 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 for-
giveness of sins and I look forward to the resur-
rection of the dead and the life of the world to
come. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the
heights, and behold the joy which comes
to you from God.