

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

Phone Numbers: Cathedral:- 6824043;

Email: info@ennisparish.com

St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 15th January, 2023

Created for a Purpose

Andrei Bitov, a Russian novelist discovered that for years, he had been living in despair. Identifying as an atheist, he saw life as completely meaningless. There was no other way to look at it. But one ordinary day when Bitov was riding the metro, a phrase, popped into his head: *"Without God, life makes no sense"*. Bitov describes how suddenly at that very moment everything became clear.

Walking out of the metro and into the light, he was astonished. His misery melted away and he made the decision to dedicate himself to God. Bitov is among many who serve God each day by believing in Him. Bitov found the meaning and purpose of his existence.

The meaning of life is one of the toughest questions faced by mankind. Why, after all, are we here? We know that we are no accident, we were created by God deliberately and purposefully to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him.

HOW TO FIND GOD'S PURPOSE IN OUR LIFE?

The answer to finding and living God's purpose in our life is in John's proclamation in today's gospel passage, *"Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world"*. It's a command to look to Jesus. John doesn't say, *"Look at me! I'm a great prophet!"* He doesn't say, *"Look at your good works; they will save you."* He doesn't say, *"Look at your religious rituals; they will put you in good stead on judgment day."* He says,

"Look to the Lamb of God!" Jesus saves sinners who look in faith to Him. To "behold" Christ means living a life worthy of his sacrifice on the cross, making conscious effort every day to live a life free of sin.

Often, we think of sin as breaking God's commandments, but sin is much more than just breaking a commandment, it is a failure to love, a failure to care. God has loved us so much and every time we sin, we turn our back on Him. For if sin is a sin

against the love of God, Jesus redeems us by his great love, not only for God his Father, but for all of us. And it is in the loving of Jesus that we are forgiven, because he never held it against us. For there was no sin that Jesus himself did not immediately forgive because his love was so great. Our purpose and mission in life is to be witnesses of Christ's redeeming love.

Many are striving to cleanse their soul from stains. They wash it with tears of sorrow; they scrub it with soap of good resolves; they rub it with the chamois of morality; but still the *consciousness of it is not removed. The trouble is, "It's on the inside. Nothing but the blood of Jesus, applied by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, can cleanse the inside."* **Rod and Staff, Breaking the Word**



Priest on Duty Sunday 15th January 2023

Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 6.30pm: Christina Griffin, Parnell St.
Michael & Billy Shanahan, Clonroadmore.
Tony Shannon, Clancy Pk.
Mary English, Clonroad.
Thomas Talty, Turnpike Rd.

Sun 15th 8am: No Intention.

9.30am: Delia & James Armstrong, Cahercalla.
Tom & Kitty Kelly, College Rd.
Scaria VK, India

11.30am: Donny Martin, Morrissey Ave.
Margaret Neylon, Collins Pk./Gallows Hill.
Barry & Dermot O'Halloran, Limerick Rd.
Patrick Lyons, Avondale.
Henry McMullin, Ennis.
Lorraine O'Gorman, Hermitage.
Casimir Bielasiwicz, Poland.
Tom Dixon, Ennis & late of Kilrush.
David Barrett, Willow Park.

Mon: 7.40am: Decd members Griffin Family, Feakle.
11am: Br. Mathias Comyns, Kilkee.
7.30pm: No intention booked.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: Peter, Kathleen, William & Joe Fallon, Roscommon.
7.30pm: No intention booked.

Wed 7.40am: Andrew McShea, Showgrounds View.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Tony McEnery, Dalcassian Pk.
Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: P.J. & Mary Neylon, Lahinch.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Michael Mc Mahon, McNamara Pk. MM
Angela Colgan, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.
Bill & Bodie Hanley, Parnell St.

Sat: 11am: Tony Cheung, Fernhill. **1st Anniv.**
Michael Kelly & Hogan family, St. Michael's Villas.
6.30pm: James Cox, Dalcassian Ave.
Frances Ball, Connolly Villas.
Ena Whelan, Fountain Cross.
Michael Sheedy, Avondale. **1st Anniv**
Bridie, Michael, John, Sean, Paddy Moroney, Erinagh,
Fountain & McNamara Pk.
Michael & Helen Coffey, Hermitage.
Kathleen Sorce, Cappamore, Barefield.
Carmel Nestor, Golf Links Rd.
Thomas Hayes, Askeaton, Co. Limerick.

Sun 22nd 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: No intention booked.
11.30am: John & Eileen Dinan, Cahercalla Heights & St. Flannan's Tce.
Vera Wall, Inchbeg.
Catherine Boland, Clonroad.
Mary Gallery, Rockmount.
Geraldine Kenny, Cragmoher, Corofin & Willow Park.
Marie Hogan, Shanaway Rd.
Fr. Johnny Meehan, Summerhill.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje Direct flights to Mostar- Medjugorje 24th-31st May @ €745. Spiritual Director Fr. Joe Hayes For more information contact James 065 9059329 or 085 7385385

Franciscan Welcome

We welcome back among us once again Frs. Seamus Donohoe and Liam MacCarthy who in recent days have returned to Ennis to be part of the Ennis Fraternity.

Fr. Seamus has been part of the Athlone Fraternity and Fr. Liam part of the Clonmel Fraternity. Sadly last weekend the Franciscans after a long association with both towns have had to make the difficult decision to withdraw from these towns. We pray for both Friars at this time of a new beginning.

Celebrating the Ukrainian Epiphany (Baptism of the Lord)

On Friday the 20th January in the Cathedral led by Fr. Andrew, CSSR from the Ukraine. Confessions at 4pm. Divine Liturgy at 5pm. Blessing of water. Please share with Ukrainian friends and neighbours.

Due to Ukrainian celebrations on Friday there will be no Adoration in the Cathedral.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th- 25th January

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY We are invited to pray the Prayer of Christ for all followers to be united and respectful of each other.

We pray for unity with diversity.

Newly Baptised

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



John Anthony McDonagh
Aishling Mary Haugh
Senan Michael Hehir
Jaydon Cosmos

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Frances Murphy, Riverdale, Parnell St. & Dysart. MM
Marie O'Gorman, Shannon Park.
John & Josephine O'Gorman, Kilkee.

Sun 15th 10am: Cyril Courtney, Ennis, Ruan & Clooney.
Anthony Dormer, Rosanore.

11.45am: Mary O'Keeffe, Drumcliffe Rd.

Mon 10.30am: Phil Barrow, Drumcliffe.

Tues 10.30am: Peg & Michael Roche, Kincora Pk.
John Downes, Marian Ave.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: Margaret Ann Holmes, Oak Park.

Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.

Sat 10.30am: Bridget & George O'Neill, Clareabbey, Clarecastle.
Decd memb Cystic Fibrosis Association.
Linda Lee Drennan, Laureen, Lahinch.

7pm: Brid Madigan, Ivy Hill.
Vicky Keane, Corrovorrin Drive.
Ann O'Connor, Corrovorrin Grove.

Sun 22nd 10am: Anne, Annie & Peter Barry & Barry family, Ard Mhuire, Shanaway Rd.
William & Mary Lynch, Corrovorrin & Bernie Ruane, Kilrush Rd.

11.45am: Frankie, Fergus & Barry O'Connor, Pearse Ave.
Michael & Mary McNamara, Fergus Park.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 15th 11am: Michael Hennessy, Shallee Dr.
Bridget Crosse Kinnane & Ethel Crosse. MM

9.30am: Maura Hitchen nee Keane, Manchester & Kilnamona.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Donor's Intention.

Sun 22nd 11am: Fergal Landy, Considine Rd,

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €120. & €100.

We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Diocesan Priests' Retreat
Please keep the Bishop and Priests of the Diocese in your prayers this week as they gather at Knock Shrine for the annual Priests' Retreat.

These are the days in the year when priests withdraw from parish life to reflect and pray.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 8th January, 2023

Fund €3,850

samaritans

you are not alone

The Samaritans, Ennis and Clare branch are currently recruiting for volunteers.

Open information sessions will take place Saturday January 14th at 12 noon and on Wednesday 18th at 7.00pm in the Samaritans Centre, Kilrush Rd, Ennis V95 V004

Why not come along and meet volunteers and find out more about what we do or contact us on 0851763491 or email?

ennis.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org

If you are feeling distressed you can freefone Samaritans @ 116123

Primary School Enrolment for School Year 2023-2024

Ennis Parish Schools' Agreed Application System Parents/ Guardians wishing to enrol their children into Junior Infants (2nd class in the Holy Family Senior School) are advised that application forms are available from each school on their websites or by email request.

The closing date for Receipt of Completed Application Forms is Thursday 2nd February 2023 The agreed system operates for the following Ennis Parish Schools:

- CBS Primary
- Gaelscoil Mhíchil Cíosóg
- Ennis National School
- Holy Family Junior School
- Holy Family Senior School
- Scoil Chríost Rí

Completed application forms to be returned to the school online or by post

Rest in Peace



Tommy Hadjuk, Ennis & Poland.

Johnny Carrig, Kildysart Rd.

Dermot Culligan, Dublin & Lifford Rd., son of Mary.

Luke Coote, Considine Rd.

Johnny Doohan, Lissycasey, brother of Mary & Brid Heaney, Castlewood Park.

Agnes Kennedy, Kilcurrish, Fountain;

Noel Bolger, New Rd.;

James Hegarty, Crowehill, Newmarket-on-Fergus and Glenstal Abbey;

Paddy Galvin, Athleague,

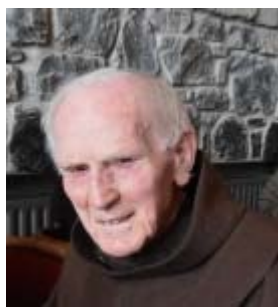
Co. Roscommon, brother of Austin Galvin, Hazel Lane, Gort Rd;

Michael Flanagan, Ard Aoibhinn, Limerick Rd. & Lahinch.

John Cahir, St. Michael's Villas.

Michael Hoare, Willow Park & London.

Fr. Peter O'Grady 1925 - 2023



On Thursday 5th January, the eve of the Feast of the Epiphany, Sister Death called Fr. Peter peacefully home to the house of the Father in Carrigoran Nursing Home.

Peter was born on 16th May, 1925 to Peter and Mary O'Grady, Abbey St. He was educated at the CBS Primary School, St. Flannan's College, UCG and Rome. At the age of 17 he joined the Franciscans in Killarney where he received the religious name of Benjamin, even though he reverted back to his original name in the late 1960s.

During his years of Franciscan Formation he studied in Galway and Rome. He made his final profession and was ordained a priest in Rome in 1952.

During his seventy-two years as an ordained Friar, Peter served in various Friaries around the country including Carrick-on-Suir, Waterford, Multyfarnham, Limerick, Galway and Cork. Fr. Peter was a very dedicated priest especially in his Confessional Ministry, and his care of the Secular Franciscan Family throughout the country.

As a Friar, he was held in high esteem by the Irish Franciscan Family and was chosen to serve several times to have a role in the Formation of young Friars.

Peter was recognised for his integrity, loyalty to Church teaching and faithfulness to his Franciscan vocation.

He spent twenty-four very happy years of his Ministry in the Franciscan Abbey, Galway and it was there he chose for his Funeral Mass which took place on Monday 9th January followed by his burial in the Franciscan plot of Bohermore Cemetery, Galway.

To his family, Franciscan brothers and Poor Clare Sisters, we offer our thanks for Fr. Peter and the blessings of his life which he generously shared with so many.

May his gentle soul now rest in peace.

Columbarium

Work on the second phase of the Columbarium will begin this week.

From Tuesday 24th January to Friday 27th January, Joseph O'Neill from Eternum Columbarium will be available in the Cathedral to meet people who may have an interest in reserving a niche. To make an appointment please call 085 214 8301.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Aontacht Chríostaí

Leagann amach na hEaglaisí Chríostaí ar fud an domhain seachtain ar leith ó 18 -25 Eanáir chun guí ar son Aontacht Chríostaí. Is é téama na seachtaine 2023 ná, **Déanaigí an mhaith, Lorgaigí an rud cóir**, mar a spreag Iseáia, fáidh: *"Nígí, glanaigí sibh féin. Tógaigí bhur n-urchóid as mo radharc. Eirigí as an olc a dhéanamh! Foghlaimigí an mhaith a dhéanamh, lorgaigí an rud cóir, cuirigí in éadan ansmachta, tugaigí a cheart don dilleachta, agráigí cúis na baintrí."* (Iseáia 1: 16-17). Tá sé de dhualgas orainn go léir guí ar son aontacht na bpobal Chríostaí chun misean Dé a chomhlíonadh. Mar sin guimis mar a dúirt Críost an oíche roimh a bhás, *"Ionas go mba aon iad go léir, faoi mar atá tusa, a Athair, ionamsa agus mise ionatsa, go mbeidís seo ina n-aon ionainn i dtreo go gcreidfídh an saol gur chuir tú uaif mé"* (Eoin17:21) Is paidir ar son Aontachta Chríostaí i seo: **A Athair an ghrá, a ghlaigh sinn chun comhbhráithreachais le do mhac, agus a cheap sinn le bheith inár bhfíneithe don soiscéal.**

Trí ghrásta do Spioraid, cuir ar ár gcumas na deighiltí a shárú, agus féach chuige go bhfanfaimid daingean, agus go mbeidh ár gcuid áthais iomlán. Guímid leis seo trinár dTiarna Iosa Críost, Áiméan.

The week of prayer for Christian Unity is kept throughout the world each year from 18- 25 January. The theme for 2023 is: **Do good, seek justice**, inspired by the prophet Isaiah. *"Take your wrongdoing out of my sight. Cease to do evil. Learn to do good, search for justice, help the oppressed, be just to the orphan, plead for the widow."* (Isaiah 1: 16-17)

We are obliged to pray for unity among Christians so that the mission of Christ will be fulfilled. Let us pray as Jesus asked us the night before He died, *"May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me, and I am in you so the world may believe it was you who sent me"* (John 17:21). We thank you Lord for your graces. The following is a prayer for Church Unity: **Father of love you have called us to confraternity with your Son and to be witnesses to the gospel.**

Through the grace of the Holy Spirit enable us to overcome divisions and remain steadfast that our joy may be complete.

We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Chime—The National Charity for Deafness and hearing loss. Free and confidential support on all aspect of deafness and hearing loss in children and adults.

Strictly by appointment only. Ennis Parish Office, Wednesday 25th January 10am-1pm Contact kathleendaffy@chime.ie or 061 -467494

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you,
O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing
to your name, O Most High!

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 Fa-
ther, 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 prophet Isaiah

Is 49:3.5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his
servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my
servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and
bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the
nations so that my salvation may
reach to the ends of the earth'.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth
praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and
offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands
written

that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed
In the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

1 Cor 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an
apostle, together with brother Sosthenes,
send greetings to the church of God in
Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus
Christ, who are called to take their place
among all the saints everywhere who pray
to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their
Lord no less than ours. May God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send
you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven

And glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John
said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that
takes away the sin of the world. This is
the one I spoke of when I said: A man is

coming after me who ranks before me
because he existed before me. I did not
know him myself, and yet it was to reveal
him to Israel that I came baptising with
water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit
coming down on him from heaven like a
dove and resting on him. I did not know
him myself, but he who sent me to baptise
with water had said to me, "The man on
whom you see the Spirit come down and
rest is the one who is going to baptise with
the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am
the witness that he is the Chosen One of
God.'

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 suf-
fered 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 Fa-
ther. 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 spo-
ken 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

Your have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that
quenches my thirst.