

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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The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Year A) 1st January, 2023

A God of Great Reversals

When it came to delivering the greatest message on earth, God chose amateurs and nobodies instead of professionals and VIPs. The priests and religious classes were not the first to learn about the Messiah's birth. One would think that they would be the ones with all the appropriate knowledge and social clout to interpret the message to the people.

But God chose to share this message with, a young unwed woman first, then with shepherds, members of an outcast and untrustworthy caste. And when he finally started his ministry he doubled down and enlisted farmers, fisherman and others from the margins of mainstream society.



When God wants an important thing done in this world, or a wrong righted, he goes about it in a very singular way. He does not release his thunderbolts or stir up his earthquake. He simply has a tiny, helpless baby born, perhaps in an obscure home, perhaps of a very humble mother. Then he puts the idea or purpose into the mother's heart, she puts it into the baby's mind and then—God waits.

Mary's song sings of a God of great reversals. This God has high regard for a lowly maiden. This God scatters the proud and puts down the mighty from their thrones. This God, furthermore, fills the hungry with good things and sends the rich away empty-handed. **That's the kind of God that Mary sings about it.**

A God of great reversals.



Priest on Duty: Fr. Pat Malone
1st January 2023 Contact: 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 6.30pm: Galvin Family, Glengarriff, Co. Cork.
Sun 1st 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: Joseph Kaniyamkulam, India.
 Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families, Ennis & Cork.
11.30am: Ann Ryan, Childers' Rd.
 Dan & Mary O'Keefe, Ardlea Rd.
 O'Connor Family, Connolly Villas.
 Frank Roughan, Ballyneillan, Fountain.
 Fintan Lynch, Friar's Close & formerly "Charmatte",
 Limerick Rd. & Ballyhaunas, Co. Mayo. **MM**
Mon: 7.40am: Bank Holiday - No Mass.
11am: Thomas McMahon, Carmody St.
 John & Ann Lane & Bridie O'Loughlin, Hermitage.
7.30pm: Joseph Connery, Dalcassian Park.
 Michael O'Donoghue, Ennis & Australia.
Matt Talbot Prayer Society.
Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: Mary & John Hayes, Hermitage.
7.30pm: Hannah Ahern, Limerick.
Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: Frey Barry, Cooldarta, Boston.
 Mary Keane, Hermitage.
 Mary Hickey, Waterpark Heights. **1st Anniv**
7.30pm: Frank & Agnes Fox, Cornmarket & deceased
 Fox & Crowley Families.
 Fionnuala Fitzpatrick & deceased Fitzpatrick
 & Blake families.
 Special Intention.
Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: Pat McInerney & Phyllis Liptak, Cork.
 Haulie, Martin & Reidy family, Golf Links Rd.
 Maureen O'Brien, St. Michael's Villas.
 Susan Keating, Cork.
7.30pm: Andrew & Patrick Woods, McNamara Park.
Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Flan & Mary Hynes, St. Michael's Villas.
7.30pm: No intention booked.
Sat: 11am: Jerry O'Callaghan, Willow Park.
3.30pm: Ukranian Christmas Mass.
6.30pm: Michael McMahon, Gallows Hill.
 Albert Mounsey, Marian Ave.
 Martin Shannon, Kilnaboy.
 Noel Scanlan, Willow Park.
 Kevin Keane, Connolly Villas.
Sun 8th 8am: Thomas Scanlon, Newcastlewest.
 Bridie Rynne, Castlewood Park;
 Mary, Ann & Patrick Rynne, Lissycasey.
 Joe, Nora & Joe Junior McDonagh, Galway.
9.30am: Vincent Neylon, Parnell St.
 Patrick Feeney, St. Michael's Villas.
11.30am: Austin Smith, Ballymacahill, Roslevan.
 Paddy Guthrie, Ard na Gréine.
 Peggy & Jim Casey, The Whitehouse, Shanaway Rd.
 & grandson Eamonn Casey, U.S.A.
 PJ Malone, Beechpark.
 Seamus Ganley, Tullygarvan, Lahinch.
 Michael Lynch, Clare Rd.
 Mary Keane, Considine Rd.
 Michael & Anne Tierney, Kilrush Rd. Eoin & Liam
 Madigan, St. Michael's Villas.

First Friday of
January

Friday 6th January 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.

Cathedral
Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €100 & €50. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Unwanted Gifts

We thank those who have donated unwanted Christmas Gifts, which can be left into the Cathedral or Parish Office this week for an online Auction in the New Year with the proceeds going to the Cathedral Restoration Appeal.

All proceeds going towards a new floor in the Cathedral. It is fifty years since the present floor was put in place. Please, only gifts that are unopened and unused.

Our Parish Calendars

Our Parish Calendar for 2023 is now available, free of charge from any of our Churches to share with family and friends.

Sunday Missals 2023

Sunday Missals for this year are now available in the Parish Office, €8 each.

Praying out the Old
Welcoming the New

On this Saturday night in the Cathedral from 11.30am to 12.15pm we bid farewell to 2022 and welcome 2023.

Bereaved by Suicide.

The Christmas Season can be a difficult time for people bereaved by suicide. Clare Suicide Bereavement Support volunteers are available to help you. Support and help is only a phone call away. You could phone us at one of our numbers given below and we will take it from there. We promise complete confidentiality.
 086 0565373. 087 3698315.
www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7.00pm: No intention booked.
Sun 1st 10am: Maura Hegarty, Elm Park.
 Dan & Mary Doorty, Tulla Rd.
11.45am: Noel Ballinger, Gort Rd. Paddy & Mary Darcy, 'Arbutus House', Glenoir.
Mon 10.30am: Bank Holiday—No Mass.
Tues 10.30am: No intention booked.
Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.
Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.
Fri 10.30am: John & Mary Hunt, Dublin & Kilkee.
Sat 10.30am: Imelda Micks, The Crescent, Lifford.
 Marie Bennis, Maghera Cross, Tulla. **MM**
7pm: Pauline Gibbons, Kincora Park
Sun 8th 10am: Michael Hogan, Station Rd., Lahinch.
 Michael, Eileen & Noreen Hogan, Corrovorrin.
11.45am: Toss O'Sullivan, New Rd.
 Mary Chesser, Glenina. **1st Anniv**

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 1st 11am: May Molloy (nee McNamara),
 Ennis & Dublin.
Mon: 9.30am: Bank Holiday—No Mass.
Tue: 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 8th 11am: Mary Rutherford, Claureen Drive. **MM**

Thank you

The Bishop and Priests of the Parish thank you for your very generous offerings to the Priests, Christmas Collection last weekend. If you were away or forgot, your contribution would still be appreciated.

Bank Holiday Monday

Masses on Monday
 8.30am: Poor Clare Monastery
 10.00am: Friary
 11.00am: Cathedral
 7.30pm: Cathedral
 Please note no 10.30am Mass in St. Joseph's on Bank Holiday.

Poor Clare Monastery

Mass each day this week at 8.30am. Benediction will resume next Sunday 8th January.

**Mass from Tuesday 3rd January,
normal mass times resume**

7.40am Cathedral
 8.30am Poor Clare Monastery
 9.30am Cloughleigh
 10.00am Friary
 10.30am St. Joseph's
 11.00am Cathedral
 7.30pm Cathedral

**Friday January 6th—Feast of the Epiphany
The Feast of the Epiphany is a Holy Day.**

Mass times are the same as weekday times.

7.40am Cathedral
 8.30am Poor Clare Monastery
 9.30am Cloughleigh
 10.00am Friary
 10.30am St. Joseph's
 11.00am Cathedral
 7.30pm Cathedral

Our Gratitude

Our God is a God of new beginnings. Today New year's Day, we begin again. As we look back on the past year, we do so with gratitude; despite the setbacks and challenges, we all begin 2023 richly blessed in so many different ways. The challenge for all of us is to generously share our talents and time with each other and with those most in need.

Many thanks to all who support the parish and those who are active in ministry.

Our music ministry has flourished in the last year with our choirs and cantors leading us so beautifully in our Liturgies. We are blessed to have a very talented group of individuals who enrich our liturgies. It was great to see the Cathedral Junior Choir formed in the past year, a great sign of hope for the future.

Our virtual congregation continues to grow, joining via Parish radio, webcam and facebook. There can be no substitute for your presence around the altar of the Lord and the building of community. We are grateful for the many "new parishioners" from all over the world who have made the Cathedral, Friary and St. Joseph's their virtual parish church.

Thank you to our office, housekeeping, sacristans and caretaking staff and the many volunteers who help each day to make our parish active and vibrant.

To the religious communities of Franciscans, Poor Clares, Mercy Sisters and Christian Brothers; thank you for your presence, witness and daily prayers for all of us.

As we begin again, may the Lord bless us and keep us, may he smile on us and show us his mercy. May he turn his regards towards each one of us and give you his peace. May the Lord bless you.

Rest in Peace

Maura Durack, who died in England, sister of Seamus, Clonroadmore;

Kamil Mankos, Cluain Ros, Leahaim;

Tom Meaney, Dereenagree, Millstreet, Co Cork, father of John Elm Park;

Paddy Moroney, Kincora Pk.;

Frederick Ensko, Turnpike Rd.;

Anne (Nancy) Nee, Páirc na Coille & Cranny;

John Moran, Abbeycourt, Limerick Rd.;

Fiona Knox, Clarecastle, daughter of Mark & Ann, Station Rd.;

Joan Cronin, Shannon Park;

Grace O'Neill, Letterkenny, mother of Geraldine Bradley, Cahercalla;

Martin Daly, Kilrush Road;

Ann Doyle, Cusack View;

Packie Vaughan, Cahercalla;

Kieran O'Connor, Cloverhill, Tulla Rd., son of Jim, Corrovorrin Grove;

Sr. Mary Walsh RIP 1939—2022



Sr. Mary Walsh died unexpectedly and very peacefully on 22 December in the wonderful care of the staff of Carrigoran House Nursing Home.

The eldest in a family of five, Mary was born to Joe Walsh and Maisie Kennelly in Bótharmore, Galway City, on 11 July 1939; pre-deceased by her brother Daniel, sister Olive and niece Alexandra, she is survived by her sisters Josephine and Lily, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and extended family. Mary received her primary and secondary education in the Mercy schools in Galway and joined the Sisters of Mercy, Ennis on 21 January 1956, taking Redempta as her religious name; she reverted to her baptismal name as soon as that became an option.

In the early seventies Mary qualified as a teacher of typewriting; she then taught for two years in St. Joseph's Tulla, followed by two years in St. Joseph's, Spanish Point. In 1978 she was appointed secretary to the newly-established, Killaloe Diocesan Religious Education Office located on the grounds of the old St. Xavier's Convent to which Mary returned; when that office re-located to the Clarecare on Harmony Row, Mary moved to live at Rosanore, Gort Road, Ennis.

During her time in the Diocesan Office, Mary was asked by Bishop Willie Walsh to assist with the administration side of Accord of which he was then Director; this led to her developing a keen interest in counselling in which she qualified in Dublin. When the Religious Education Office closed Mary's fulltime ministry became counselling; she worked for many years for Clare Co. Council as a staff-support counsellor. She continued to live at Rosanore until declining health brought her back to St. Xavier's in 2019 and in Dec. 2021 to Carrigoran House.

Mary could be described as a 'free spirit', never taking the restrictions of religious life too seriously; she was witty and very sociable, loved music and singing; she was also a woman of great faith with a strong devotion to the Sacred Heart; until illness and dementia came along, she kept in regular touch with family and many friends by all of whom she will be sadly missed.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam uasal.

Newly Baptised

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

Ava Glynn; Gonzalo Ejarque Ramirez

Ukrainian Christmas Day New Year's Day

Ukrainians celebrate Christmas according to their Calendar on 7th January. Fr. Andrew, a Redemptorist Priest from Ukraine will celebrate Christmas Mass for the Ukrainian Community on Saturday 7th January at 3.30pm in the Cathedral.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Sollúntas Mhuire Beannaithe Máthair Dé
Cuirimid fáilte chroíúil roimh bhliain úr nua atá thar tairseach isteach chugainn agus slán fágtha againn le 2022. Mí Eanáir, Mí an tseaca, Mí an tsneachta, an Mhí Dhubh. I Mí Eanáir, bí linn a Thiarna. Inniu Féile Mhuire Beannaithe Máthair Dé. Is í Inniu Uilíoch an Phápa do mhí Eanáir: Guímis gur finnítithe inchreidte iad ár n-oideachasóirí, ag teagasc an bhráithreachais in ionad na hiomaiochta agus thar aon ní eile ag cuidiú leis an óige agus leo sin atá i ngátar. Is dúil dúinn Rúin na Bliana nua dhéanamh. Cuirimis an bhliain nua faoi choimirce Dé. Ní fios dúinn cad atá i ndán dúinn i rith na bliana ach rud amháin atá cinnte, beidh Dia linn gach uile lá. Guímis ar son na síochána: *A Íosa, rinne do bhreith Neamh agus Talamh a fháisceadh le chéile go réidh síochánta – daingnigh an tsíocháin úd i measc na náisiúin inniu. Caith anuas ballaí an fhuatha atá idir náisiúin, réitigh an bealach dóibh siúd atá ag saothrú na síochána, corraigh croíthe na ndaoine uile a rialaíonn. Áiméan.*

Let us welcome the New Year as we say goodbye to 2022. Month of January, month of frost, month of snow, month of darkness. O Lord be with us in January. The Pope's universal intention for January: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all. It is customary to make New Year resolutions. We place the year under the protection of God. We do not know what is in store for us during this year but we can be certain God will be with us. *Lord Jesus, your birth bound heaven and earth in harmony and peace. Establish that peace among nations and peoples of today. Throw down the walls of hatred between nations, clear the way for those who work for peace, move the hearts of those who govern. Amen*

The Matt Talbot Prayer Society - Praying for those suffering from Addiction: This Prayer Society has been created to pray for people who are suffering from any form of addiction, to pray for those recovering from addiction, and to pray for all those affected by addiction, especially family members. As we know addiction takes many forms from alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography, to other less acknowledged addictions. To join the Matt Talbot Prayer Society, you are invited to enrol the name of the person to be prayed for and the addiction we are praying that they will be freed from. Those enrolled will be prayed for specifically every day by members of the Matt Talbot Prayer Society. Mass will be offered for those enrolled on the first Monday of every month here in Ennis Cathedral at 7.30 pm. You will also receive an enrolment card to enable you to join in the prayer. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please email vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page or phone St Eugene's Cathedral at 028 71262894/71365712. **The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated here in Ennis Cathedral on this Monday 2nd @ 7.30pm**

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever.

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 Numbers

Nb 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: O God, be gracious and bless us.

God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. R

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. R

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing til the ends of the earth revere him. R

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

Gal 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 2:16-21

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what

what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

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

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.