

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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Email: info@ennisparish.com

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Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 22nd January, 2023

Come, Follow Me

When Jesus called Simon, Andrew James and John, we hear that they left their nets immediately and followed him. For them to leave their lives and their livelihoods behind, in an instant, tells us something of the presence that Christ must have had and the words he must have spoken. In the case of James and John we are told only that "he called them". We have no account of the exact words he used, yet they must have been powerful enough to persuade them to change the direction of their lives completely. The only extract we have from his conversation with Simon and Andrew is the phrase "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men".

This is of course a play on words based on their occupation yet it is more than a pun. It reveals a profound spiritual truth about Jesus's mission and the part he wanted the apostles to play in it. Jesus came to gather people together, to proclaim the kingdom of heaven and to redeem us. In calling these four fishermen he is sharing his mission with them; he is entrusting them with carrying it on, after he will ascend to the Father. It was not only to these four whom Jesus gives this mission, it is to everyone who follows him.

Jesus calls each and every one of us as he called the fishermen on the shore. When we say yes we too are privileged to share in his mission, to gather others together, to proclaim the kingdom of heaven and to continue Christ's work of redemption.

Of these three parts of Christ's mission the act of gathering together is perhaps the easiest to understand yet it is far from easy. The fish is one of the oldest symbols for Christianity, it can be found in the first century catacombs under Rome. Its symbolism is summed up in a verse from

*Ag Críost an Síol Ag Críost an mhuir,
ag Críost an t-iasc; i líonta Dé go gcastar sinn.*

Which can be translated as - To Christ the sea,

To Christ the fish

In the nets of God, May we be caught.

The fishermen despite leaving their nets, would continue their work of gathering, gathering people together. There are so many things which divide people in our world, money, politics, nationality and not least religion. Jesus in his teaching, was clear that he did not want division but unity.



In the Gospel of John We hear our Lord pray these words—

*I pray also that all of them may be one,
Father,
just as you are in me and I am in you.
May they also be one in us so that the
world may believe that you have sent me.*

He wanted his followers to be as closely united to each other as he was to the Father and what is more he is the source of that unity. It is only through Christ that we can have the hope of being gathered together.

In this week of prayer for Christian unity, it is appropriate that we make an effort to pray for unity not only amongst Christians but amongst all people and that we ask Christ to gather us together into the kingdom of heaven.



Priest on Duty Sunday 22nd January 2023

Fr. David Carroll 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 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: Patrick & Bridget Cotter, Dysart;
 Sheila, John & Tom Cotter, Loughville.
 Special Intentions.

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.
 Michael O'Donohue, Edenvale.
 Elizabeth & George Bradley, Carmody Street.

Mon: 7.40am: Special Intention,
11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Adrian McCracken, England.
 Roisin & baby Helena Mc Mahon, Doolin.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: William O'Neill, Turnpike Rd. MM.
 Thomas F. (Flan) O'Reilly, Clare Rd.
 Frances & Gerry Garvey, Roslevan.
 Danny Higgins, Drumbiggle Rd.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Wed 7.40am: Special Intention.
 Donal & Anna Maher, Clonaslee, Co. Laois.

11am: Seamus Gormley, College Grove. **1st Anniv**

7.30pm: Margaret (Peggy) Flynn, Connolly Villas.
 Peadar & Peter O'Brien, St. Michael's Villas.

Thurs 7.40am: Mary, Paddy, Seán & Lucy Kissane,
 Mary & Sean Feehan, Ennis, Dublin & Cork.

11am: Willie Perkins, Gallows Hill.

7.30pm: Jamie Buckley, Cregau, Tobertaoscairn. MM

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Daisy Redican, O'Connell St.

7.30pm: Frederick Ensko, Turnpike Rd. MM,
 Catherine & Patrick Hogan, Maryville, Aymers Cross..

Sat: 11am: Patrick (Pakie) Vaughan, Cahercalla Rd. MM.
 Sr. Mary Walsh, St. Xaviers Convent. MM

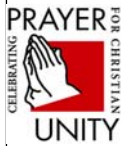
6.30pm: Raymond Molloy, McNamara Pk. **1st Anniv.**
 John Moran, Abbey Court, Clare Rd. MM
 Mary Arthur, Gort Rd.
 Con & Nuala Ryan, St. Michael's Villas.
 Anne McCullagh, Tulla Rd.
 Elizabeth Hanrahan, Circular Rd.
 Jack & Molly Burke, Dunsallagh.
 Michael, Phylis, Patrick & Gerard O'Doherty,
 Doonbeg.
 Alo & Bernadette Wrafter nee Dunne, Roslevan.

Sun 29th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Máire Bugler, Ard na Gréine.
 Susan Cosgrove, Fernhill, Gort Rd.
 Kathleen Hassett, Toonagh, Fountain.

11.30am: Ann Doyle, Cusack View. MM
 Frank Fitzpatrick, College Green.
 John Fogarty, Fernhill, Gort Rd.
 Austin O'Callaghan, Clancy Park.
 Paul Dilleen, Shanaway Rd.
 Mary Keane, Grey Gables, Station Rd.
 Tom McGrath, Francis St.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



We celebrate this week annually from the 18th to 25th January. We join with Christians from all around the world praying that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways we as Christians can unite together in prayer and witness.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donation of €200. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Diocesan Needs' Appeal

The second collection at all masses in the parish next weekend is the annual appeal from Bishop Fintan to help support him financially in the running of the Diocese, enabling the Diocese to support the work of safeguarding, catechesis, faith formation and faith formation of young people. Your generosity to this appeal is very much appreciated.

Columbarium

Work on the second phase of the Columbarium in the Cathedral has commenced. If you have an interest in reserving a niche in this phase, please contact Joseph O'Neill from Eternum Columbarium who will be available in the Cathedral this week from Tuesday to Friday. To make an appointment please ring 085-2148301.

Candlemas Day

On Thursday February 2nd the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we celebrate Candlemas Day. Candles for both church and home use will be blessed at all masses on the day. We welcome candles for use in Church.

Sunday of the Word of God

In 2019 Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in the Liturgical year is to be the Sunday of the Word of God. It is a day devoted to the celebration, study and spreading of the Word of God. This weekend we reflect on how we honour the Word of God.



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Brid Madigan, Ivy Hill.
 Vicky Keane, Corrovorrin Drive.
 Ann & Kieran 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.

Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.

Tues 10.30am: No intention booked.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: P.J & Moira McMahan, Rosslare.

Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.

Sat 10.30am: No intention booked.

7pm: Paddy Moroney, Kincora Park. MM.
 Joan Cronin, Shannon Park. MM.
 Joe Moran, Corrovorrin Grove.

Sun 29th 10am: Kieran O'Connor, Cloverhill, Tulla Rd. MM.

11.45am: Eamonn & Benny Duffy, Kincora Park.
 Peter Burke, Lifford Rd.
 Bill Hanrahan, Ashfield Park.
 Joan Kelly, Corrovorrin Drive.
 Deirdre Tynan (nee Reid), Gort Rd.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 22nd 11am: Fergal Landy, Considine Rd,
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Thurs 9.30am: Donor's Intention.
Sun 29th John Monahan, John Paul Ave.
 Kathleen Hogan, Davitt Terrace.

Cloughleigh Amateur Drama Group

are proud to present a Three Act Comedy by Jimmy Keary **MOTHER KNOWS BEST** at Cloughleigh Community Centre, Davitt Terrace, Ennis for 4 Nights Only starting at 8.00pm each night on Friday, January 27th, Saturday January 28th, Friday 3rd February Saturday 4th February, 2023 Admission €10.



World Youth Day

This is the largest youth event in the world and will be held in Lisbon Portugal from the 1st to 6th August. The purpose of World Youth Day is a renewal of faith that will reach young people.

Killaloe Diocese will be sending a delegation of young people to this event. If you are over 18 years of age and have an interest in travelling please make contact with any of the priests for more details. The theme for this year's WYD, "Mary arose and went with haste".

His Homeward Journey. The life and works of Pope Benedict XVI is the latest publication by Veritas. Written by our own Bishop Fintan, the book explores the life and ministry of Pope Benedict. The book is for sale in the Parish Office at €10.



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

Home Fire Safety Checks available

A Home Fire Safety check is available for older people and those living alone. Firefighters from your local Fire Brigade will call to the house and will give fire safety advice and install smoke detectors where required. Just contact 'firesafety@clarecoco.ie' or phone 065-6846302.

RIP



Tom Nestor, Golf Links Rd.

Maisie Costelle, London, sister of Betty Garrihy, Dun na hInse.

Michael Mahoney, Tyrone & Ennis.

Bernadette Kawara nee O'Neill, Woodhaven.

Kathleen Dinan, Collins Park.

Mary Hill, Hazel Lane, Gort Road.

Frances O'Sullivan, Clarecastle and late of O'Connell Street.

Agnes Lyons, Fountain.

Mary Brennan, Galway, mother of Ciaran Brennan, Westfields.

Adrian McCracken, England.
Funeral to take place in the UK.

Josephine Forte, Belfast & Beehive Café, O'Connell St. & Gallows Hill, mother of Joe Forte, Gallows Hill.

Farewell to Sr Betty



This weekend we bid farewell to Sr Betty Curtin, our Parish Sister and a valued member of our Parish Team. Sr Betty, of the Josephite Sisters has been appointed by her congregation to work with their Sisters in Australia.

During her years on the parish team, Betty was responsible for sacramental preparation in Ennis National school and After School Classes for those preparing for sacraments. She was co-ordinator of Liturgy at Ennis Nursing Home, helped in faith formation with RCIA, organised blessing of expectant Mothers and helped foster valuable links with Ennis parish.

We thank Betty for all that she has done for our parish and people and wish her every blessing in her next calling as a Sister of St. Joseph in Australia.

Betty's departure from Ennis brings to an end the presence of the Sisters of St Joseph in our parish. Thirty years ago Betty together with the late Srs. Anne Boland and Eileen O'Sullivan came to live and work in Ennis. The Sisters of St Joseph were founded by St Mary Mackillop and Fr Julian Jenison in Australia in 1842. The Sisters quickly expanded due to a large number of Irish women who joined the Order from their Irish house in Newmarket, Co. Cork.

ALONE is a national organisation that strives to enable older people to age at home, safely and securely, for as long as they wish. We work with all older people, including those who are lonely, isolated, frail or ill, homeless, living in poverty, or are facing other difficulties.

If you are an older person who would like to learn more about this service, please call ALONE's National Support Line on 0818 222 024.

ALONE's Visitation Support & Befriending Service matches older people who would like additional social contact with a volunteer who provides companionship through a weekly visit. We work with a number of older people throughout Clare who would like someone to visit them. Are you that someone?

If you would like to volunteer with ALONE see the volunteer section of the ALONE website at www.Alone.ie or email Aoife.Dennehy@alone.ie for further information.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday,

Fund €5,075
Online €660

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha

Ceiliúrfar Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha ó 22 Eanáir go 29 Eanáir 2023. Is é téama na seachtaine i mbliana ná Ag Saothrú le Chéile i gCreideamh agus i nGrá. Táthar ag diriú ar thrí ghné faoi leith: Comhpháirteachas, Rannpháirtíocht, Misean. Tugtar cuireadh do gach duine bainteach le hOideachas Caitliceach – teaghlaigh, paróistí agus scoileanna- machnamh a dhéanamh ar: ról na hEaglaise, ceiliúradh tiolacadh Oideachas Caitliceach agus aitheantas a thabhairt do ghrá agus do fhlaithiúlacht phobal uile na scoile. Sa scoil Chaitliceach leagtar béim ar mhisean Chríost. D'fhreastal Críost ar gach duine ar bhuail Sé leo. Cuirtear clár theagasc creidimh ar fáil sna scoileanna a dhearbhaíonn agus a dhoimníonn an tuiscint a bhíonn ag na daltaí maidir leis an gcreideamh Caitliceach. Cuirfear imeachtaí spioradálta ar siúl i mórán scoileanna. **Guímid ar son ár múinteoirí, gur oidí ar nós Íosa a bheidh iontu agus go ndéanfimid saothrú le chéile chun scoil Chaitliceach den scoth a chur ar fáil agus go raibh rath Dé orthu agus ar na daltaí faoina gcúram. Áiméan.**

Catholic Schools' Week is celebrated from 22 January to 29 January 2023. The theme this year is Walking Together in Faith and Love. This year's celebration will emphasise three features: Communion, Participation, Mission.

All associated with Catholic education – families, parishes, schools - are invited to participate and reflect on: the role of the Catholic Church, celebrating the gift of Catholic Education and recognising the love and generosity of the entire school community.

The Catholic school emphasises the mission of Christ and the religious programme taught affirms and deepens the understanding the students have of the Catholic religion. Religious activities will be taking place during the week. **Let us pray for teachers, that they may be faithful to the teachings of Jesus and that we may work together to create first class Catholic schools. May God bless them and the students in their care. Amen**

Chime—The National Charity for Deafness and hearing loss. **Strictly by appointment only.** Ennis Parish Office, Wednesday 25th January 10am-1pm Contact kathleendaffy@chime.ie /061 -467494

Divine Mercy Conference

Day return bus to Divine Mercy Conference at RDS, Dublin Saturday 18th February. €80 for bus and entry ticket.

Contact: Séamus 087-2752578 for Enquiries and bookings.

Be Still and Know.....

Meditation at St. Columba's Church, Bindon St. every Thursday 8pm to 9pm. All welcome.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence our majesty and splendor, strength and honour in his holy place.

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 prophet Isaiah.

Is 8:23 - 9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? R

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. R

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! R

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. 1 Cor 1:10-13.17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice.

From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you.

What I mean, are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, And cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;

on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

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

Look towards the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.