

# ENNIS PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Mass Times

Cathedral-[www.ennisparish.com/webcam](http://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-](http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/st-josephs-church-webcam)

[josephs-church-webcam](http://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-](http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscan-friary-webcam/)

[friary-webcam/](http://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;

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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 29th January, 2023

The greatest commandment of Jesus is to 'love one another'. This is what Jesus asked us to do in order to build the Kingdom of God. Jesus taught us a set of attitudes that we should have in order to be in the kingdom. This set of attitudes is known as the beatitudes (be-attitudes). Jesus said that those attitudes are specially blessed by God. They act as a guide for us, they show us how to "be" kind and loving in our relationships with each other with each other and with God.

Today we are invited to read the Beatitudes slowly. Stay with each one for a while. At first reading some may seem to describe a series of circumstances that could only be labelled as ones to be avoided at all cost. Let yourself get a sense of the paradox involved in each one. Perhaps you had an experience of a deeper and more authentic life, a blessing when:

- ♦ you are poor – you know your need of God.
- ♦ you mourned- could feel for others.
- ♦ you were meek – neither spineless nor emotionally out of control.
- ♦ you hungered and thirsted for some cause.

- ♦ you were merciful rather than vengeful.
- ♦ you were pure of heart- single-minded.
- ♦ You were a peacemaker.
- ♦ you were persecuted because you stood up for something.



Jesus named many types of blessed people in today's gospel. Let us call to mind these holy people who fall into each category, those who give witness to Christ. **These are people who bring to life the teaching of Christ.**

# Priest on Duty 29th January 2023

Contact: Fr. Joy - 065 6869098



## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**6.30pm:** Raymond Molloy, McNamara Pk. 1st Anniv.

John Moran, his parents & brother, 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, Phyllis, 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.

Ann & Keith Morris, Liscannor & Thurles.

**Mon: 7.40am:** Donor's Intention.

**11am:** Patrick Toomey, McNamara Pk.

**7.30pm:** Gerry Byrne, Monacurragh, Carlow &  
Ballinasloe.

**Tues: 7.40am** Book of Intentions.

**11am:** Bridget & Marty Daly, Lissycasey.

**7.30pm:** Michael & Bridget Singleton, Hermitage.

Larry Clohessy, Hermitage.

**Wed 7.40am:** Nora Meaney, Cranny.

**11am:** Clune family, Feakle.

**7.30pm:** Trevor Hamman, Gallows Hill & South Africa.

Dr. Daniel Curtin, Cahercalla Drive.

**Thurs 7.40am:** Stella Munby, Salisbury, England.

**11am:** Mass for the People.

**7.30pm:** Kathleen Doran, Tulla & Charlie O'Grady,  
Mc Namara Pk.

Michael & Margaret McMahon & family,

Drumcaurin, Lahinch Rd.

**Fri 7.40am:** Fr. James Mc Inerney, Doora.

**11am:** Denis Moloney, McNamara Park.

Eva & Tom Ryan, Summerhill.

Mary Mallon, Pairc na Coille.

Philip Hickey, Swords, Dublin & Boyle,

Co. Roscommon.

**7.30pm:** No intention booked.

**Sat: 11am:** Jonathan O'Sullivan, London.

Frey Barry, Cooldarta, Boston.

Billy Slattery, John Paul Avenue, Cloughleigh..

**6.30pm:** James Kelly, Clonroadmore.

Pauline Saunderson, Rockmount.

Peggy & Tony Coote, Gallows Hill.

Michael Lynch, Claremount, Clarecastle.

Roger O'Donoghue, Ennis & Limerick.

Michael, Molly & Bina Vaughan, Cork.

**Sun 5th 8am:** No Intention booked.

**9.30am:** Mary, Michael & Kitty Connellan,

Ard na Gréine.

Virginia Donnellan, "St. Joseph's", Hermitage.

Helen Griffin, Woodlawn.

Costello & O'Donoghue families, Cork & Ennis.

Mai & Micko Glynn, Knockaderra, Tulla Rd.

**11.30am:** Paddy Loftus, Buttermarket. MM

William (Bill) Leacy, College Grove.

Rita Hurley, Turnpike.

James F. (Jim) O'Sullivan, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.

Christina Kelly, Ennis.

## Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donation of €2,000 & €50 We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

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## Diocesan Needs' Appeal

The second collection at all masses in the parish this weekend is to support Bishop Fintan in his work of shepherding the Diocese at local, national and international level. Your generosity to this appeal is very much appreciated.

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## Looking to the future with hope.

On Thursday 19th January the Diocese held the first of a series of very important meetings at the Inn at Dromoland. Bishop Fintan invited representatives from the Pastoral Parish Councils in Co. Clare to gather for the first of such meetings that will be held around the diocese. Bishop Fintan is using the Synodal process to look at how we might proceed as a Diocese. At the meeting the Bishop outlined the stark reality we find ourselves in as a Diocese with regard to vocations, participation and resources. Following two inputs from invited speakers the views and opinions of all were shared and gathered. It is hoped that following a number of such meetings, that we as a Diocese will discern what is being asked of us and how best to respond with effective and relevant structural changes. Please pray that all of us would be open to the Holy Spirit at work in this process.

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**Fun Chair Exercise Class** for seniors/people with limited mobility every Tuesday morning 11am-12 noon in St Joseph's meeting room, Kincora Park, Ennis.

Walk in or contact Trish for more information 0868507227

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## Clarecare over 65's Club

Situated in the grounds of Cuan an Chlair, Cahercalla. Offering a variety of activities including a home cooked meal on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 086 4183535 to check criteria

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## St. Brigid's Day Storytime & Craft

Wednesday 1st February 3.00 p.m. Join us at DeValera Library, Ennis for a story time and craft session to celebrate St. Brigid's Day. This event is free and suitable for 3 -6 year olds. Contact DeValera Library, Ennis for more information or to book your place.



## St. Joseph's

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**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.

**Mon 10.30am:** Mary Neylon, Kilmaley.

**Tues 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**Wed 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**Thu 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**Fri 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**Sat 10am:** Paddy Barrett, Lifford.

Tony Strand, Shannon Park.

Paddy Rynne, Ballyalla.

**7pm:** No intention booked.

**Sun 5th 10am:** No intention booked.

**11.45am:** Griffin Family, Loughburke, Kilmaley.

Teresa Howard, Kilrush Rd.

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The St Joseph's webcam is now back working. Thank you for your patience during this interruption.

Cleaners are needed to join the rota in St Joseph's; if you have an hour to spare we'd be very grateful. Get in touch with Fr David or the Parish Office, thank you.



## Cloughleigh



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 29th 11am:** John Monahan, John Paul Ave.

Kathleen Hogan, Davitt Terrace.

Niall Cosgrove, Ivy Hill & Drumcliffe Rd.

Joe Kelly, Maurice's Mills.

**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.

**Sun 5th 11am:** Mai Molloy & Carol Harrold, Ennis & Dublin.

## Newly Baptised

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



Patrick Rian Dempsey,

JJ John Peadar O'Brien

## Maidin na mBan 2023

Maidin na mBan in Ennis is for women who enjoy conversation *as Gaeilge* to get-together for an informal chat. Happening around Lá 'le Bríde, 'Muire na nGael' it will take place on Sat. 4 February, in Insomnia, Ennis Shopping Centre at 11:00am. Women speakers of all levels of knowledge of Irish, all ages and nationalities including visitors, are welcome. Bí linn. Eolas: caintaguscomhra@outlook.com

## Be Still and Know.....

Meditation at St. Columba's Church, Bindon St. every Thursday 7pm. All welcome.

## Interested in becoming a Samaritan volunteer?

Samaritans Ennis and Clare are currently seeking new volunteers for the Spring 2023 training programme. For information log onto their website [samaritans.org/ireland/branches/ennis](http://samaritans.org/ireland/branches/ennis) or phone 085 1763491



## Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary Prayer Group meet on Tuesday Evenings at 8pm in the Parish Office. New members are always welcome

## Pilgrimage to Poland.

Flight from Shannon October 4th—11th Spiritual leader Fr. Brendan Quinlivan, staying in Krakow, visits to

- ◆ Wawel Castle, Old Town, St. Mary's Basilica and more in Krakow city centre.
- ◆ Shrine of the Madonna at Czestochowa,
- ◆ Auschwitz Concentration Camp,
- ◆ St John Paul 11 birthplace and museum in Waadowice
- ◆ Other sites related to St. John Paul 11
- ◆ St. Faustina and the Divine Mercy Shrine.

Booking and further information, contact 057 9355050

## Lourdes Novena

A novena in preparation for the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick will take place in the Cathedral Ennis from Friday 3rd to Saturday 11th February. Weekdays at 7.30pm, Saturdays at 11am and Sunday at 11.30am. Novena prayer cards are available in the Cathedral and petitions can be left at the shrine in the Cathedral by Tuesday 7th February, that will be brought to Lourdes by Fr. Tom for the feast day and World Day of Prayer for the Sick on Saturday 11th February.

This year there will be three direct flights from Shannon to Lourdes 27th June to 2nd July Diocesan Pilgrimage.

27th September to 27th September Franciscan Pilgrimage 2nd October to 7th October Diocesan Autumn pilgrimage

**Fundraising Night** for the war torn areas of Ukraine in association with the Irish Red Cross in Treacy's West County Hotel on Friday 10th February. Doors open 9pm. Music by Isolated Frequency, U can Dance, Patrick Roche & special guests.

## "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 will be launched by Fr. Brendan Quinlivan at the 6.30pm mass this Saturday. Bishop Fintan will be available to sign copies after mass. The book costing €10 is also on sale in the Parish Office.

## Blood Donation Clinic, Treacy's West County Hotel

**Sunday 29th January 11.35am - 3pm**  
**Monday 30th, Tuesday 31st January & Wednesday 1st February 4:45pm - 8pm**  
Please phone 1800 222 111 for an appointment

IBTS issues an urgent appeal for blood donations as stocks are critically low. The IBTS is asking for immediate public and donor support to help recover the national blood supply as supply in some groups has frequently fallen to just 3 days in recent weeks. The IBTS normally tries to have 7 days' stock at all times.

If you receive a text message from us, please respond to the number provided and make an appointment. RhD negative donors can attend any clinic and they will be accommodated.



## Feast of St. Brigid

We celebrate on Wednesday 1st February the Feast of St. Brigid. We celebrate the season of Spring and the gift of nature all around us. St. Brigid's crosses will be available for sale this week at both the Friary & Parish Offices for €4 per cross. All proceeds going towards the Cathedral Renovation Appeal. Our thanks to the parishioners who provided the raw material and who made the crosses in recent days.



## Prayer to St. Brigid

St. Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

Amen

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## Candlemas Day

Thursday 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord, known also as Candlemas Day. Candles for home and church use will be blessed at all masses. We would appreciate donations of candles for use in our churches. On this day we also celebrate a Day of Consecrated life, acknowledging those who have consecrated their life to the Lord as Religious. We are blessed in our Parish with the presence of the Sisters of Mercy, Franciscan Friars, Christian Brothers and Poor Clare sisters who witness to the Gospel and pray each day on our behalf.

## Friday 3rd February , Feast of St. Blaise.

The Blessing of throats will take place after all masses on Friday. This day is also 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.

**Ordination of Michael McCaul.** On this Sunday Afternoon in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry Bishop Donal McKeown will ordain Michael McCaul to the Priesthood. Michael was born in Derry but lived his childhood years with his family in Elm Park, Ennis. He was a pupil in Ennis CBS. After school he qualified as a teacher before commencing his studies for the Priesthood. In the coming weeks the newly ordained Fr. Michael will return to Ennis to celebrate mass in St. Joseph's Church where he received Sacraments as a child. Please pray for him and all who serve as priests.

Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday 22nd January

Fund **€4,844.00**  
Online **€460.00**

## Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

### Naomh Bríd

Céiliúramid Lá Fhéile Bríde ar an chéad lá d'Fheabhra. Tugtar Muire na nGael uirthi agus is duine de phátrún na hÉireann í. Rugadh í bhFochairt in aice le Dún Dealgan sa bhliain 451 AD í. Taoiseach ab ea a hathair agus sclábhái a máthair. Baisteadh Bríd ina Críostaí. Duine an-chineálta, cráifeach ab ea í agus chinn sí bheith ina bean rialta. Thóg sí Clochar i gCill Dara agus chaith sí a saol ag freastal ar na bochtáin agus daoine breoite. Bhí grá ar leith ag Bríd d'ainmhithe agus is mo scéal atá againn sa bhéaloideas i dtaobh a cineáltais do chách agus a grá do Dhia. Tá toibreacha ainmnithe le Bríd ar fud na tíre agus déantar Crosa Bríde gach bliain le crochadh os cionn doras an tí. Ag beannú na gcros, deirtear "Go raibh beannacht an Athar, an Mhic agus an Spioraid Naoimh ar na crosa seo, ar na háiteanna ina bhfuil siad agus ar gach duine a fhéachann orthu. Áiméan".

Comórtar Toirbheart an Linbh Íosa sa Teampall ar an 2ú lá. Lá Fhéile Muire na gCoinnle a tugtar ar an 2 Feabhra freisin. D'oibráil an Mhaighdean Mhuire, a Mac do Dhia sa Teampall agus d'oibráil sí colúir mar chomhartha a saorghlanta. Casadh Simeon orthu. Thóg sé an leanbh Íosa ina bhaclainn agus d'fhógair sé gurbh É an slánaitheoir a bhí geallta. Beannaítear coinnle ar an lá seo ag comórath gurbh é Íosa an fíorshóisle a tháinig ar an saol. **Coinneal Mhuire agus Flaithis Dé go raibh againn. Áiméan**

St. Brigid's Feast is celebrated on 1 February. She is known as Mary of the Gael and she is one of Ireland's patron saints. She was born in Faughart near Dundalk in 451 AD. Her father was a Chieftain and her mother was a slave. Brigid was baptised in the Christian Faith. She was noted for her kindness and piety. She decided to dedicate her life to God, became a nun and built a convent in Kildare. She spent her life caring for the sick and the poor. She was very fond of all God's creatures and there are many folk stories of her kindness to animals. There are wells dedicated to St. Brigid throughout the country. St. Brigid's crosses are made from rushes and placed overhead the door in many homes. The prayer of blessing for the crosses is "May the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be on these crosses on where they are and on everybody who looks at them. Amen.

On Thursday 2nd we commemorate the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. It is also called Candlemas Day. Our Lady offered Jesus in the temple. Simeon took the Child and declared that He was the promised Saviour. Candles are blessed today as a symbol of Jesus the true light of the world. **May we have Mary's faith and a place in Heaven. Amen**

### Rest in Peace



**Christy Cullinan**, Meadowcourt, Clonroad, & formerly of Buttermarket;

**Vincent Keating**, Athlone, brother of Colm, Lifford Rd. and Gabriel, Drimeen.



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
To give thanks to your holy name,  
And make it our glory to praise you.

## 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 Zephaniah. Zp 2:3;3:12-13

Seek the Lord  
all you, the humble of the earth,  
who obey his commands.  
Seek integrity,  
seek humility:  
you may perhaps find shelter  
on the day of the anger of the Lord.  
In your midst I will leave  
a humble and lowly people,  
and those who are left in Israel will seek  
refuge in the name of the Lord.  
They will do no wrong,  
will tell no lies;  
and the perjured tongue will no longer  
be found in their mouths.  
But they will be able to graze and rest  
with no one to disturb them.

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

*Response: How happy are the poor in  
Spirit;*

## *Theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.*

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
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 for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

## A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians Cor 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when  
you were called: how many of you were  
wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how  
many were influential people, or came from  
noble families? No, it was to shame the wise  
that God chose what is foolish by human  
reckoning, and to shame what is strong that  
he chose what is weak by human reckoning;  
those whom the world thinks common and  
contemptible are the ones that God has  
chosen - those who are nothing at all to  
show up those who are everything. The  
human race has nothing to boast about to  
God, but you, God has made members of  
Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has  
become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our  
holiness, and our freedom. As scripture  
says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast  
about the Lord.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven &  
earth for revealing the mysteries of the  
kingdom to mere children.*  
*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Mt 5:1-12**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill.  
There he sat down and was joined by his  
disciples. Then he began to speak. This is  
what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their  
heritage.

Happy those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.  
Happy those who hunger and thirst  
for what is right:  
they shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.  
Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called sons of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted in  
the cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'

'Happy are you when people abuse you and  
persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny  
against you on my account. Rejoice and be  
glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

## The Gospel of the Lord

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visi-  
ble 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 as-  
cended 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  
resurrection of the dead and the life of the  
world to come.

**Amen.**

## Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your merciful love.  
O Lord, let me never be put to shame,  
for I call on you.