

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

St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

Ennis Parish Web Site: <http://www.ennisparish.com>

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The Baptism of the Lord (Year A) 8th January 2023

The Baptism of the Lord is celebrated today; it seems to make sense having it on this Sunday shortly after Christmas. And in the liturgical year, which can often seem a strange cycle of time compared to our calendar year, this Sunday is the end of the season of Christmas. We might think that it is a natural link between birth and baptism.

Yet here is Jesus, a grown man, coming to John for baptism and John doesn't even want to do it. How to make sense of this moment when our daily living has moved on and moved away from Christmas, when our own baptismal celebrations are, for the most part, are about welcoming babies into the family of the Church?

Maybe the framing of the liturgical year in this way is something that we need. It might even make us stop and reflect for a moment, reminding us that something different happens with Jesus and that his actions and words caused many to stop and think about what they were doing. John the Baptist had that name for a very good reason but he is confused about why Jesus would seek baptism from him. Jesus wants to show that he is human, that he is walking in the footsteps of many, so that others will follow his footsteps. But the voice from heaven calls out and marks him apart.

This celebration is about baptism as a beginning, as a new way of life. It is better to see it as the beginning of something rather than the conclusion of Christmas. The excitements and excesses of that season have passed but this moment calls us to a belief in Jesus as the Son of God; it calls us to a belief in the Spirit of God coming down on newly-baptised; it calls us to belief in God's favour resting on all the baptised. This is a profound teaching that comes to us from the Gospel and while there have been many thousands of words written about the Trinity, here it is in the most simple and yet most powerful presentation.



God, Father, Son & Spirit, with us through our baptism, means that we can face each and every day with hope for as Pope Francis says, *"Faith is a gift that keeps alive a profound and beautiful certainty: that we are God's beloved children."*

Priest on Duty Sunday 8th January 2023

Fr Ger Jones: 065 6869098



Cathedral

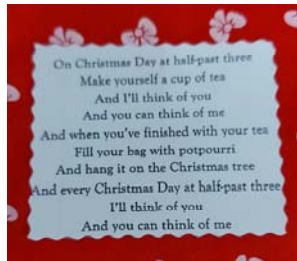
Remembered in Masses this Week:

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.
Mary Considine, Hazelwood, Clonroadmore.
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.
May Keane, Considine Rd.
Michael & Anne Tierney, Kilrush Rd.
Eoin & Liam Madigan, St. Michael's Villas.

Mon: 7.40am: Donor's Intention.
11am: John, Bridget & Laurence Byrne, Hermitage.
7.30pm: Francis Arthur, Parnell St. & Station Court.
Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: No Intention.
7.30pm: Donor's Intention.
Wed 7.40am: Maura & James Doohan, Lissycasey.
Stephen Cunningham, Aylrue, Labasheeda.
11am: Patrick McMahon Carmody Street.
7.30pm: Catherine Considine, Hermitage.
PJ, Lily & Sr. Maeve Brooks, College Pk.
Martha Kennedy & Frank Barrington, Parnell St.
Padraig & Mary Brennan, Claremorris, Mayo.
Thurs 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Tom Harnett, Tralee.
7.30pm: Lucy Bradley, Showgrounds Rd.
Fri 7.40am: Andrew Cunningham, Donegal & Florida.
Sean Foudy, Kilrush Rd.
11am: Alice Brennan, O'Connell St.
Bartholomew Torpey, Shragh & London.
7.30pm: Joe Coffey, Circular Rd, Hermitage.
Sat: 11am: John Collins, Cahercalla. **1st Anniv.**
6.30pm: Christina Griffin, Parnell St.
Michael & Billy Shanahan, Clonroadmore.
Tony Shannon, Clancy Pk.
Mary English, Clonroad.
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 Bielaszewicz, Poland.
Tom Dixon, Ennis & late of Kilrush.

Sharing a Cup of Tea

There were many people around the world who shared a cup of tea at half past three on Christmas Day. This was made possible by a small group of parishioners who over the last number of years spent time sewing little pouches to hold a teabag. All proceeds of €2,488 have been donated to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal.



Thank You

The Bishop and priests of the parish are very grateful to all who subscribed to the Christmas Collection for their support.

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 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**
Mon 10.30am: Eoghan Byrne, Skerries, Dublin.
Tues 10.30am: No Intention.
Wed 10.30am: Michael Moloney, Marian Ave.
Thu 10.30am: John & Maureen Arthur, Tulla Rd.
Fri 10.30am: Mary Guthrie & Parents Michael & Helena Guthrie.
7pm: Ann O'Connor, Corrovorrin Grove.
Sat 10am: Frances Murphy, Riverdale, Parnell St. & Dysart.
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.

Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 8th 11am: Mary Rutherford, Claireen Drive. **MM**
Mon: 9.30am: No Intention.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: No Intention.
Thu 9.30am: No Intention.
Fri 9.30am: No Intention.
Sun 15th 11am: Michael Hennessy, Shallee Dr.
Bridget Crosse Kinnane.
Ethel Crosse. **MM**

Parish Statistics



	2022	2021	2020	2019
Baptisms	234	175	118	210
Marriages	43	29	11	24
Funerals	168	162	128	155

Clare Area Alcoholics Anonymous
Are you concerned about your own or a loved ones drinking?
Open public meeting on 14th January in the Maria Assumpta Hall 11am—1pm
Speakers from Alcoholics Anonymous & Al Anon. Further information from 085 2071474

Making your Will

Please remember Ennis Parish as a beneficiary in your will. Donations made in this manner will greatly assist the parish in proclaiming the Gospel. The parish appreciates such thoughtfulness and generosity.

Ennis Parish Development Fund
for Sunday, 1st January 2023
Fund: €3,477 - Online: €1,261

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
Laid to Rest



On Thursday last Pope Francis presided over the funeral of his predecessor. This weekend we pray that the Lord may generously gather his faithful servant to Him in Heaven. Pope Benedict served his beloved Church generously and well over so many years. In this time of "throw away culture", let us take time to value all the good things he did in his life, often gently and quietly.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

Courage

Give me courage, Lord, today to face what comes along.

Give me the faith and love I need to fill each day with song.

Give me courage, Lord, today to follow in your way;

Help me to do what I should do, And hear me when I pray.

Give me courage Lord, today And strength to do your will;

Lead me and guide me, precious Lord,

For I need your presence still.

Come, take away my pain

You are my Master, Lord, and King and ever shall remain.

Clare COPD Ireland group resume exercise classes in Maria Assumpta Hall, Ennis on Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 12:15 with James Ferrans. Those with respiration problems feel welcome to attend; just €1 charge for tea.

COUNSELLING

Counselling available for single or married couples at Accord Ennis.

Contact: 065 6824297

Email: accordennis1@gmail.com

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration will continue

Monday to Friday - from 5pm to 7pm

Eucharistic



Adoration



Rest in Peace

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI;

Carmel Spaight, Sixmilebridge,

sister of Fr. Dan Spaight and Mary Griffin;

Mary O'Halloran, Tulla, & late of Turnpike Rd;

Helen O'Loughlin, Clarecastle, mother of

Helen Kelly, Woodstock;

Frances Hughes nee Barrett, San Francisco & formerly of Craighbrien & Ballyea;

Paddy Loftus, Buttermarket;

Fr. Peter O'Grady OFM, The Abbey Galway &

late of Abbey Street, Ennis;



Congratulations

St Fabian Boland, St Xavier's Convent of Mercy, Ennis, who celebrated her 100 birthday today, 4th January. Sr Fabian is a native of O'Callaghans Mills. We wish Sr. Fabian every Blessing on this very special occasion for her and her family and Mercy Community.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Féile Bhaiste ar dTiarna 1

Ceiliúrfar Baiste ar dTiarna Íosa Críost ag Naomh Eoin Baiste in abhainn na Iordáinne inniu. Ócáid mhór i stair an tslánaithe ab ea é. Chuir Íosa tús lena bheatha phoiblí. Leagann na Soiscéil uile béim ar unghadh Íosa leis an Spiorad Naomh ag a bhaisteadh. Nochtadh an Spioraid Naomh i bhfoirm choilim os a chionn agus chualathas guth an Athar ag rá "Is é seo mo mhac muirneach. Éistigh leis." (Matha 3:16-17) Tá tagairt do na flaithis ag oscailt ag baisteadh Íosa i ngach ceann de na Soiscéil. Le cumhacht an Spioraid sin chuaigh sé thart ag déanamh na maithe agus ag cur as do chumhacht an pheaca. Ó thús na hEaglaise tuigtear go bhfuil dlúthbhaint idir ár mbaiste agus baiste an Tiarna. Baisteadh sinn in ainm na Tríonóide Rónaofa. Is féidir linn machnamh ar ár mbaiste agus ar ár mbeatha inniu. Is féidir linn ár móideanna baiste a athnuachan freisin. Feidhmíonn an Spiorad go ciúin san anam ag cabhrú leis an duine maireachtáil de réir an tsoiscéil. Mar sin:

Tar chugainn, a Naomhsíoraí Bheannaithe; Comhairligh sinn in am is i dtráth; Treoraigh sinn ar ród na beatha seo, Is stiúir sinn go ríocht na ngrást. Áiméan.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. It was an important event in the history of redemption. Jesus began his public life. Each gospel lays emphasis on the anointing of Jesus with the Holy Spirit at his baptism. The heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descend like a dove and alight on him. And a voice from heavensaid, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with him I am well pleased. Listen to him.' (Matthew 3:16-17) All the gospels refer to the heavens opening. With the power of the Holy Spirit Jesus went around doing good and thwarting the power of sin. From the beginning of Christianity there is a close connection between the baptism of Christ and our baptism. We were baptised in the name of the Blessed Trinity. We can reflect on this and on our lives today. We can also renew our baptismal vows. The Holy Spirit works quietly helping us to live according to the gospel.

Come O Holy Spirit.

Enlighten us in everything we do,

Guide us on our way through life,

And direct us to everlasting life. Amen.

A Prayer for the New Year

Lord in this New Year which we have begun,

may we have

enough happiness

to keep us agreeable,

enough trials

to keep us strong,

enough sorrow

to keep us human,

enough freedom

to keep us happy,

enough failure

to keep us humble,

enough success

to keep us eager,

enough wealth

to meet our needs,

enough faith

to banish depression,

enough hope to look forward,

enough love to give us comfort,

And enough determination to keep us going.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights.

I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets.

He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to

free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name.

Adore the Lord in his holy court
R.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.
R.

The God of glory thunders.

In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"

The Lord sat enthroned over the flood: the Lord sits as king for ever.
R.

A reading from the Acts of the

Apostles *Act. 10:34-38*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:

"This is my Son, the Beloved.

Listen to Him".

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. *Mt 3:13-17*

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said, 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.