

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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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A) 12th February, 2023

A Creed to Live By

Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself to others.

It is because we are different that each of us is special.

Don't set your goals by what other people deem is important

Only you know what is best for you.

Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart.

Cling to them as you would your life, for without them, life is meaningless.

Don't let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past or for the future.

By living your life one day at a time, you live all the days of your life.

Don't give up when you still have something to give. Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying.

Don't be afraid to encounter risks.

It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.

Don't shut love out of your life by saying it is impossible to find.

The quickest way to receive love is to give love.

The fastest way to lose love is to give it wings.

Don't dismiss your dreams.

To be without dreams is to be without hope.

To be without hope is to be without purpose.

Don't run through life so fast that you forget, not only where you've been, but also where you're going.

Life is not a race, but a journey to be savoured each step of the way.

Nancye V. Sims

www.nancyesims.com



Priest on Duty 12th February 2023
Contact: Fr. Tom Ryan 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Paul Brassil, St. Michael's Villas.
 Gerry Kavanagh, Castleknock, Dublin **1st Anniv.**
 Kathleen & Liam Canny, Killanena.
 Pauline Pender, Riverside, Clonroadmore.

Sun 12th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Margaret McMahon, Loughville.
 Brian Hallahan, Clara, Co. Offaly.

11.30am: John Scanlan, Dalcassian Avenue.
 Michael Griffin, Woodlawn.

Mon: 7.40am: Nora & James St. Leger, O'Callaghan's Mills.

11am: Patricia Quinn & Mallaghan family, Ivy Hill..

7.30pm: Do this in Memory Ennis NS.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Barry Family, Limerick.

7.30pm: Paddy & Mary Keane, Limerick Rd.
 Tom & Olive Slattery, College Park.
Do this in Memory Ennis NS.

Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Margaret & Michael, Michael Junior, James & Brian McMahon & Mary Forde, Fountain.

7.30pm: Bryan & Anne MacMahon, Woodlawn;
 Pat Roberts, Bristol.
Do this in Memory Ennis NS.

Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Jimmy McNamara, Golf Links Rd.
 Teresa McCormack, Hermitage.

7.30pm: Agnes Sexton, Hermitage.
 Yvonne O'Callaghan Moore, Turnpike & Cahercalla.
 Flora Herlihy, Coopers' Place.
 Michael Dixon, Ennis.
 Pauline O'Mahony, Westbourne Court.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Michael & Mary Hogan, St. Flannan's Tce.
 Noel Molloy, Turnpike Rd.
 Patrick & Helena McDonnell, Parnell St.

7.30pm: John Cahir, St. Michael's Villas. **MM.**
 Kathleen Dinan, Gallows Hill. **MM.**
 Anthony (Tony) Coyle, Gleninagh, Gort Rd.

Sat:11am: Susan & Pappy Downes, The Hand, Mullagh.
 Francis Forde, Considine Tce. **1st Anniv.**

6.30pm: Cyril Lane, Tobertaoscairn.
 Nancy Cunningham, St. Michael's Villas. **1st Anniv.**
 Lorraine & Seán Cooley, Dalcassian Ave.
 Michael & Mary Ryan, St. Michael's Villas.
 Frank & Jacinta Flynn (nee Lyons), Golf Links Rd.

Sun 19th 8am: Gerard Keane, St. Anne's Terrace.

9.30am: Josephine Forte, Gallows Hill & Belfast. **MM**
 Eleanor Murphy, Magowna, Inch.
 Gerry & Mary Moroney, Lower Market St.

11.30am: Senan Sheehan, Clare Rd. & Cillian O'Sullivan, The Glen, Ballinskelligs, Co. Kerry. James & Margaret Meehan, Killimer, Kilrush.

Clare Roots' Society
 Lecture "Eel Weirs" at Killaloe 1840s to 1930s by Úna Kierse. Thursday February 16th at 8:00pm. Clare Education Centre Government Buildings, Kilrush Rd, Ennis. V95F782 or on zoom. Annual Membership twenty euro or five euro on the night.

"His Homeward Journey"
 The life and works of Pope Benedict the latest publication by Bishop Fintan on sale for €10 at the Parish Office.

Colaiste Muire School Reunion, class of 1982. If interested in attending, 30th of April 2023. Please join Reunion 1982 on Instagram.

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 or phone **085 1763491**

The Irish Red Cross Clare travel to all corners of Co. Clare to hospitals all over Ireland in support of the people of Co. Clare. Contact James Lafferty, Irish Red Cross, Clare Community Officer: 086 8323456

Brothers of Charity Services are holding a recruitment open day at Brothers of Charity Services, Industrial Estate, Gort Road, Ennis. V95 RH57 on Saturday 25th Feb. If you are interested in joining our service we would love if you could take the time to call in to see us, meet people currently doing the roles and the people we support. For anyone attending this event, please note facemasks will be required as you will be visiting a Healthcare setting.



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Patrick O'Donovan, The Crescent & Kyle O'Donovan, London.
 John Byrne, Corrovorrin Green.

Sun 12th 10am: No intention booked.

11.45am: Peadar & Marie O'Keefe, Drumcliffe Rd.
 Joan Stack, Lifford Rd.

Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.

Tues 10.30am: Paddy & Lynch family, Kilmaley;
 Mullen & Kennedy families, Mayo.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.

Sat: 10.30am: Katie Drennan, Claireen, Lahinch Rd.

7pm: No intention booked.

Sun 19th 10am: Flan Mangan, Turnpike.
 Francie Mangan, Corrovorrin Grove.

11.45am: No intention booked.

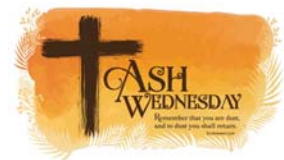
St. Joseph's Church

Readers for weekday & weekend masses & Eucharistic Ministers for weekend masses are required for St Joseph's. If you would like to volunteer please leave your contact details with the parish office. Some people had previously expressed an interest and unfortunately, we did not proceed with training at that time; if you are still interested please contact us again. Thanks to all those currently engaged in these ministries.

Volunteers needed to join the group of cleaners in St Joseph's - please leave your contact details with the parish office or Fr David.

A number of queries have been made about the roof & ceiling in St Joseph's - we have asked the HSE for an update and are awaiting a response. This part of the work is beyond our control and we thank you for your continued patience.

Ash Wednesday



A gentle reminder that Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent this year is Wednesday 22nd February.

Newly Baptised

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

Crola Karen McGoldrick,
Éabha Mary McGoldrick.



Ennis Parish
 Development Fund
 for Sunday 5th February

Fund **€5,129.00**
 Online **€203.00**

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 12th 11am: Edward & Mary Hayes, Hermitage.
 PJ, Bridie, Gerard & Trevor Dilger, Hermitage.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 19th 11am: Kitty McDermott, Cloughleigh.

Ukrainian Community
Fr. Andrew CSSR. from Ukraine will be in the Cathedral on Thursday 16th February for Confessions at 3pm. The Divine Liturgy to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation will take place at 4pm which will include the celebration of the Presentation and the Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

To facilitate the Ukrainian Celebration of Sacraments on Thursday, Adoration will commence at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy at 6pm approximately.

Legion of Mary

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

"So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ."

Rm 10,17) - Catechesis for adults and teenagers in the chapel of St. Flannan's College at 07:30 pm from the 12/02 every Sunday and Wednesday.

Cathedral

Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €1,000, €250, €191.50 & €40. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Online Auction

Many thanks to the organisers of the recent online auction of Christmas gifts. €3,715 was raised for the Cathedral Renovation Appeal.

First Holy Communion Preparation Masses

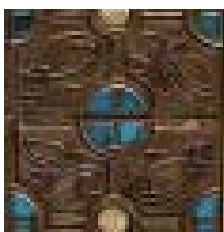
Pupils from Ennis National School and their parents preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion will participate in Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

Columbarium

The second phase of the Columbarium is almost complete.

Joseph O'Neill from "Eternum Columbarium" will be available to meet with people who may have an interest in reserving a niche on Thursday, Friday & Saturday 23rd to 25th February.

To book an appointment please ring: 085 2148301



The Kiss of Spring



Such is the grip of winter,
we long to escape;
such is the darkness of winter,
we yearn for the sun.

Yet, in the grip of darkness restless
seeds struggle towards the light;
from the darkness of the earth
buds will burst forth
and dull landscapes
will be splashed with colour.

Spring invites us into expectation,
Kisses us in anticipation,
Awakens us from
the quiet months.
And enlivens our yearning hearts.

As life breaks out from the earth
The Lord of Spring,
Working in our hearts
calls us to new birth.
As life breaks out from the earth
The Lord of Spring,
Working in our church,
Calls us to new hope.

As life breaks out from the earth
the Lord of Spring,
working in our world,
calls us to new vitality.

Author unknown.

Rest in Peace

Christy Hyland, Meadowcourt, Clonroad,

Patrick (Tony) Meehan, Meadow Bank,

Connolly, and formerly of Turnpike;

Patrick O'Malley, Cloverhill, Tulla Rd.,

Barry Fitzgerald, Cusack Rd., Ennis;

Jean Dunican, Shannon, mother of Kevin,
Willow Park;

Bernadette Murphy, Barefield;

Brid Flanagan, Loughville & formerly

Ballygriffey South, Ruan;

Conor Loughnane, Ennis;



*Gone from our sight,
but never from our hearts.*

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Naomh Vailintín

Beifear ag comóradh Naomh Vailintín ar an Mháirt seo chugainn 14 Feabhra. Seolfar go leor cártaí Vailintín agus pléifear cúrsaí grá sa phobal agus sna meáin chumarsáide ach cérbh é Naomh Vailintín? Mairtíreach agus sagart ab ea é a cuireadh chun báis sa Róimh breis is 1,800 bliain ó shin toisc gur bheannaigh sé lánúineacha a bhí i ngrá. Ní raibh fonn ar na fir óga ag an am troid in Arm an Impire Rómhánaigh Claudius. Chuir Claudius an milleán ar na mná agus d'ordaigh sé gach pósadh agus gealltanais pósadh a chur ar ceal. Bhí an bás i ndán d'aon duine a chuirfeadh ina choinne. Níor aontaigh Vailintín le seo. Cuireadh i bpríosún é agus dícheannadh é sa Róimh 14 Feabhra 270 A.D.

Sa bhliain 1835 thug John Spratt, sagart Chairmiliteach cuairt ar an Róimh agus tháinig na sluaite amach chun é a chloisteáil ag soiscéalú. Mar chomhartha buíochais bhronn an Pápa Gréagóir XV1 taisí Naomh Vailintín air agus tá siad in Eaglais na gCairmiliteach i Sráid na mBráithre Bána i mBaile Átha Cliath ó shin. Tugann lánúineacha cuairt ar an scrín chun a bheannacht a iarraidh ar a bpóstaí. Is é seo a leanas a deir Naomh Pól faoi ghrá: Bíonn an grá foighneach agus bíonn sé lách; ní bhíonn éad air; ní dhéanann sé maíomh ná mórtas; ní bhíonn sé mímhúinte ná leithleach, míchéadfach ná agrach. (1 Cor. 13: 4-5)

A Thiarna, líon sinn le do ghrá agus le do mhaitheas. Áiméan

The Feast of St Valentine will be celebrated on Tuesday 14 February. Valentine cards will be sent and love matters discussed on the media. But who was St. Valentine? He was a priest martyred in Rome approximately 1,800 years ago because he blessed couples who were in love. Young men were reluctant to join the Roman Empire Army of Claudius. Claudius placed the blame for this on women. He forbade marriages and marriage engagements. Anybody who opposed him was put to death. Valentine did not agree with this. He was imprisoned and beheaded in Rome in February 270A.D. In 1835 an Irish Carmelite priest Fr. John Spratt visited Rome. Many came to hear him preaching. As a reward he received the relics of St. Valentine from Pope Gregory XVI and they are said to be in the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Whitefriar Street, Dublin ever since. Many couples visit his shrine to ask for a blessing on their marriage. St. Paul says: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others; it is not self-seeking. (1 Cor. 13: 4-5)

Lord, fill us with your love and your goodness. Amen

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God,
A mighty stronghold to save me;
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name

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 Ecclesiasticus Si 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the
commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given
him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
He is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be
godless,
He has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: They are happy who follow God's law!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
Who follow God's Law!

They are happy those who do his will,
Seeking him with all their hearts. R

You have laid down your precepts
To be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm
To obey your statutes. R

Bless your servant and I shall live
And obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider
The wonders of your law. R

Teach me the demands of your statutes
And I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law,
To keep it with my heart. R

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

1 Cor 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who
have reached maturity: not a philosophy
of our age, it is true, still less of the
masters of our age, which are coming to
their end. The hidden wisdom of God
which we teach in our mysteries is the
wisdom that God predestined to be for
our glory before the ages began. It is a
wisdom that none of the masters of this
age have ever known, or they would not
have crucified the Lord of Glory; we
teach what scripture calls: the things that
no eye has seen and no ear has heard,
things beyond the mind of man, all that
God has prepared for those who love
him.

These are the very things that God has
revealed to us through the Spirit, for the
Spirit reaches the depths of everything,
even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
You have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, if
your virtue goes no deeper than that of
the scribes and Pharisees, you will never
get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our
ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone
does kill he must answer for it before the
court. But I say this to you: anyone who is
angry with his brother will answer for it
before the court; 'You have learnt how it
was said: You must not commit adultery.
But I say this to you: if a man looks at a
woman lustfully, he has already committed
adultery with her in his heart.
'Again, you have learnt how it was said to
our ancestors: You must not break your
oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord.
But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All
you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes,
"No" if you mean no; anything more than
this comes from the evil one.'

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

They ate and had their fill,
And what they craved the Lord gave
them;
They were not disappointed
in what they craved.