

# 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-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-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;

Email: [info@ennisparish.com](mailto:info@ennisparish.com)

St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ennis.parish>

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A) 19th February, 2023

## WHAT SHOULD I GIVE UP FOR LENT?

Wednesday next 22<sup>nd</sup> February is Ash Wednesday and the first day of Lent. Many of us try to be more disciplined for Lent and give up something that we really like. That's great! Fasting has always been an important tradition of Lent. This year however, let us also consider other things that we can give up.

*\*Give up complaining\* Focus on gratitude*

Philippians 2:14-15 – Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure...

*\*Give up bitterness\* Turn to forgiveness*

Ephesians 4:32 – Be kind and compassionate to one another forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you

*\*Give up worry\* Trust in God*

Matthew 6:25 – "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life... who by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

*\*Give up discouragement\* Be full of hope*

Deuteronomy 31:8 – The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you: he will never leave you or forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

*\*Give up hatred\* Return good for evil*

1 John 2:9 - Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness.

*\*Give up anger\* Be more patient*

Proverbs 15:18 – A hot tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.

*\*Give up gossiping\* Control your tongue*

Proverbs 21:23 – He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity.

*Because observing Lent  
is so much bigger  
than what you "give up."*





# Priest on Duty 19th February 2023

Contact: Fr. Pat Malone 065 6869098



## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**6.30pm:** Cyril Lane, Tobertaoscain.  
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.  
Aedh O'Sullivan-Kennedy, Ballygirreen.  
Michael & Angela Mullins, Manchester & Clarecastle.

**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.  
Maureen Burke Quinn, Finney, Co. Galway & Rathfarnham, Dublin.  
Faye Campion, Ballina, Killaloe & Boston.  
Maurice O'Brien, Inch House.

**Mon: 7.40am:** No intention booked.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Nora Kearse, St. Michael's Villas.

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

**11am:** Tony Dargan & Siobhán Colleran, Limerick Rd.  
James & Bridget Jordan, Mayo.  
Martha Mathews, Clonroad.

**7.30pm:** Jacksie & Lil Russell, Kilrush Rd.

**Wed 7.40am:** No intention booked.

**11am:** Paddy & Mary Hogan, Tobertaoscain.

**7.30pm:** Mary Pigott, Connolly Villas.  
Patrick, Catherine & Margaret Doohan, Connolly.  
Tom Flynn, Golf Links Rd.

**Thurs 7.40am:** Mass for the People.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Peter Walsh, Corrovorin.

**Fri 7.40am:** Frances & Joseph Molony, O'Connell St.

**11am:** Harry McTigue, Limerick.  
Pat McGuane & Bert Cassidy, Carron & Ballina, Killaloe.  
Mary & John McMahon, Kanturk, Connolly.

**7.30pm:** Christy Cullinan, Meadowcourt. **MM**

**Sat 11am:** Patricia Tuohy, Considine Rd. **1st Anniv.**  
Fiona Howard (nee Gallery), Rockmount. **1st Anniv.**  
Ellen, Daniel, John & Eddie Kelly, Carrick-on-Suir.;  
Helen O'Sullivan & Theresa Carroll, UK & Ennis.  
Marie & John McCarthy, Ennis & Tom O'Sullivan, UK.  
John & Nora McGrath, Considine Rd.

**6.30pm:** Marion Sheill nee Casey, Friars' Close;  
Jim Casey, Athlone.  
John O'Halloran, Cahercalla Rd. **1st Anniv**  
Christy Shannon, Hermitage. & deceased Shannon & Hewitt families.

**Sun 26th 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** Johnny & Seamus Purcell, Ard na Gréine.  
Ailish O'Dwyer McNamara, Bodyke.  
Thomas Kenny, Rathflynn, Corofin.  
Patrick Hurson, Summerhill.

**11.30am:** Bríd & Martin Moloney, Clare Rd.  
Maura **1st Anniv.** & Micheál Frawley, Cahercalla.  
Deceased Casey & Sheill Families.  
Pat Jones, College Park.  
Simon O'Donnell, Kilrush Rd.  
Jim Burke, Park Ave.

**Cathedral Renovation Appeal**  
In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €300 and €100. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

### St. Bridget's Cross

Our thanks to the volunteers who made the crosses, those who cut and supplied the rushes and to the many people who bought the crosses. €4,527.00 was raised and all the proceeds going to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal.

### "His Homeward Journey"

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

**Day of Prayer for Survivors & Victims of Abuse.** This annual day of prayer will take place on Friday next 25th February. The day of Prayer is an initiative by Pope Francis and was first marked in Irish Dioceses and Parishes in 2017.

**Ennis Flower and Garden Club** present Bernadette Scanlan, Limerick, at Treacys' West County Hotel Ennis on Tuesday February 21st. Doors open at 7.30pm, demonstration starts at 8.30 sharp. All are welcome.

**RTÉ will broadcast Mass on Sunday 19 February 2023 at 11am to mark Temperance Sunday 2023.**  
Prayers will be offered for all who are in treatment for addiction and for those who are in recovery. The Offertory Hymn composed by Ephrem Feeley is a new arrangement of the Serenity Prayer.

**Ennis Scouts Fundraiser**  
Accepting donations of clean used clothes for fundraising sale. Please drop donations to the Scout Hall from 10am—4pm Monday to Friday. Please only donate clothes that are resaleable.



## St. Joseph's

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**7pm:** No intention booked.

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

**11.45am:** No intention booked.

**Mon 10.30am:** James, Brigid & Michael Murphy, Kilkerrin, Labasheeda.

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

**7pm:** No intention booked.

**Sun 26th 10am:** Anna & Eddie Casey, Marian Ave.  
Willie Moloney, Boston. **1st Anniv**

**11.45am:** Brendan Armstrong, Mountain View.

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## 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.



## Cloughleigh



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 19th 11am:** Kitty McDermott, Cloughleigh.

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

**Sun 26th 11am:** Lucille Hayes, Bridge Court & Pearse Ave.

## Newly Baptised

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

Malcolm MacCarthy  
Thiago Radek Jr. Makuna Jordan .  
Theo Jamie Butler.



We would be delighted to hear from you if you're interested in becoming an Accord Marriage Preparation facilitator. For information on recruitment and training contact [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)

Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday 12th February

Fund **€7,305.**  
Online **€441.**

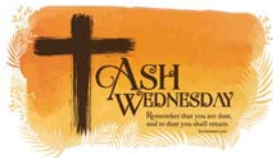
## Lent 2023



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday this week. It is a time of reflection, penance and preparation for the celebration of Easter. We are asked to simplify our lives. Just as lent asks us to live simply as individuals, so it calls us to worship more simply as a community.

We will not pray the Gloria or sing Alleluia. There will be very little flowers around the Sanctuary. To help us concentrate on God's word proclaimed at the Ambo and Christ's sacrifice made present when we break the bread around the altar, everything else is put in the background.

Apart from the stations of the cross, all statues are veiled with purple cloth. The place will look more sober, stark even. There will be few trimmings, just the altar, the ambo and the cross. Our church will look a lot different from Ash Wednesday until Easter. Maybe as we see the change it will encourage us all to try and change ourselves for the better.



### Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses on Ash Wednesday which is a day of fast and abstinence for all aged between 18 and 59.

### A Day of fast and Abstinence

There are two days each year in the Catholic Faith that we are asked to fast and abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means that one full meatless meal can be eaten in the day. Two other meatless meals may be taken to maintain strength but together they should not exceed one full meal. Those in good health between the age of 18 until 59 are asked to observe the fast.

### Matt Talbot Novena

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena praying for all suffering or sharing in the life of addictions begins on Ash Wednesday at 7pm in SS Peter & Paul Church Tulla continuing each Wednesday during Lent. Bishop Fintan will be the preacher on Wednesday 22nd.



### Diocesan Nurse

The Diocese of Killaloe is looking to appoint a Diocesan Nurse (2 days per week) to work with clergy in the Killaloe Diocese, providing an advocacy and support service to priests in the community. For more information, contact Colette Ryan at Carebright on email at [cryan@carebrigt.ie](mailto:cryan@carebrigt.ie)

## Emergency Appeal

The earthquake in Syria and Turkey on 5th February have had a devastating impact on millions of people in both countries. There will be an opportunity as you leave Mass next weekend 25th /26th February to contribute to an emergency appeal organized by Trócaire. Thanking you for responding to the cry of the poor.



This year Trócaire celebrates 50 years of reaching out to the poor and working for social justice in parts of the world where poverty and injustice exist. Through the generosity of Irish people over the past 50 years the quality of life has improved for so many people.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign begins this Ash Wednesday. Trócaire boxes will be available in all our churches. Lent is a time to begin living more simply so that others can simply live. Still more than a billion people survive on less than €1 per day. One day this week skip a meal or give up something and put the money in your Trócaire box. Why not do this through Lent as an act of solidarity with the poor?

### 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**

### Temperance Sunday

As we stand on the threshold of Lent, the Pioneer Association invite people to take temporary pledge for Lent, to abstain from alcohol. For more details visit the Pioneer Association website: [www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie)

### Future of the Diocese

At the present time discussions are taking place across the Diocese trying to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us in this Parish and Diocese.

On Tuesday 28th February there will be an opportunity for anyone in this parish and for Pastoral Councils from the four parishes in the Abbey Pastoral Area to meet and discuss in the Parish Centre, Station Road, Ennis from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Bishop Fintan will attend the meeting to hear and listen to what people have to say as he leads the Diocese in making important but difficult decisions.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

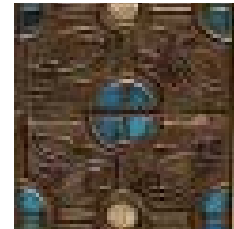
Inniu an Seachtú Domhnach Saor. An Chéadaoin seo chugainn, Céadaoin an Luaithrigh, an chéad lá den Charghas. Is é tráth an Charghais tráth na haithrí, tréimhse dhaichead lá ullmhúcháin don Cháisc. Anois an t -am chun scaradh lenár bpeacaí agus iompú chun Dé. Cuireann Dia in iúl dúinn an grá atá aige don pheacach "Ach anois féin, a deir an Tiarna, filligí ormsa le lándúthracht bhur gcoí. Filligí chun an Tiarna, bhur nDia, mar tá sé truachróich agus trócaireach, mall chun feirge agus lán de bhuanghrá" (Ióéil 2:12-13)  
*A íosa, glan mo chróise go gléghlan gach lá;  
A íosa, cuir m'intinn faoi léirsmacht do ghrá.  
Áiméan*

Today is the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Lent is a period of forty days of repentance in preparation for Easter. This is an opportune time to turn away from sin and to turn back to God. God assures us of his love for sinners "Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love" (Joel 2:12-13)

**Jesus, cleanse my heart and make it pure each day;**

**Jesus, let my mind be guided by your love.**

### 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

### Rest in Peace

**Deirdre Daly, Considine Rd;**

**Eliza O'Dwyer, Miltown Malbay & Gort Rd.**

**Nancy Sexton (nee Sexton), Clare Road, Ennis & formerly of Spanish Point Road, Miltown Malbay.**

**Marion O'Rourke (nee Molloy), Ruan and formerly of Hermitage.**

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been  
bountiful with me.

### 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**  
D.

### 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 glo-  
ry, 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 book of Leviticus Lv 19:1-2.17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: ' Speak  
to the whole community of the sons of Israel  
and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord  
your God, am holy."

"You must not bear hatred for your  
brother in your heart. You must openly tell  
him your neighbour, of his offence; this way  
you will not take a sin upon yourself. You  
must not exact vengeance, nor must you  
bear a grudge against the children of your  
people. You must love your neighbour as  
yourself. I am the Lord."

### The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm;

**Response: The Lord is compassion and  
love.**

*My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.*

*My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. R.*

*It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. R.*

*The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. R.*

*As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. R*

### A reading from first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1Cor 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's  
temple and that the Spirit of God was living  
among you? If anybody should destroy the  
temple of God, God will destroy him, be-  
cause the temple of God is sacred; and you  
are that temple.

Make no mistake about it; if any one  
of you thinks of himself as wise, in the  
ordinary sense of the word, then he must  
learn to be a fool before he really can be  
wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this  
world is foolishness to God. As scripture  
says: The Lord knows wise men's  
thoughts: he knows how useless they are,  
or again: God is not convinced by the  
arguments of the wise. So there is nothing  
to boast about in anything human: Paul,  
Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death,  
the present and the future, are all your  
servants; but you belong to Christ and  
Christ belongs to God.

### The Word of the Lord

### **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.

### **Alleluia!**

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt  
how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for  
tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked  
man no resistance. On the contrary, if any-  
one hits you on the right cheek, offer him  
the other as well; if a man takes you to law  
and would have your tunic, let him have  
your cloak as well. And if anyone orders  
you to go one mile, go two miles with him.

Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone  
wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said:  
You must love your neighbour and hate  
your enemy. But I say this to you: love your  
enemies and pray for those who persecute  
you; in this way you will be sons of your  
Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to  
rise on bad men as well as good, and his  
rain to fall on honest and dishonest men  
alike. For if you love those who love you,  
what right have you to claim any credit?  
Even the tax collectors do as much, do  
they not? And if you save your greetings  
for your brothers, are you doing anything  
exceptional? Even the pagans do as much,  
do they not? You must therefore be perfect  
as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

### 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 suf-  
fered 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 Fa-  
ther. 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

**I will recount all your wonders,  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
And sing psalms to your name,  
O Most High.**