

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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Friary:- 6828751

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A) 26th February, 2023

Who is your God?

The God of Deuteronomy is - 30:19-20

A God of freedom,
A God who says, "Choose!"
A God who asks for decisions-
You can't have me and death!
You can't have me and be deaf to
my people!
You can't love me and kill what I love!

The God of Joel is - 2:1-2, 12-17

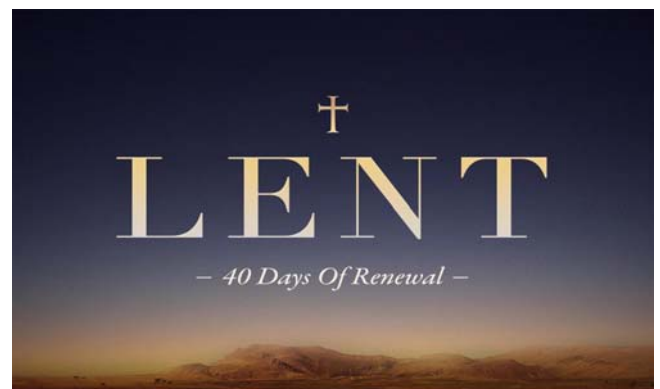
Full of grace-goodness
Full of mercy
Rich in kindness
Slow to anger
Easily forgiving.

The God of Paul is - 2 Cor.:20b-:6-10

One who knows Paul thoroughly
One who draws him out in ecstasy
One who gives him a reason for action
One who calls him to a new creation
One who reconciles
One who shows us Jesus.

The God of Jesus described by
Matthew - 6:1-6, 16-21

Is for honesty
Is not impressed by show
Is accessible to all
Can tell genuine holiness from pious veneer
Has no favourites
Asks us to take risks with trust
Recognises that our faith is weak
Recognises that our courage is minimal but
still calls us to serve the kingdom.



So, who is your God?

Is your God someone you are afraid of?
Does your God allow you to excuse yourself from
care of the world because you are busy with
spiritual things?



Priest on Duty 26th February 2023
Contact: Fr. Ger Jones 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: John O'Halloran, Cahercalla Rd. 1st Anniv.
 Marion Sheill nee Casey, Friars' Close & Jim Casey, Athlone.
 Christy Shannon, Hermitage & Shannon & Hewitt Families.
 Frank Lillis, Beechpark.
 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: Brid & Martin Moloney, Clare Rd.
 Maura 1st Anniv. & Micheál Frawley, Cahercalla.
 Pat Jones, College Park.
 Simon O'Donnell, Kilrush Rd.
 Jim Burke, Park Ave.
 Mon: 7.40am: No intention booked.
 11am: Mary Pickford, Drumbiggle Rd.
 7.30pm: Michael, Susan & Brendan Jordan, Australia & Mayo.
 Mary and Peter White, Clare Rd.
 Kathleen & Donie Callinan, Parnell St.
 Eugene McMahon, College Rd.
 Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
 11am: Susie Mooney, Brosna, Co.Kerry. 1st Anniv.
 7.30pm: Michael Kelly, Beechpark.
 Tommy Hickey, Tullassa, Inch.
 Marie McNerney, New York.
 Patricia Watts (nee McNamara), Coventry & Circular Rd.
 Wed 7.40am: Donor's Intention.
 11am: Tommy Jordan, Swinford, Co. Mayo & America.
 John Fleming, Marian Ave & John Guion, U.S.A.
 7.30pm: Tom & Ena Hogan, Ballymaley, Gort Rd.
 Mary, Patrick, Joseph & Patrick Sr. Quigley, Ballinacarragh, Kilfenora.
 Thurs 7.40am: Donor's Intention.
 11am: Mike Archer, The Park, Quin.
 7.30pm: Brian McMahon, Lissycasey.
 Christy Hyland, Meadow Court, Clonroad. MM.
 Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
 11am: Philip Smyth, Roscommon.
 7.30pm: Finian Loughrey, Riverside. MM.
 Gerry Hegarty, Kilcurrish, Fountain. MM.
 Sat: 11am: Mary & Stephen Meaney, Green Park.
 6.30pm: Joan Moloney, Considine Rd. 1st Anniv.
 Moira Coffey, Claireen Drive.
 John, Maisie, Jim & Martin Bradley, Limerick Rd.
 John O'Sullivan, Fountain.
 Michael McGuane, Corofin.
 Sun 5th Mar: 8am: No intention booked.
 9.30am: Costelloe & O'Donoghue Family, Ennis & Cork.
 Paddy Brennan, O'Connell St.
 11.30am: Patrick (Tony) Meehan, Old Turnpike & Connolly. MM.
 Christina Lynch, Clare Rd. 1st Anniv.
 Annette O'Brien, Ard Aoibhinn, Limerick Rd. 1st Anniv.
 Margaret Hayes, Clonroad.
 Annie & Jack Maloney, Hermitage.
 James & Mary McMahon, Summerhill.
 John Neylon, Kilmorane & Thomas Neylon, UK.
 Marie & Danny Moran, Shanaway Rd.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal
 In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €500, €100 and €10. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.



Next Friday is the First Friday of March. 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.



This year Trócaire is celebrating fifty years working on behalf of the Irish Church, working for justice and responding to the cry of the poor. Trócaire boxes are available in all churches.



EMERGENCY APPEAL

The earthquake in Syria & Turkey on 5th February has had a devastating impact on millions of people in both countries. There will be an opportunity as you leave mass this weekend to contribute to an emergency appeal organised by Trócaire. Thanking you in responding to the cry of the poor.

Newly Baptised

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

- Ivan-Ryan** Chebrukov
- Izak Marc** McMahon
- Evan Oliver** Berridge



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: No intention booked.
 Sun 26th 10am: Anna & Eddie Casey, Marian Ave. Willie Moloney, Boston, USA.
 11.45am: Brendan Armstrong, Mountain View
 Mon 10.30am: Monica Howard, Ennis.
 Tues 10.30am: Kathleen Reilly, Corrovorrin Crescent.
 John, Rita & John Jr. Mulkerrins, Marian Ave.
 Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.
 Thu 10.30am: John (Eddie) Sheridan, Marian Ave. 1st Anniv.
 Bridget Rooney, London & Charlestown.
 Fri 10.30am: Matthew & Catherine Clune, Ballymacahill.
 Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.
 7pm: No intention booked.
 5th Mar. 10am: Paddy Greene, Corrovorrin Ave. Vincent Greene, Bedford, UK & Corrovorrin Ave.
 11.45am: Pat O'Malley, Cloverhill. MM.
 Mary Curtin, Willow Park.
 Maureen Fox, Roslevan.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 26th 11am: Lucille Hayes, Bridge Court & Pearse Ave.
 Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Killaloe Diocese invites you to an Adult Faith Formation Lenten Series *"Why believe? Why pray? Why bother? Discover the vital needs for God in the everyday."* March 13th, 20th, 27th 8pm-9.15pm in the Maria Assumpta Hall, Station Rd. Light refreshments to conclude. All welcome.

Matt Talbot Novena

Praying for all suffering or sharing in the life of addictions began on Ash Wednesday in SS Peter & Paul Church, Tulla at 7pm.
 This week Fr. Michael Collins, Newmarket-on-Fergus will be the preacher

Labhair Gaeilge Linn

During the month of March we are embracing the Irish Language in our liturgies.



Ennis Parish
 Development Fund
 for Sunday, 19th February
 Fund **€5,464**
 Online **€254**

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.

This process began with a meeting of Pastoral Councils across the Diocese with two representatives suggesting the way forward.

www.killaloe-diocese.ie/conservations-about-the-future

Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Fintan will lead the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon Airport on Tuesday 27th June, returning Sunday 2nd July. €809 includes flight, airport transfers, full board with three meals a day, sanctuary levy.

For more information and bookings, please contact Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800 or email joewalshstours.ie

Franciscan Pilgrimage 22nd September.

Autumn Diocesan Pilgrimage 2nd October.

All from Shannon Airport in less than two hours from Shannon.

Our Prayer / Fasting / Almsgiving (PEA) programme continues this Lent.

If you want a real purpose-driven Lent, the prayer / fasting / almsgiving programme is made for you.

- ◆ Prayer-commit to a daily prayer.
- ◆ Fast-commit to eating three meals a day.
- ◆ Almsgiving-commit to donating to Trócaire.

Each day you will help yourself, help others and help your relationship with God. This programme involves making sacrifice, but there is no doubt that the benefits we will receive at Easter will be immense.

REST IN PEACE

Roger Forde, Woodside, Roslevan;

Gary Healy Coote, Hermitage & late St. Mary's Park, Limerick;

Tony Deegan, Oakwood Drive.;

Valori Queally, South Carolina, wife of John, formerly Kilmaley;

David Seery, Davitt Tce., Cloughleigh.

First Week of Lent



Daily Mass

Cathedral: 7.40am, 11am; 7.30pm

Cloughleigh: 9.30am

Friary: 10am

St. Josephs 10.30am.

Eucharistic Adoration at Cathedral

Monday to Friday 5pm—7pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday at 8pm at Cathedral.

'Men's Rosary' will take place this Saturday, March 4th and every First Saturday of the month at The Square, Ennis at 1pm. Men led, all are welcome. This is one of many Men's Rosaries taking place across Ireland and the world praying, as Our Lady of Fatima asked us for reparation, repentance and conversion of our nation.

Seisiún Cois Tine at Cois na hAbhna

Sunday February 26th at 6pm.

Admission €3, children free.

If you have an illness, disability or any extra support needs and would like some help to find work, EmployAbility Clare can assist you. For further information, contact Karen on (065) 6844007 or email info@employabilityclare.ie or log on to www.employabilityclare.ie

First Anniversary of the Ukraine War



Lord God,

We ask you to hold the people of Ukraine deep in your heart.

Protect them, we pray; from violence, from political gamesmanship, from being used and abused.

Give, we pray, the nations of the world the courage and the wisdom to stand up for justice and the courage too, to dare to care—generously.

Lord, in your mercy, take from us all the tendencies in us that seek to lord it over others: take from us those traits that see us pursuing our own needs and wants before those of others.

Teach us how to live in love and dignity and respect—following your example. In your name and for your sake, Amen

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Chéad Domhnach den Charghas.

Sa tráth seo bliana, bímid ag smaoineamh ar bhás agus ar aiséirí Chríost. Bíonn páirt againn ina bhás agus ina aiséirí nuair a dhéanaimid dearmad orainn féin chun toil Dé a dhéanamh agus chun cabhrú lenár gcomharsana. "Tá a fhios againn go bhfuil an bás scoite againn agus an bheatha shroichte againn, ó ghrá a bheith againn do na bráithre. An té nach mbíonn grá aige fanann sé sa bhás" (1 Eoin 3:14)

An áit a bhfuil carthanacht agus grá, tá Dia ann. Tugaimis grá dá chéile ó chroí dílis. Áiméan. Déanaimis machnamh ar phaidir Naomh Proinsias:

Déan gléas síochána díom i do láimh, a Thiarna, San áit ina bhfuil fuath go gcuire mé an grá, San áit ina bhfuil ciontacht go gcuire mé pardún, San áit ina bhfuil amhras go gcuire mé creideamh,

San áit a bhfuil éadóchas go gcuire mé dóchas. San áit a bhfuil dorchadas go gcuire mé solas, San áit a bhfuil brón go gcuire mé lúcháir, A Thiarna, Deonaigh a spreagadh dom, Sólás a thabhairt seachas sólás a fháil. Áiméan.

First Sunday of Lent.

At this time of year, we think about the death and resurrection of Christ. We share in his death and resurrection when we forget ourselves to do God's will and help our neighbours. "We know that we have separated death and attained life, from having love for the brothers. He who does not love remains in death" (1 John 3:14)

Where there is charity and love, there is God. Let us love one another from a true heart.

Let us consider the prayer of Saint Francis:

Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there is hatred let me bring your love,
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord,
And where there is doubt true faith in You,
Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there is despair in life let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy,
Oh, Master grant that I may never seek,
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul,
Make me a channel of your peace,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
It is in giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we are born to eternal life,
Oh, Master grant that I may never seek,
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul,
Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy.

Information on the Pioneer Pledge for Lent, Calendar and quarterly Newsletter is available at www.pioneers.ie. Parishioners who wish to offer prayerful support to a person along the road to recovery from addiction are invited to contact Fr Robert via www.pioneers.ie/pray or by post to PTAA, PO Box 13492, Dublin 7.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

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.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden, which is in the east; and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, "Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?"

The woman answered the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death." Then the serpent said to the woman,

"No! you will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like Gods, knowing good and evil." The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. *R.*

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. *R.*

A pure heart create for me, O God,
Put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
Nor deprive me of your holy spirit. *R.*

*Give me again the joy of your help;
With a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
And my mouth shall declare your praise. R*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Romans. *Rm 5.12-19*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

*Praise to you, O Christ,
king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
But on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory!*

A reading from the holy gospel accord-
ing to Matthew. *Mt*
4.1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their
hands
in case you hurt your foot against a
stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:
You must not put the Lord your
God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your
God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, the angels ap-
peared and looked after 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 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

One does not live by bread alone, but by
every word that comes forth from the
mouth of God.