

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

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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/)

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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

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Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A) 5th February, 2023

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

On 13th May 1992, a number of years following an assassination attempt on his life that led to a time of suffering and the experiences of being seriously ill in hospital, Saint Pope John Paul II launched a world day of prayer for the sick which coincides each year with the Feast Day of our Lady of Lourdes on 11th February. Pope Benedict and Pope Francis have continued this special world day. It is a time to reflect on the needs of all who suffer, to pause and be prayerful in solidarity with those who experience illness and with all who care for those who are facing sickness.

The 11th February is famous for a few reasons, we know it is the date of the first apparition of our Lady to Bernadette and because of this it is the feast of our Lady of Lourdes, and since 1993 the day we celebrate World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

It was on 11th February 2013 that the recently deceased Pope Benedict announced his retirement, and back in 1990 it was the day that Nelson Mandela was freed from prison after 27 years. Two things that each of these events have in common is that they were occasions in various ways for both celebration and thanksgiving, occasions for joy and gratitude.

For St. Bernadette, there would have been celebration and thanksgiving that God has chosen her to be the one to see and talk with the mother of God. For those experiencing sickness across the world, there are feelings of gratitude that a day in the Church's calendar would be devoted to prayer and solidarity for those in need of healing.

For the late Pope Benedict there would have been feelings of gratitude that he could retire in his old age. For Nelson Mandela and the people of South Africa, feelings of Joy and Thanksgiving that his years as a prisoner has come to an end.



**Nothing is impossible to God
Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us
St. Bernadette, pray for us.**

Priest on Duty 5th February 2023
Contact: Fr. Martin Blake 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

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 Greine.
 Virginia Donnellan, "St. Joseph's", Hermitage.
 Helen Griffin, Woodlawn, Loughville.
 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.

Mon: 7.40am: Bank Holiday - No Mass

11am: Michael Sheedy, College View & Ogonnelloe.
 Brian, Joseph & Caroline Ensko, Connolly Villas.

7.30pm: Willie Burke, Mill Rd.
 James Nolan, Barntick.

Matt Talbot Prayer Society.

Tues:7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: No intention booked

7.30pm: John & Madeline Arkins, Clonroad.
 Ann & Martin O'Grady, College Park.
 Gertrude & Bernard Bleasdale, Corrovorin Green.

Wed 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Bernie Dilger, Connolly Villas.
 Johnnie & Peggy Dolan, Kiltreevan, Roscommon.
 Mariah & Paddy Duddy, Donegal.

Thurs 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: Joe & Margaret Earlie, Limerick Rd.
 Paddy & Vera McGovern, Athlone.
 Joe & Mai Clune, Quin.

7.30pm: Maureen Murphy, Hermitage.

Fri 7.40am: Dan Greene & Mary Pyne, Kilmaley.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Tom Nestor, Golf Links Road. **MM.**
 Noel Bolger, New Road. **MM.**

Sat:11am: George, Chrissie & Haulie Molloy & Molly
 Butler, Old Mill St.
 Fintan Ryan.

Patricia McInerney, (nee Roche), Dalcassian Park.

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. Ofaly.

11.30am: John Scanlan, Dalcassian Avenue.

Cathedral

Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donation of €150. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this 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.

Thank you to all who donated to the **Diocesan Needs' Appeal.** A total of €4,600. Your generosity to this appeal is very much appreciated.

DO YOU NEED SUPPORT?

Counselling available at Accord Ennis and Nenagh. Everyone welcome. Tel: 065 6824297
 email: accordennis1@gmail.com

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

Patricia Corbett Memorial Walk/Run

The eighteenth annual 'Patricia Corbett Memorial Walk/Run' will be held in Labasheeda, on Sunday February 12th starting at the Community Centre at 1pm. The course is 6 miles/10km around Labasheeda Peninsula, entry fee of €10. Online donations can be made through Paypal @LiamWoulfeLab. All proceeds will go towards Sláinte an Chláir and St. Kieran's Church fund. Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome to take part.

Culture Exchange on Monday 6th February (bank holiday) 2pm – 5pm, in Glór. Adult tickets are €5; children are free. Tickets can be bought through: <https://glor.ie/events/clare-local-development-company-presents-st-brigids-day-irish-cultural-exchange/> Complimentary tickets are available on request. Further information contact Michelle.
 email: mnolan@cldc.ie

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**



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Paddy Rynne, Ballyalla.
 Tony Strand, Shannon Park.

Sun 5th 10am: No intention booked.

11.45am: Griffin Family, Loughburke, Kilmaley.
 Teresa Howard, Kilrush Rd.

Mon 10.30am: Bank Holiday—No. 10.30am Mass.

Tues 10.30am: Maura Garvey, Dublin.

Wed 10.30am: Susan Brohan, Considine's Rd.
 Pat Fitzpatrick, Coraveen, Lifford. **1st Anniv.**

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: Jim Keown, Corofin.
 Michael & Bernard Neylon, Kilmaley.
 Mary McMahon, Steele's Terrace.

Sat: 10.30am: Cahill & Walsh Families, Cork.

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

Sun 12th 10am: No intention booked.

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

Matt Talbot Prayer Society

The Monthly Mass praying for all suffering or sharing in life of addictions will take place at the Lourdes Novena Mass on this Monday at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.



Rest in Peace

Finian Loughrey, Riverside;

Patrick Duggan, Clonroadmore & Turnpike;

Mary Burke, Coore, mother of Frances Barry, Kilnamona, Carmel Cunningham, Aughanteerroe;

Pat Cox, Marian Avenue;

Gerry Hegarty, Kilcurrish, Fountain, Ennis & Palmerstown, Dublin, brother of Mary Lynch, Loughville & Michael Hegarty, Fountain;

Sr. Patricia Flynn, Canada, sister of Tom Flynn, Drumcliffe;

Charles Ruttle, Bangor, Co. Down & late Clarecastle;

Martin Hinchy, Inagh, brother of Susan Tuttle, Castletawn;

Vincent Keating, Athlone, brother of Colm, Lifford Rd. & Gabriel, Drimeen;



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

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

Mon: 9.30am: Bank Holiday—No. 9.30am Mass.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sat 11.30am: Luke Coote, Considine Rd. **MM.**

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

Newly Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Arthur Christy Crowe



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

Confirmation



Children from the Gael Scoil will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11am Mass in the Cathedral on Friday 10th February.

Bank Holiday Monday Masses

8.30am	Poor Clare Monastery
10am	Friary
11am	Cathedral
7.30pm	Cathedral

Ash Wednesday



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

St. Bridget's Crosses

As we celebrate St. Bridget's weekend with the first Public Holiday honouring the Saint, our thanks to the parishioners who in recent days have sourced the rushes and those who made the crosses. St. Bridget's Crosses will be for sale after masses in the Cathedral for €4. all proceeds going to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal.



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

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 29th January

Fund €5,575
Online €330

OUR LADY OF LOURDES NOVENA



The Novena in preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and to celebrate World Day of Prayer for the Sick continues each day until Saturday next 11th February in the Cathedral.

Weekdays 7.30pm
Saturday 11am
Sunday 11.30am

Monday Fr. Tom will celebrate the mass and lead the Eucharist Healing Blessing.

Tuesday Evening we welcome Fr. Martin Shanahan.

Wednesday Fr. Michael Collins will be the preacher.

Thursday Fr. Brendan Quinlivan will lead the Marian Torchlit Procession.

Friday Michael Daly from Feakle, a Pastoral worker from the Diocese and Director of Nursing on our Diocesan Pilgrimage, will speak and lead us with the Stations of the Cross.

Saturday at 11am Bishop Fintan will conclude the Novena and the Sacrament of the Sick will be available for those who require it.

If you would like a petition to be brought to the Grotto in Lourdes for World Day of the Sick. Please place it in the petitions box at the Sanctuary by 12 noon on Tuesday. Fr. Tom will be travelling to Lourdes to represent the Diocese.

This year there will be three direct flights from Shannon to Lourdes:

27th June to 2nd July Diocesan Pilgrimage.
22nd September to 27th September Franciscan Pilgrimage.
2nd October to 7th October Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage.

Fr. Michael McCaul Ireland's Newest Priest

On Sunday last 29th January Fr. Michael was ordained to the Priesthood in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry.

Born in Derry, Fr. Michael, son of Phyllis and the late Michael McCaul lived in Elm Park, Ennis and is a past pupil of Ennis CBS. On Friday next the newly ordained priest will return to Ennis to celebrate the 10.30am mass in St. Joseph's Church. Pupils from Ennis CBS will attend the mass and all are welcome.

After mass Fr. Michael will give his First Blessing to those present. Please pray for Fr. Michael as he begins his Priestly Ministry.



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Taibhsiú na Maighdine Muire i Lourdes.

Ar an Satharn seo chugainn an 11th Feabhra, ceiliúrfar Taibhsiú na Maighdine Muire do Bhernadette Soubirous, sa bhliain 1858, cailín bocht ceithre bliana déag d'aois. Níl áit ar bith ar fud an domhain ina bhfuil Críostaithe, nach bhfuil cáil ar Lourdes de bharr na sluaite, a thugann cuairt ar an Scrín bheannaithe ag iarraidh leighis dá ngalair agus grásta dá n-anam. Is paidir dheas í seo ó *Ar bPaidreacha Dúchais* ar féidir a rá in ómós don Mhaighdean Mhuire: **A Mhuire ghlórmhar, mhómhar, mhaisiúil, is tú mo stór, mo lón, mo thaisce is tú mo réalta eolais ag dul romham i ngach bealach, agus ar shliabh na ndeor go mba tú mo chara. Aiméan**

Tá 11 Feabhra ainmnithe le Naomh Gobnait chomh maith. De réir an tseanchais d'fhág Gobnait a háit dhúchais i gCo. An Chláir agus thaistil sí go háiteanna éagsúla in Éirinn, ina measc Baile Bhúirne, Co. Corcaigh. Bhí cáil uirthi mar bhean leighis agus cúramóir na heaslánaithe agus mar phatrún naofa beachairí. **Go mbeannaí Dia duit a Ghobnait naofa, Go mbeannaí Muire faoi mar a bheannaím féin duit.**

Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday next 11th February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. In 1858 Our Lady appeared for the first time to Bernadette Soubirous a poor, fourteen old girl. Christians from all over the world come to the Sacred Shrine every year seeking healing from illness and seeking spiritual grace. The following prayer is taken from *Ar bPaidreacha Dúchais*: **Virgin Mary, glorious, gentle, beautiful, you are my beloved, my sustenance, my treasure, you are my guiding star, leading me on my way, and in this valley of tears you are my friend. Amen.**

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. Saint Gobnait's feast day is celebrated on 11 February also. According to tradition she was born in Co. Clare but travelled to many places in Ireland including Baile Bhúirne, Co. Cork. She was esteemed as a healer, carer of the sick and is the patron saint of beekeepers. **May God bless you Gobnait, may Mary bless you as I salute and bless you.**

"So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ." (Rm 10,17) Catechesis for adults and young adults in the Chapel of St. Flannan's College at 7:30 pm from the 12th February every Sunday and Wednesday.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God
And bow low before the God
who made us,
For he is the Lord our God.

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 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be
naked and turn not from your own
kin.

Then will your light shine like the
dawn and your wound be quickly
healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like
noon.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: The good man is a light in
the darkness for the upright**

He is a light in the darkness
for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waiver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trust in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

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

1 Cor 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not
with any show of oratory or philosophy,
but simply to tell you what God had
guaranteed. During my stay with you, the
only knowledge I claimed to have was
about Jesus, and only about him as the
crucified Christ. Far from relying on any
power of my own, I came among you in
great 'fear and trembling' and in my
speeches and the sermons that I gave,
there were none of the arguments that
belong to philosophy; only a
demonstration of the power of the Spirit.
And I did this so that your faith should not
depend on human philosophy but on the
power of God.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia!

**I am the light of the world, says the
Lord,**

**Anyone who follows me will have the
light of life.**

Alleluia

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew **Mt 5:13-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the
salt of the earth. But if salt becomes
tasteless, what can make it salty again? It
is good for nothing, and can only be
thrown out to be trampled underfoot by
men.'

'You are the light of the world. A city built
on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one
lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put
it on the lamp-stand where it shines for
everyone in the house. In the same way
your light must shine in the sight of men, so
that, seeing your good works, they may
give praise to your Father 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
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

**Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
His wonders for the children of men
For he satisfies the thirsty soul,
And the hungry he fills with good
things.**