

# 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;

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St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A) 12th March, 2023

## Hail Glorious St. Patrick



**St. Patrick's Day is the day when millions of people, even those without a drop of Irish blood become honorary Irish for the day. The day itself has become traditionally associated with**

**parades and the wearing of the green. Globally the 17th March is pencilled in as a day for everyone to celebrate the impact that our ancestors have made on both the religious and social development of our world.**

Following St. Patrick's footsteps the early monks brought the light of Christian Faith to a Europe of that time that had fallen into darkness of pagan worship. Even to this day Irish Missionaries, both religious and lay are to be found in every corner of the world, bringing dignity, hope and love to people who are suffering and poor.

The early ideas I had of St. Patrick was that in his youth he had a hard time as a slave in Ireland but that after his return as a missionary he found success came very easy. Later in life I read documents called his "Confessions" and "Letters to Criticus" and I realised that his life as a missionary here in Ireland was anything but an easy one. Despite all his success he had to cope with many disappointments and setbacks and would certainly not have achieved so much if he did not have great faith in God and had not turned to him for help in his difficulties.

We all know about the first big crisis in Patrick's life, when at the age of sixteen he was snatched from his secure home to a life of slavery in Ireland and yet when he looked back on his time he saw it as a blessing.

From being a lukewarm Christian he turned to God for help and as he himself wrote *"I used to get up for prayer before daylight"*.

He escaped after six years, eventually making his way home and later he was ordained a priest, hoping one day to return to Ireland. When he did return he met with great success but at a price. In his old age some people, envious of his success, began to gossip about him, others who were his helpers were more educated than he was and looked down on him as they felt that he was not qualified to lead them.

The experience of St. Patrick shows us that the path to God is never smooth, even for a great saint. When troubles and disappointments came and he had more than his fair share of them St. Patrick put his trust in God, reached out to him in prayer and gave an example from which we can all learn.

As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day this week it is an invitation to reflect on our Spiritual values which is the hallmark of what we pride in ourselves as Christians.

**Priest on Duty 12th March, 2023**  
**Contact Fr. David Carroll 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat 6.30pm:** Frank McMahon, Loughville.  
 Brassil Family, Ennis & Kilrush.  
 Tom Sheehan, Brookville & Beara.  
 Clive Frawley, Kilmaley.

**Sun 12th 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** No intention booked.  
**11.30am:** McNamara Family, Ard na Gréine.  
 Des & Peggy Carroll, Corrovorrin.  
 Mary & Michael Walsh, Clonroad.  
 Ann Fry, Summerhill.  
 Angela Loonam (nee Morrissey), College Green.  
 Ann Barrett (nee Morrissey), Willow Park.  
 Artur Mroz, College Green.

**Mon: 7.40am:** No intention booked.  
**11am:** Sr. Magdalene Jordan, Italy & Mayo.  
 John & Ellen Kearse, St. Michael's Villas.  
 Mary Tuohy, Feakle.

**7.30pm:** Matt, Mary & Harry Hogan, Tobertaoscáin.  
 Rita & Tony Kenny & Pauline Scanlon West,  
 Hermitage.  
 Jimmy Jordan, Swinford, Co. Mayo  
 Mary Ann McNamara, Bodyke.

**Tues: 7.40am** Book of Intentions.  
**11am:** John Daly, Lifford, Gort Rd.  
 Jack & Lil Davoren, Kilmaley.  
 Sr. Margaret Mary Jordan, Lisdoonvarna & Mayo.

**7.30pm:** Barry Fitzgerald, Cusack Rd. MM.  
 Bernadette & Joseph Keane, Summerhill.

**Wed 7.40am:** No intention booked.  
**11am:** Frances Cosgrove, Ard na Gréine.  
 Hal & Eva Frazer, Considine Tce.

**7.30pm:** Richard Crotty, Willow Park.

**Thurs 7.40am:** Mass for the People.  
**11am:** Patrick O'Donoghue, Ennis & Limerick.  
**7.30pm:** No intention booked.

**Fri St. Patrick's Day 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** No intention booked.  
**11.30am:** Kevin Banville, Wexford.

**Sat: 11am:** Dan & Marian McNamara, College Green.  
**6.30pm:** Sr. Marie, Bridie & Albert Stephens, Clonroad.  
 PJ Finucane, Shanaway Rd.  
 Albert Hanberry, Roslevan.  
 James Vaughan, The Market.

**Sun 19th 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** Leo Guy, Circular Rd.  
 Special Intention.  
**11.30am:** Hugh Ferrigan, Gallows Hill.  
 Martin Bradley, Clonroadbeg.  
 Peter Fox, Clareabbey & High St.  
 Michael & Nora Burke, London.

**Cloughleigh**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Fri 11am:** St. Patrick's Day.  
**Sun 19th 11am:** Patrick, Mary Ann & JJ Fitzpatrick,  
 Circular Rd. & Ennistymon.

**Newly Baptised**

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

**Katie Mae Monahan**  
**Donnacha Niall Wall McMahon**  
**Aisling Mary Haugh**  
**Lucy Emily McGrath.**



**Cathedral Renovation Appeal**  
 In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €1000 and €100. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

**Lenten Prayer  
 Reflection Series**

Beginning Monday March 13th 8pm to 9.15pm at Maria Assumpta Hall, Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, Ennis. A short talk by Bishop Fintan introducing the spirituality and prayer of Thomas Merton for our time followed by a facilitated discussion. Please come and take part!

**St. Patrick's Day Friday  
 17<sup>th</sup> March  
 A Holyday &  
 Public Holiday.**

Vigil Mass for the Feast will be on Thursday at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

**Masses  
 on St. Patrick's Day.**

7.45am Poor Clare Monastery.  
 8am Cathedral  
 9.30am Cathedral  
 10am: St. Joseph's & The Friary  
 11am: Cloughleigh  
 11.30am: Cathedral  
 11.45am: St. Joseph's



**Please note:**  
**No evening mass in Ennis on St. Patrick's Day.**

**Lent 2023**

As you decide on how to make your annual Lenten commitment to prayer, fasting and almsgiving, here are some ideas in the parish to deepen your prayer life.

**Morning Prayer:**  
 Monday to Thursday  
 Cathedral 7.30am.

**Daily Mass:**  
 7 to choose from each day.

**Eucharistic Adoration:**  
 5pm to 7pm - Cathedral.  
 Monday to Friday.

**Lenten Talk:**  
 Monday 8pm to 9.15pm.

**Confession:**  
 Daily in Cathedral & Friary  
**Cathedral:** Monday to Friday  
 7pm to 7.25pm  
 Saturday after the Vigil Mass  
**Friary:** Tuesday to Saturday  
 11am-12 noon & 4pm-5pm



**St. Joseph's**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat 7pm:** Mary, James & John Sexton, Ballard, Miltown Malbay.  
 Jim O'Driscoll & O'Driscoll Family, Castleconnell & Ennis.

**Sun 12th 10am:** Maura Cavanagh, Pine Grove.  
**11.45am:** Joan & Tristan Crowe, Willow Park.  
 Patrick Cox, Marian Ave. MM.

**Mon 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Tues 10.30am:** Josephine Craig, Meadow Court.  
**Wed 10.30am:** Maureen O'Keeffe, Lifford Rd.  
**Thu 10.30am:** Pat Quinn & Nora Armstrong, Sligo & Eastleigh.

**Fri St. Patrick's Day.**  
**10am:** Michael & Jennie Carmody, Kincora Pk.  
 Mary & Maltie McDonagh, Ennis Rd., Miltown Malbay.  
**11.45am:** Teresa Browne, Tulla Rd.  
**Sat: 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**7pm:** Pat O'Brien, Shannon Park.  
**Sun 19th 10am:** Bridget Raftery, Galway.  
**11.45am:** Patrick & Marian Watson, Fergus Park.

**Abbey Pastoral Area  
 Lenten Service of  
 Reconciliation**

**"Shepherd Us O God"**  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 7.30pm  
 Cathedral, Ennis. A  
 Warm Welcome To All



**Annual Matt Talbot Novena**

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr Tom Ryan, from The Cathedral in Ennis will lead us on the vigil of the feast of our national patron, St. Patrick. We will remember in a special way our Faithful Departed, praying in a particular way for all the founding members of the Matt Talbot Novena. We would love if you joined us in this pilgrimage through Lent. Attending this Novena could be your Lenten resolution.

**TROCAIRE Syria/Turkey Earthquake Appeal**  
 The Parish of Ennis has contributed **€20,360** to this Emergency Appeal from Trocaire.  
**Thank you for such generosity.**

**Clare Roots' Society  
 Meeting for March.**

The Coroners of County Clare, 1822 to 1922 by Noreen Bracken Thursday, 16 March at 8pm Clare Education Centre, Government Buildings, Kilrush Road, Ennis, V95 F782. Also available via Zoom. Annual membership fee is €20 or €5 at the door on the night. All are welcome to attend.

**Clare Roots' Society** Launch of two books Wednesday 22 March Hermitage and Erasmus Smith House (incorporating Harmony Row, Springfield and St Anthony's Tce.) Ennis Parish Centre at 8.15p.m. preceded by Mass in the Cathedral for deceased residents of above areas at 7.30p.m. – all welcome.



**Ennis Parish Development Fund**

**Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	2022	2021
	€	€
Restoration Fund Income received in Year	82,609	65,137
<b>DEVELOPMENT FUND INCOME</b>		
Fund Contributions	236,764	183,798
Shrines	65,118	73,790
Wedding Contributions	2,610	826
Special Collections	12,497	18,474
Halls Income	31,059	24,880
	348,048	301,767
Income Tax and Vat Refunds	52,458	47,924
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>400,506</b>	<b>349,692</b>
<b>DEVELOPMENT FUND EXPENDITURE</b>		
Wages & Salaries	133,955	129,449
Covid Wage Subsidies		(84,732)
Maintenance Parish Churches/Buildings	41,723	47,825
Office Supplies	20,836	20,717
Contributions to Diocesan Levy & Collections	69,261	64,048
Light & Heat	35,449	19,633
Contribution to Schools	3,000	
Insurance	22,083	23,588
Donations and Gifts	6,900	5,335
Sundries	1,087	1,606
Shrine Candles	21,903	20,051
Contribution to House Account		7,500
Church/Liturgical Requisites	7,123	5,406
IT/Office Equipment Costs	4,980	6,071
Poor Clare/Friary Heating Fund	12,000	10,000
Telephone	3,659	3,451
Pastoral Care	19,925	19,000
Meetings/Functions	3,481	1,792
Courses	2,030	
Choir	2,047	1,180
Accountancy Fees	3,000	3,000
Bank Charges	1,761	1,393
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>416,202</b>	<b>306,315</b>
<b>DEVELOPMENT FUND EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>(15,697)</b>	<b>43,377</b>

**Financial Statement**

As we publish our annual Financial Statement for 2022, our Parish Finance Committee have met and approved the accounts. This weekend, we express sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support of our parish over the last few difficult years.

We have accomplished so much together, thanks to your generosity and commitment. From maintaining our churches and grounds to supporting various ministries and responding to different needs as they arise, your contributions have made a significant impact on our parish.

As we review our Financial Statement for the past year, we can all feel a sense of pride in all that we have achieved. We have been good stewards of the resources that have been entrusted to us and we are grateful for the careful planning and thoughtful decision making that has gone into managing our finances.

A special word of thanks to all parishioners who contribute to the parish, our volunteers, staff and all who assist in the collecting, counting and record keeping to ensure that our parish fulfils its responsibilities as a Charity.

At the present time work is continuing in preparation of tender documents for work on the floor in the Cathedral. It is hoped that it can go to tender in April. We are in continuous contact with the HSE as regards the roof in St. Joseph's Church.

Our thanks to all who contribute through donations, volunteering, online contributions or once off contributions. We are grateful for your continuing support as we journey together through this year.

***Sr. Eileen's Cúinne***

On Friday we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, the Patron Saint of Ireland. He will be honoured not only here but throughout the world. Saint Patrick was brought as a slave to Antrim where he spent six years tending pigs. He tells us he prayed to God a hundred times a day and the same at night. He escaped to France and was ordained a priest and later a bishop. He returned to Ireland and preached the Gospel of Christ to the Irish people. We remember to thank God for this precious gift on St. Patrick's feast day. We also thank God for all those who brought and still bring the Christian message to people throughout the world. Patrick was humble in the presence of God. In the Confessio he introduces himself "I Patrick, wretched sinner, least among men, despised by many....".

Let us honour him appropriately. Happy St. Patrick's Day to Irish people everywhere in the world, on this our national feast day. Let us recite 'Lúireach Phádraig' often:

"Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger.

**RIP**

**Tony Garland**, Barrack Court, Barrack St.

**Frank Feely**, Terenure, Dublin, brother in law of Aidan Deegan, "Ashfield", Cusack Rd.

**Michael O'Gorman**, St. Senan's Rd;

**Patricia Graham**, "Prague", Cusack Rd;

**Ann Clune**. Tulla, mother of Ann Tuohy, Lahinch Rd.



**Gwen Griffin**, College Rd.

**Danny Keane**, Ballinruan & Castlewood Pk.

**Cloughleigh Branch CCE**

**Monthly Seisiún** Tuesday March

14th from 8pm - 10 pm at Cois na hAbhna, Ennis. Admission €4



**Cois na hAbhna**, Galway Road, Ennis, 40th Anniversary Celebration Concert, St. Patricks Day, Friday March 17th at 8pm. Doors 7.30pm. Admission Free.

Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday, 5th March, 2023

Fund €7,106  
Online €192  
Education Fund: €1,665.25

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
For he rescues my feet from the snare  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
For I am alone and poor.

## 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 Exodus. Ex 17.3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the people of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

**The word of the Lord.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Response:*

*O that today you would listen to His voice:  
'Harden not your hearts'.*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
Hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before Him, giving thanks,  
With songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
Let us kneel before the God who made us  
For he is our God and we  
The people who belong to his pasture,  
The flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah,

when your fathers put me to the test;  
When they tried me,  
though they saw my work.' **R.**

## A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. Rm 5.1-2, 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given us. We were still helpless when at the appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

**The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the  
Word of God!**

**Lord, you are really the Saviour of  
the world; give me the living water,  
so that I may never get thirsty.**

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the  
Word of God!**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jn 4.:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

"If you only knew what God is offering  
and who it is that is saying to  
you:  
Give me a drink,  
you would have been the one  
to ask,  
and he would have given you  
living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again:  
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again:  
the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.'

**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

**For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,  
the water I shall give will become in him  
a spring welling up to eternal life.**