

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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Friary:- 6828751

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Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A) 19th March, 2023

Our Mother's Love



Mother's Day is a special day that honours the selfless and unconditional love of mothers. It is a day to appreciate the sacrifices and hard work that mothers do to nurture and raise their children.

Mothers play a crucial role in our lives, from giving birth to teaching us valuable life lessons. They are our first teachers and our first role models, and their influence lasts a lifetime. A mother's love is infinite and can never be replaced.

On Mother's Day, we express our gratitude and love for our mothers. It is a day to show them how much we appreciate all they have done for us. It is also a time to remember those whose Mothers have died and to honour their memory.

Mother's Day is a time for celebration and reflection. We reflect on the impact that our mothers have had on our lives and the lessons they have taught us. We celebrate their unwavering love and devotion, and the countless ways they have supported us throughout our lives.

Mother's Day is a special day to celebrate the love and sacrifices of mothers. It is a time to express our gratitude and appreciation for all they have done for us. Let us take this opportunity to honour and cherish our mothers and all the mothers in our lives.



Priest on Duty 19th March 2023

Contact: Fr. Joy 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 6.30pm: PJ Finucane, Shanaway Rd.
Sr. Marie, Bridie & Albert Stephens, Clonroad.
Albert Hanberry, Roslevan.
James Vaughan, The Market.

Sun 19th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Leo Guy, Circular Road.
Special Intention.

11.30am: Hugh Ferrigan, Gallows Hill.
Martin Bradley, Clonroadbeg.
Peter Fox, Clareabbey & High Street.
Michael & Nora Burke, London.

Mon: 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Pat Guthrie, Kilnaboy.
Billy & Teresa Fitzgerald, "St. Joseph's", Clare Road.

7.30pm: Gerard O'Loughlin, Old Gort Road.
Jim Flanagan & deceased family.
Patrick Kerin, Carron.

Tues: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.

11am: Michael & Esther O'Loughlin, Hermitage.
Eamon Cronin, Market Street & USA;
Mary Larkin, Hermitage & USA. **1st Anniv.**
Colin Paul & decd Paul Family, Maiville, Kilrush Road.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Denis & Mary Torpey, Patrick Street, Clarecastle.

7.30pm: Don & Jenny Ryan, Summerhill.
Deceased Family Members of Hermitage, Harmony Row & St. Anthony's Terrace.

Thurs 7.40am: Special intention.

11am: Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Kilkee.

7.30pm: John, Delia & Martin Mc Mahon, Kilkee.

8pm: Legion of Mary Mass.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Pat Hanrahan, Ard Aoibhinn.
Mary & Edward Darcy, Scotland & Limerick.

Sat: 11am: David Seery, Davitt Tce. **MM.**
Gary Kelly, Ennis & Delia Keary, Crusheen.

6.30pm: Breda McMahon, Clonroadbeg. **1st Anniv.**
Mary Hynes, Clare Road.
Marty Browne, Cahercalla Estate.
Michael McMahon, Kilkee.

Sun 26th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Tommy Barry, Golf Links Road.

11.30am: Les Blackmore, Ennis & Canterbury.
Jim Kitson, Laureen Drive.
John Linnane, St. Flannan's Terrace.
Donal Ryan, Cusack Road.
Nono Lynch, Dalcassian Drive.
Perter Wilkie, Hermitage & Kearney family,
O'Callaghans Mills.
Ciara Fox & deceased Fox family, Hermitage.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 19th
St. Joseph
Saturday 25th
The Annunciation

Newly Baptised

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



John Anthony McDonagh
Nicole Tanatswa Maposa

Mothers Prayers

Annual Weekend in Knock

Friday 24th to Sunday 26th March,
St John's Rest and Care Centre, Knock.

Join us as we unite in prayer for our children and all children throughout the world.

Ennis Flower and Garden Club

present Melanie Harris, Cork, at Treacy's West County Hotel, Ennis on Tuesday March 21st. Doors open at 7.30pm, demonstration starts at 8.30pm sharp, €10 non members, all are welcome, demonstrators arrangements raffled on the night. Contact secretary, 0857743398

Youth 2000 Retreat in Killarney

The Munster Youth 2000 retreat takes place in St. Brendan's College, Killarney from the 24th to 26th March. Everyone aged 16 to 35 is most welcome to attend for all or part of the weekend. See www.youth2000.ie for more info.

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**

Legion of Mary

Acies Ceremony on Thursday after 7.30pm Mass in the Cathedral.



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Pat O'Brien, Shannon Park.

Sun 19th 10am: Bridget Raftery, Galway.

11.45am: Patrick & Marian Watson, Fergus Park.
Mary & Marcel Cornu Snr, O'Connell Square.

Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.

Tues 10.30am: Brigid & Michael Clune, Ballymacahill.

Wed 10.30am: Nora O'Connor, Naas.

Thu 10.30am: Holy Souls.

Fri 10.30am: Frank & Ted Neary, Dunmore, Galway.

Sat: 10.30am: No 10.30am Mass due to CBS Confirmation.

7pm: Roger Forde, Woodside, Roslevan. **MM.**

Sun 26th 10am: Brid McMahon, Kevin Barry Avenue.
Seamus MacMathúna, Dublin & Cooraclare. **1st Anniv.**

11.45am: Mary **1st Anniv.** & Joe Moroney, Corrovorrin, Tulla Rd.
Frank O'Connor, Oak Park. **1st Anniv.**
Paul Glynn, Corrovorrin.

Matt Talbot Novena

Continues this Wednesday night at 7pm in SS Peter & Paul Church, Tulla. The preacher this week will be Fr, Tom Fitzpatrick, Doora Barefield. There will be an opportunity on the night for individual confessions with extra priests available.



All are welcome.

Rest in Peace

Carmel Lyons, Offaly, sister of Mai Fogarty, Fernhill;

Dr. Paddy Bugler Snr, Ard na Greine;

Dr. Elaine Kerr nee Jennings, Dublin & late Lifford Road.;

Peter Fagan, Dublin, brother of Jean Moloney, Cahercalla Road.;

Michael O'Neill, Ahern's Terrace;

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €50, €35 and €20. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 19th 11am: Patrick, Mary Ann & JJ Fitzpatrick, Circular Rd. & Ennistymon.

Mon: 9.30am: Special Intention.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 26th 11am: Austin Connole, Lahinch Rd.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 12th March

Fund €5,160.00
Online €447.00

Lenten Prayer Talks



We welcome Canon Kevin O'Brien, Rector of St. Columba's Church of Ireland, Bindon Street who will be our speaker at this Monday Night's Lenten Talk on Prayer in the Parish Centre from 8pm to 9.15pm. Speaking on "**The Jesus Prayer**" and Centering Prayer with focus on the words speaking to our hearts. Followed by a facilitated discussion.

All are welcome

Abbey Pastoral Area Lenten Service of Reconciliation

"Shepherd Us O God"



Monday 3rd April 7.30pm
Cathedral, Ennis.
A Warm Welcome To All

Clare Roots' Society



Two new books celebrating our shared heritage of Ennis will be launched on this Wednesday night in the Maria Assumpta Hall, Station Road. at 8.15pm.

The two books tell the story of Hermitage and its people and Erasmus House (Coláiste Mhuire) incorporating Harmony Row, Springfield and Saint. Anthony's Terrace.

Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm in the Cathedral on the night to remember all deceased residents of these areas of town.

Our thanks to the Clare Roots' Society for the great work they do in bringing our past alive and acknowledging the great legacy and sacrifices of those who have gone before us.

Confirmation 2023



Bishop Fintan will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with students from Ennis National School on Friday next at 11am in the Cathedral.

In the afternoon at 3pm pupils from Holy Family School will celebrate the Sacrament.

On Saturday at 11am in St. Joseph's Church children from Ennis CBS will receive the Sacrament.

We congratulate all who will be Confirmed in these three ceremonies. Our thanks to them and their parents and sponsors. We do hope it will be an enjoyable and memorable occasion for the families involved.

Our thanks to our School Principals, Teachers, SNA's and all associated with the Confirmation programme and handing on the faith.

Please note:

11am Mass in the Cathedral on Friday is reserved for Confirmation.

No 10.30am Mass in St. Joseph's on Saturday.

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 Friday
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
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Daffodil Day 24th March

Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day, 24th March. More people in Ireland are being diagnosed with cancer than ever before. One in two of us will get cancer in our lifetimes. But more people are surviving than ever before—thanks to the help of people like you.

Please join us with a special donation today.
www.cancer.ie/daffodilday.ie

Donate online at cancer.ie/TakeBack or call 0818102030



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Beannachtaí

Tá go leor beannachtaí le fáil sa Ghaeilge. Sa traidisiún bhí paidir ann do gach ócáid agus do gach gné den saol. Seo paidir le rá agus tú ag dul amach ag taisteal.

Gur ar choimrí Dé agus na Maighdine Muire tú. Naomh Iósaef, Mac Duach agus Mac Dara agus Naomh Peadar do do thabhairt abhaile slán. Áiméan.

In the Irish language there were prayers for every occasion and for all aspects of life. This is a prayer for a safe journey.

May God and the Virgin Mary protect you. Saint Joseph, Macduach, Macdara and Saint Peter bring you home safely. Amen

Beannú na gCéadfaithe, Naomh Fursa atá againn ón seachtú haois déag.

Go raibh cuing reachta Dé ar an ngualainn seo,

Go raibh fiosrú an Spioraid Naoimh ar an gceann seo,

Go raibh comhartha Chríost san éadan seo,

Go raibh éisteacht an Spioraid Naoimh sna cluasa seo,

Go raibh boltanú an Spioraid Naoimh sa tsrón seo,

Go raibh amharc mhuintir neimhe sa bhéal seo,

Go raibh obair eaglais Dé sna lámha seo,

Go raibh leas Dé agus na gcomharsan sna cosa seo,

Agus gura le Dia, Athair uile, an duine seo. Áiméan

Blessing for Understanding and Perception of Saint Fursey

*The arms of God around my shoulders,
The touch of the Holy Spirit upon my head,
The sign of Christ's cross upon my forehead,
The sound of the Holy Spirit in my ears,
The fragrance of the Holy Spirit in my nostrils,
The vision of heaven's company in my eyes,
The conversation of heaven's company on my lips,*

*The work of God's Church in my hands,
The service of God and neighbour in my feet,
A home for God in my heart,
And to God, the Father of all, my entire being,
Amen*

Tá an bheannacht againn ó aimsir na réamh-Chríostaíochta. (A pre-Christian blessing as there is no mention of God)

Síocháin dhiamhair na toinne reatha chugat

Síocháin dhiamhair na leoithne boige chugat

Síocháin dhiamhair na cré socra chugat

Síocháin dhiamhair na réiltíní gliosca chugat

Síocháin dhiamhair mac na síthe chugat.

Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the infinite peace to you.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
Exult and be satisfied at her consoling
breast.**

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 first book of Samuel.

1 Sam 16:1.,6-7, 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons." When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lords anointed one stands there before him", but the Lord said to Samuel, "Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart". Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these". He then asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" He answered, "There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep". Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes". Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said "Come, anoint him, for this is the one". At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

R

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook
and your staff;

with these you give me comfort

R

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

R

Surely goodness and kindness
shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

R

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians. Ep 5.8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are
light in the Lord; be like children of light, for
the effects of the light are seen in complete
goodness and right living and truth. Try to
discover what the Lord wants of you, hav-
ing nothing to do with the futile works of
darkness but exposing them by contrast. The
things which are done in secret are things
that people are ashamed even to speak of;
but anything exposed by the light will be
illuminated and anything illuminated turns
into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

**Glory to you, O Christ,
you are the Word of God!
I am the light of the world,
says the Lord;**

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

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jn 9:1.41

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who
had been blind from birth. He spat on the
ground, made a paste with the spittle, put
this over the eyes of the blind man and said
to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of
Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the
blind man went off and washed himself,
and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had
seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man
who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes,
it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he
only looks like him.' The man himself said,
'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind
to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath
day when Jesus made the paste and
opened the man's eyes, so when the
Pharisees asked him how he had come to

see he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and
I washed, and now I can see.' Then some of
the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from
God: he does not keep the Sabbath.' Others
said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like
this?' And there was disagreement among
them. So they spoke to the blind man again,
'What have you to say about him yourself,
now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a
prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and
you a sinner through and through, since you
were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and
when he found him he said to him, 'Do you
believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man
replied 'tell me who he is so that I may
believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking
at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said,
'Lord, I believe', and worshipped 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
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 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

**The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I
washed, I saw and I believed in God.**