

# 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

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St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

26th MARCH, 2023

This final Sunday of Lent presents us with the story of the raising of Lazarus. It is filled with passion and emotion and the bringing of Lazarus back to life is at the core of it all. The full story as told by John in his Gospel is well worth reading over slowly and carefully – **it raises a number of questions;**

- ◆ why did Jesus take so long to reach Bethany,
- ◆ why did he shed tears,
- ◆ why the interaction between Jesus, Martha & Mary?

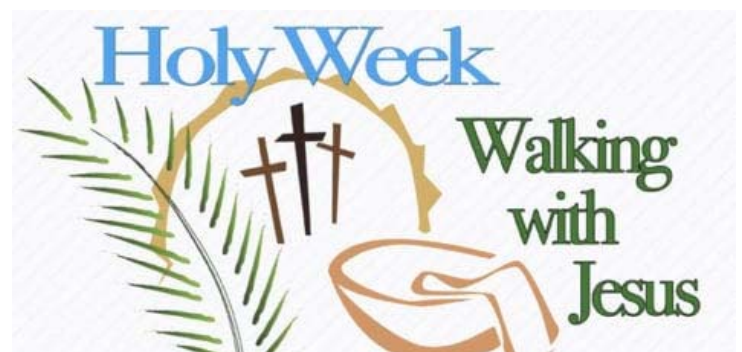
It is not an understatement to say that this passage is one of the most dramatic in the Gospel of John. All this happens as Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem where he will be greeted in triumph and a short time after, meet his death. It is mirroring our own Lenten journey for next week we will celebrate that song of Hosanna as Jesus enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and then relate the story of his betrayal and death in Holy Week. *What does it tell us about our lives and our faith?*

Imagine if we hear someone close to us is ill, would we take our time on the journey to their side? These days if you don't respond instantly to a message or call, you get another one very shortly afterwards wondering what is wrong with you, or maybe the other is angry that you are ignoring them.

How busy our life is, how little time we have to

spend it with people who matter most; and in this Holy Week for us as Christians, no one matters more than Jesus. His life comes to a peak and then a seemingly bitter end before his own miraculous Resurrection.

The days of Holy Week are our time to accompany him, to let his life speak to ours, to let that which holds us back from truly living, to die so that we may rise to a new life. All of this is happening so to result in God's glory. **On this final Sunday of Lent, as we step into Holy Week, it would be right and just to ask if what we have done throughout Lent and what we plan to do this coming week will be about our glory or the glory of God?**



**Priest on Duty 26th March**  
**Contact: Fr. Martin Blake 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

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

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

**9.30am:** Tommy Barry, Golf Links Rd.

**11.30am:** Les Blackmore, Ennis & Canterbury.

Jim Kitson, Claureen Drive.

John Linnane, St. Flannan's Terrace.

Donal Ryan, Cusack Road.

Nono Lynch, Dalcassian Drive.

Peter Wilkie, Hermitage & Kearney family,

O'Callaghans Mills.

Ciara Fox & deceased Fox family, Hermitage.

**Mon: 7.40am:** Donor's Intention..

**11am:** Ellen Boland, Kilrush.

Patrick Hughes, Leitrim, Cree & Drumcondra, Dublin.

**7.30pm:** Paddy McInerney, Dalcassian Park.

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

**11am:** Martin Hogan, St. Flannan's Terrace.

**7.30pm:** Bridget O'Brien, Bunratty.

Gerard Moloney, Ennis & Limerick.

**Wed 7.40am:** Susan Lynch, Kilmaley.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** No intention booked.

**Thurs 7.40am:** Holy Souls.

**11am:** Martha & William Costin, Hospital, Co. Limerick.

**7.30pm:** Des Cullinan, Dalcassian Park.

Gerry Browne, College Road.

John Stauntion, Gallows Hill.

**Fri 7.40am:** Slattery family, Tulla.

**11am:** Mass for the People.

**7.30pm:** No intention booked.

**Sat: 11am:** Joan O'Neill, Sixmilebridge. **1st Anniv**

Brian McMahon, Drumcaurin, Lahinch Rd. **1st Anniv**

Patrick Duggan, Turnpike & Clonroadmore. **MM**

Nurse Kathleen Duggan, Francis St.

**6.30pm:** Michael & Mary Kate Griffin, Parnell St.

Teresa, John & Catherine Flanagan, Connolly Villas.

Kevin & Annie Baird, Maurice & Mgt Carroll.

**Sun 2nd 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** Costelloe & O'Donoghue Family, Ennis & Cork.

**11.30am:** Ann O'Sullivan, Swords, Co. Dublin.

Patrick Howard, St. Michael's Villas.

Edward Baker, Hermitage.

Mick, Mai & Carmel Finn.

Kathleen & Christy O'Donovan, Clonraodmore.

Kieran Cleary, Kilmihil.

Patricia Graham, **MM** & Margaret, "Prague", Cusack Rd.

**Newly Baptised**

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



**Ellie Rose O'Connor.**

**Riadh Pauline Carmel**

Clohesy

**Cathedral Renovation Appeal**

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €20 & €10. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

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**Columbarium**



Joseph O'Neill from Eternum Columbarium will be available to meet people at the Columbarium in the Cathedral on Tuesday and Wednesday. To book an appointment ring 085 2148301

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**Céilí at Cois na hAbhna**

Sunday March 26th, 3pm - 6pm with The Star of Munster Céilí band. Admission €10. 065 68 24276 [www.coisnhabhna.ie](http://www.coisnhabhna.ie)

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**Rekindle: Festival of Lost Skills**

is happening on May 14th in The Courthouse Gallery Ennistymon and have shared an open call for involvement in this year's event. Seeking participants including: older people with lost skills to exhibit, market stall holders, local businesses with traditional products and festival volunteers. You can find out more at their Coffee Morning on Thursday 6th April 2023 for 10am - 12pm at The Courthouse Gallery Ennistymon or get in touch with Katie on 083 1500 535 / [www.rekindle@ourcommonknowledge.org](http://www.rekindle@ourcommonknowledge.org)

**St. Joseph's**



**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

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

**Sun 26th 10am:** Brid McMahon, Kevin Barry Avenue.

Seamus Mac Mathúna, Dublin & Cooraclare.

**1st Anniv.**

**11.45am:** Mary **1st Anniv.** & Joe Moroney, Corrovorrin, Tulla Rd.

Frank O'Connor, Oak Park. **1st Anniv.**

Paul Glynn, Corrovorrin.

**Mon 10.30am:** Patrick & Michael Clancy, Clancy Pk.

**Tues 10.30am:** Joe Skelly, New Road.

**Wed 10.30am:** Harry Ballinger, Gort Rd.

Edwin Twomey, Mellor, Blackburn.

Deceased members Mc Mahon family.

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

**Fri 10.30am:** Packie Murrhly, Mullagh.

Elizabeth & Martin O'Donohue, Corofin & decd family.

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

**7pm:** Michael Devitt, St. Senan's Road.

**Sun 2nd 10am:** Denis & Bridie Greer, Shannon Pk.

**11:45am:** John McCabe, Newpark, Roslevan.

M.J. Twomey, Roslevan.

**First Confessions**

The children from Ennis CBS will celebrate the Sacrament on Tuesday @ 7.30pm in St. Joseph's Church.

**Men's Rosary'** will take place this Saturday, April 1st and every First Saturday of the month at The Square, Ennis at 1pm. Men led, all are welcome.

**Holy Face Public Vigil** will be held at O'Connell Square on Good Friday 7th April from 12 noon to 1pm. This is a 32 county event. All are welcome.



**Ennis Lions' Club** has been serving the needy and disadvantaged of Ennis and its environs for over 40 years. We are currently open to new members with a similar ethos. The Club meets on the 1st Thursday each month at 7.30pm in the Old Ground Hotel/Zoom. Please contact: [info@ennislionsclub.ie](mailto:info@ennislionsclub.ie)

**Irish Cancer Society Charity Shop,** Woodquay are looking for donations of clothes, bric a brac, books and furniture needed for our shop. Help us help others while raising vital funds for Irish Cancer Society. Big thank you to all our volunteers and customers for ongoing support and donations.

**Trócaire**

As the weeks move towards the great week of Holy Week, a gentle reminder not to forget the cry of the poor as we thank God for what we have and often take for granted.



**Cloughleigh**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

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

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

Ennis Parish  
 Development Fund  
 for St Patrick's Day  
 and Sunday 19th March,

Fund **€8,015.00**  
 Online **€358.00**



### Confirmation

"Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" - the words that are spoken as candidates for Confirmation are anointed with the oil of Chrism. With this

Sacrament, all become a full member of God's Church; as the Apostles received the gift of the Holy Spirit and set out to do great works in the name of God, so now those who are confirmed are given the responsibility of sharing in the life and work of the church. By using this wonderful gift they can become closer to God and Jesus, helping others and helping to make this world a better place. All this is possible because as Jesus told his followers, when they receive the Holy Spirit, they will be his witnesses. We pray for each and everyone of our newly-confirmed; we pray for all of us confirmed; may the Holy Spirit guide us in the Way of the Lord.

### 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

### Lent 2023

#### Holy Week

Begins next week. Palm Sunday with the blessing of the Palm at all masses.

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  
Saturday after the Vigil Mass

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## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### An Cúigiú Domhnach den Charghas.

Inniu an cúigiú Domhnach den Charghas. Tá an séasúr beannaithe ag teacht chun deiridh agus an tSeachtain Mhór ag druidim níos gaire dúinn. Sa soiscéal faoi Lazarus feicimid daonnacht Íosa. Is léir gur cairde móra d'Íosa Máire, Martha agus Lazarus. Tagann an bás chucu. Leanann an brón agus an briseadh croí. Labhraíonn Martha le hÍosa ag gearáin "A Thiarna, dá mbeifeá anseo ní bhfaigheadh mo dheartháir bás". (Eoin11:21). Bhí trua ag Íosa di agus ghlaoigh sé de ghlór ard "A Lazarus tar amach" agus dúirt Íosa "scaoiligi é agus ligigi chun siúil é" (Eoin11:43). Go raibh muinín againn as Íosa in am an ghéatair cosúil le Martha. Go raibh focail Íosa linn i gcónaí " Is mise an tAiséirí agus an Bheatha".(Eoin 11:25) *Go raibh Íosa ina réalta eolais againn inár ndeacrachtaí agus inár spríocanna go léir agus go raibh dóchas agus creideamh againn as, chomh maith le grá mór. Áiméan.*

This is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The holy season is coming to an end and Holy Week is approaching. In today's Gospel we see the humanity of Jesus. Mary, Martha and Lazarus are friends of Jesus. When Lazarus dies they are broken hearted. Martha speaks to Jesus: "Lord, if thou had been here, my brother would not have died." (John11:21). Jesus was sorry for her and He cried out in a loud voice "Lazarus, come forth.....Untie him and let him go free" (John 11:43). May we have confidence in Jesus in our hour of need as Martha had. May the words of Jesus be always with us. "I am the Resurrection and the Life" (John11:25) *May Jesus be our guiding light in times of difficulty and in all our aspirations. May we have faith and hope in Him together with great love. Amen*

### Safeguarding



The Diocese of Killaloe is offering two opportunities for training in safeguarding of children. **Wednesday 29th March 7-9pm** in the Oakwood Arms Hotel, Shannon. **Saturday 7th April 11am—1pm** (Zoom) The training is for those who have a Ministry with children and who have not attended a refresher course in the last three years. To reserve a place, please email: [office@killaloeodiocese.ie](mailto:office@killaloeodiocese.ie) Confirmation of booking will be sent to you by email.

### Ukrainian Liturgy

We welcome a Priest from Ukraine who will celebrate the Lenten Liturgy for people from Ukraine in the Cathedral on this Sunday at 4pm.

If you know a Ukrainian neighbour or friend please share this information with them.



### 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](mailto:joewalshstours.ie) Franciscan Pilgrimage 22nd September. Autumn Diocesan Pilgrimage 2nd October. All from Shannon Airport is less than two hours.

### Summertime

Officially begins this weekend.



Clocks go forward one hour

### Lenten Prayer Talks



The final talk in the present series on prayer will take place on this Monday night from 8pm—9.15pm in the Maria Assumpta Hall, Station Rd.

The speaker this week is Gerard Lynch, Catechist, New Minister, Pastoral Worker of the Diocese who will speak on the practical aspects of Lectio Divina, a method of prayer and reflection on the Scriptures and our lived experience. Followed by a facilitated discussion.

### Rest in Peace

**Amarach Ozioma**, Nigeria, sister in law of Doris Akujobi, Dun na hInse;

**Barry Kelly**, Woodlane, Birr, Co. Offaly, son of Pat & Barbara, Castlewood Park.;

**Sr. Veronica (Maureen) Carey FCJ**, Maryville Residence FCJ, Laurel Hill, Limerick and late of Leitrim, Cree, and Bruff, Co. Limerick, sister of Michael Carey, Loughville.

**Michael Mulligan**, Ennis & Roscommon; brother of Bridie Moroney, Cusack Rd.;

**Seán Mulkeen**, brother of Marian Mannion, Edenvale;



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God,  
And plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
For you, O God, are my strength.

## 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 prophet Ezekiel

Ezk 37:12:14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

*Response: With the Lord there is mercy  
And fullness of redemption.*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive  
To the voice of my pleading.

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If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:  
For this we revere you.

R

My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord  
More than watchman for daybreak.  
(Let the watchman count on daybreak  
And Israel on the Lord).

R

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
And fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
From all its iniquity.

R

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Rm 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not

belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life,

says the Lord;

Whoever believes in me will never die.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jn 11:1-45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already.

When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,  
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have

prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me.

But I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me,

so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in 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 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 forgive-  
ness of sins and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead and the life of the  
world to come. Amen.

## Communion Antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in me will  
not die for ever, says the Lord