

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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Second Sunday of Lent (Year A) 5th March, 2023

Peter spoke to Jesus, "Lord", he said, 'it is wonderful for us to be here.' There came a voice which said, "This is my son, the beloved, he enjoys my favour, listen to him."

The call of the Lord to listen to him was a central theme among the very large gathering of Parish Pastoral Council representatives in the Inn at Dromoland Hotel on Thursday 19th January this year as they sought direction on how best to nourish our parish faith communities in the face of many challenges in the coming years.

It was comforting to see so many people conversing and mapping out a fruitful path, in time for our Christian communities going forward.

Like the disciples on Mount Tabor, this listening to the Lord in the comforting presence of people of like minded faith was like a radio mast on top of a present day mountain broadcasting its waves back and forth in search of a deeper spiritual nourishment in parish and diocesan everyday life.

What the poet W.B. Yeats described as an "impulse of delight", in search of personal and spiritual fulfilment, our world is frantically searching for that inner radiance of a deep personal peace and fulfilment which the Lord offered the disciples on Mount Tabor and is similarly offering to you and me in our time.

Let us have our candles lit, our prayers offered as we assist the representatives of our Parish Pastoral Council in the Diocese of Killaloe to proclaim the Gospel, witness to that Gospel and assume our Christian responsibilities in everyday parish life.

This is not an option but rather our Christian calling in life. Why wait!! Why let others play your part and assume your Christian responsibilities.

In the words of Jonathan Swift -

"If when we practise our Faith we are not helping ourselves or our world, bringing people closer together, are we not just adding to the world's problems."

Think of the ordinary fisherman in the Gospel and cast out your nets.



Priest on Duty 5th March, 2023
Contact Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 6.30pm: Joan Moloney, Considine Rd. **1st Anniv.**
 Moira Coffey, Claureen Drive.
 John, Maisie, Jim & Martin Bradley, Limerick Rd.
 John O'Sullivan, Fountain.
 Michael McGuane, Corofin.
 Bernie Kawara O'Neill, Woodhaven, Kilrush Rd. **MM.**
Sun 5th 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.
 Joan Petty, Dublin.
 Maureen Dixon, Mountain View. **MM.**
Mon 7.40am: James & Maura Doohan, Lissycasey.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: PJ Cleary, Gallows Hil, Nora Fogarty, Dublin & Sr. Lelia Cleary, MMM, Drogheda.
Tues:7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: John Jordan, England & Mayo.
7.30pm: Seán Dinan, St. Michael's Villas.
 William, Eileen & John Kerin, Hermitage.
 Tony Coffey, Clancy Park.
Ceremony of Light ENS.
Wed 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Nell Foster Smyth, Corrovarrin Crescent.
1st Anniv.
6pm: First Reconciliation - Ennis National School.
7.30pm: No intention booked.
Thurs 7.40am: Susan Meaney, Victoria Court.
1st Anniv.
11am: John & Kitty Looney, Kilmihil.
6.30pm: **First Reconciliation - Holy Family School.**
7.30pm: No intention booked.
Fri 7.40am: John Hayes, Rockmount.
11am: Ann Moroney, Cornmarket.
 Joe & Brian Sheehan, London & Ennis.
7.30pm: Deirdre Daly, Considine Rd. **MM.**
 Brid Flanagan, Loughville. **MM.**
 Gerry Woods, Knockaderry, Tulla Rd.
Sat:11am: O'Brien Family, Golf Links Rd.
 James Ward, Loughrea.
6.30pm: Frank McMahon, Loughville.
 Brassil Family, Ennis & Kilrush.
 Tom Sheehan, Brookville & Beara.
Sun 12th 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: No intention booked.
11.30am: McNamara Family, Ard na Gréine.
 Des & Peggy Carroll, Corrovarrin.
 Mary & Michael Walsh, Clonroad.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

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

Last weekend, we held an **Emergency Appeal** to help victims of the earthquake in Syria/Turkey. Your wonderful generosity raised €17,775. Thank you for responding so generously. This appeal will remain open until Wednesday.



Trócaire is an Irish Charity founded by the Bishops of Ireland to overcome the challenges of poverty and injustice in the developing world. This year Trócaire are celebrating their 50th Anniversary and their Lenten campaign focuses on the Mahat Family in Gedo, Somalia who have had to leave their home because of drought, climate change, conflict and acute food shortage. Trócaire will be working with local partners to provide essential healthcare, food programmes and education to displaced people. During the season of Lent, we have a great tradition of supporting Trócaire and the Trócaire boxes are available in our churches.

ENNIS bookclub Welcome to Ennis to all visitors participating in Ennis Book Club Festival.

Newly Baptised
We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Alison Ella O'Loughlin
Emma Rose Costin
Seán Ronan Fearon
Juana Rose Milar



St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: No intention booked.
Sun 5th 10am: Paddy Greene, Corrovarrin Ave.
 Vincent Greene, Bedford, UK & Corrovarrin Ave.
11.45am: Pat O'Malley, Cloverhill. **MM.**
 Mary Curtin, Willow Park.
 Maureen Fox, Roslevan.
Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.
Tues 10.30am: Helen O'Brien, Caherfeenick, Cree. **MM.**
Wed 10.30am: Pat Fitzpatrick, Coraveen, Lifford. **1st Anniv.**
Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.
Fri 10.30am: Patrick & Mary Finlay, Portumna.
Sat: 10.30am: Matt O'Connor, New Road.
 John Burke, Carlow.
 Michael McMahon, Coolmeen.
 Mary, James & John Sexton, Ballard, Miltown Malbay.
 Jim O'Driscoll & O'Driscoll Family, Castleconnell & Ennis.
7pm:
Sun 12th 10am: Maura Cavanagh, Pine Grove.
11.45am: Joan & Tristan Crowe, Willow Park.

Thanks to all who have left plastic bottles into St. Joseph's for Holy Water purposes. Unfortunately juice or soft drink bottles are not suitable so please recycle these elsewhere.

Sum of money was found in St Joseph's recently; if you think it is yours please contact Fr David.

Education Fund Appeal

Each year on the first Sunday of March, we ask for your support in the education of students to the priesthood for our Diocese. At present we have one student in formation and two others discerning their vocations. The white envelopes in your box can be used for this appeal and please continue to pray for vocations.

Feast of St. Senan



On Wednesday 8th March, we celebrate the feast of one of our Diocesan Saints, St. Senan. Tradition has it that he is a Clare man and one of the twelve Apostles of Ireland. Having travelled and studied in Europe, he returned to Ireland, where he established a church and monastery at Iniscarra in Co. Cork. He then moved back to West Clare and founded his monastery on Scatterry Island off the coast of Kilrush where he died

Adoration

To facilitate the celebration of First Confession, there will be no adoration on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Adoration as normal on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 5pm to 7pm in the Cathedral.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Ennis Parish
 Development Fund
 for Sunday, 26th February

Fund **€4,792**
 Online **€205**

Ceremony of Light

On Tuesday at 7.30pm Mass, students and their parents from Ennis National School will take part in the Ceremony of Light in preparation for Confirmation on March 24th. Please keep these students in your prayers.

First Confession

On Wednesday at 6pm in the Cathedral children from Ennis National School will celebrate their First Confession.

On Thursday at 6.30pm in the Cathedral, children from Holy Family School will celebrate the Sacrament for the first time.

We ask you to pray for the children and their parents as they prepare for these Sacraments.

Lent 2023



Lent is a time when we can stop and look at our lives and our relationship with Jesus.

It's a time when we are called to make sacrifices, to deny ourselves so that we can realise that we need God in every part of our lives. We invite you to join us in this pilgrimage through Lent.

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are the tools of Lent

- PRAYER** - commit to a daily prayer.
FAST - commit to eating three meals per day.
ALMSGIVING - commit to donating to Trócaire.

Be Brave, Embrace Lent

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday
Cathedral 7.30am.

Daily Mass: 7.40am Cathedral.
7.45am Poor Clares.
9.30am Cloughleigh.
10am Friary.
11am & 7.30pm
Cathedral

Stations of The Cross: 8pm Friday
Cathedral.

Lenten Talks on Prayer: Monday, 13th,
20th, 27th March 8pm—
9.15pm in the Maria
Assumpta Hall, Station Rd.

Féileacáin—Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Association of Ireland.

Spring Remembrance Service at Church of the Holy Family Family, Mervue, Galway on Sunday 12th march 3pm. A place for families to remember babies lost through stillbirth or neo-natal death. All welcome.

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 info@joewalstours.ie. Booking forms are also available from the Parish Office. Franciscan Pilgrimage on 22nd September. Autumn Diocesan Pilgrimage 2nd October. Flights from Shannon Airport. Travel time is less than two hours to Lourdes.

Matt Talbot Prayer Society

Monthly Mass praying for all suffering or sharing in the life of addiction on this Monday at 7.30pm Mass in the Cathedral.

The annual Lenten Novena continues this Wednesday at 7pm in SS Peter & Paul Church, Tulla. Preacher this week is Fr. Iggy McCormack.

Type 2 Diabetes Education Evening

Diabetes Ireland free information evening for adults living with Type 2 Diabetes, their families, carers or health professionals Meet the team from the Chronic Disease Hub, Ennis at Old Ground Hotel, Station Road, Ennis, Wednesday March 8th 6:00pm – 7:30pm Drop in event – you are welcome to attend at any time.

REST IN PEACE



Brendan Smyth, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin & Cavan,

brother of Brid Flanagan, Roslevan

Leo Whittaker, Cregaún, Tobartaoscain,

Kevin Hallahan, Dublin,
father of Paula Carroll, Riverside;

Aidan Spooner, Clonroad Mews.

Mai Carroll, Tralee,
mother of Séan Carroll, Riverside;

Paddy McMahon, Spencilhill.

Peggy Hand, Dublin,
mother of Una Patton, Fernhill, Gort Rd.

Peig de hÓra, Kerry,
sister of Máire Uí Mhaoileóin, College Green

Eileen Delaney, Kilmaley Road, Hermitage,
& Limerick City.

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

An Dara Domhnach den Charghas

Ar an dara Domhnach den Charghas, feicimid Íosa ag cur an bháis ar ceal agus an bheatha shiorraí chun solais. Cuirtear dhá mhór eachtra i scéal Íosa os ár gcomhair sna léachtaí inniu. Chuir Dia in iúl d' Abrahám go mbeadh beannacht ar a shliocht. Aithníonn formhór na gCríostaithe, Abrahám mar a n-athair. Bhí Dia dílis do gach ar gheall Sé agus sheol Sé an pobal tofa go talamh Ísrael.

Feicimid fis eile chomh héachtach céanna. Bhí dóchas ag teastáil ó na deisceabail sular thosaigh Íosa Turas na Croise agus a Pháis. Sheol Sé Peadar, Séamas agus Eoin suas Cnoc Tabor. Chonaic siad Íosa agus é faoi chló nua lonrach agus Maois agus Éilias in éineacht leis. Tar éis Claochlathie ar an sliabh thuig na deisceabail nár ghnáthduine a bhí in Íosa. Labhair Peadar: "A Thiarna," ar seisean le hÍosa, "is maith mar tharla anseo sinn: más maith leat é, déanfaidh mé trí bhoth san áit seo, ceann duit féin, ceann do Mhaois agus ceann d'Éilias." Ní raibh siad ag súil le seo. Chuala siad glór as na scamail "Is é seo mo Mhac mhuirneach dár thug mé gnaoi: éistigi leis. (Matha 17:1-5) *Bhí eagla an domhain ar na deisceabail ach labhair Íosa leo.* "Éirígi," ar seisean; "ná bíodh eagla oraibh." Ar dhearcadh suas dóibh, ní raibh neach ar bith le feiceáil acu ach Íosa féin amháin. *Go raibh an creideamh ina údar dóchais agus síochána dúinn. A Thiarna éist linn. Áiméan.*

Second Sunday of Lent

On the second Sunday of Lent we see Jesus triumph over death and promising eternal life. In the readings today, we see two major events in the life of Jesus. God makes known to Abraham that his descendants will be blessed. Most Christians recognise recognised Abraham as father. God was faithful to all he promised and he sent the chosen people into the land of Israel. We see another vision. The disciples needed hope from Jesus before his Passion and Death. He took Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor. He was transfigured before them in the presence of Moses and Elijah. After the Transfiguration the disciples realised that Jesus was not an ordinary person. Peter said "Lord it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tabernacles, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." Suddenly they heard a voice "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, listen to him", (Matthew 17:1-5). *The disciples were afraid and Jesus spoke to them "Arise" he said "and do not be afraid" On looking up they saw nobody only Jesus. May our faith be a source of hope and peace in our lives. Lord hear us. Amen.*

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken:

Seek his face.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

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 12.1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.'

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**R: May your love be upon us, O Lord,
As we place all our hope in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

R.

The Lord looks on those
who revere him,
On those who hope in his love,
To rescue their souls from death,
To keep them alive in famine.

R.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
As we place all our hope in you.

R.

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy.

2 Tm 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

"This is my Son, the Beloved.

Listen to Him! "

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but

only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

**This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.**