

# 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;

Email: [info@ennisparish.com](mailto:info@ennisparish.com)

St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

Ennis Parish Web Site: <http://www.ennisparish.com>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ennis.parish>

## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY (Year A) 16th April, 2023

### Divine Mercy Sunday

April 16<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm

St's Peter & Paul,

Ennis Cathedral

Led by Fr. Paschal OFM

Confessions, Devotions, Mass & Benediction

The celebration of the wonderful Feast of Divine Mercy is again upon us. For a joyous and up-beat Catholic gathering please join us, in these often difficult times, bring someone who you know needs the boost and lift!

The Divine Mercy message of complete forgiveness and remission of all sins is guaranteed for all those who on Divine Mercy Sunday (or days leading up to it, St. Faustina herself, made her confession the Saturday before) receive sacramental confession and receive the Blessed Eucharist. Jesus told St. Faustina, *"My daughter, speak to the world of my in exhaustible Mercy. I desire that this feast be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, especially for poor sinners. The very depths of My Mercy will be opened on that day. I will pour out a sea of graces upon those souls that will approach the fount of My Mercy on this day."*

Jesus said, "Let no soul fear to come to Me, even if it's sins be as scarlet. This feast

emerged from the bosom of My Mercy and is founded in the depths of My Mercies. I desire that it be celebrated with great solemnity on the First Sunday after Easter".

Jesus said "The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain Complete Forgiveness of sin and punishment".



**Please join us in The Novena of Divine Mercy today for this amazing feast.**

<https://www.divinemercuryconference.com>

**Priest on Duty 16th April 2023**  
**Contact: Fr. Ger Jones 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Saturday**

**6.30pm:** Mary Forde, Caherbanna, Fountain. **1st Anniv.**  
 Margaret (Gay) MM & Joe O'Sullivan, Hermitage.  
 Nell & Mary Ryan, Stonepark, Barefield.  
 Jim Ball, Connolly Villas.  
 Dermot & Mary O'Donoghue, Kilfenora.  
 Brid McCullough, Dalcassian Drive.  
 Norrie Power, Considine Terrace.  
 Frank Roche, Dalcassian Park.

**Sun 16th 8am:** Philomena Duffy, Carrigatoher, Nenagh.

**9.30am:** Sr. Eileen O'Sullivan, Woodlands.

Eoin Boylan, Clancy Park.

**11.30am:** Joe Boland, 'Rusheen', Clonroad. **1st Anniv.**

Dr. Aidan Spooner, Clonroad Mews, Ennis. **MM.**

Paddy & Dolly Lillis, O'Connell St.

Tony Lillis, Edenvale.

Bernard Mahony, Moveen East, Kilkee.

Monica Brooks, Drumcaurin, Ennis.

Lilly Cleary, Ennis.

Martin Higgins, Drumbiggle Rd.

**Mon: 7.40am:** Michael Meaney, Lissycasey.

Sr. Eucharika Keane, Corofin.

Tom & Bridget McNamara, Lahinch.

**11am:** John & Maureen Duddy

**7.30pm:** Tony & Karen Cosgrove, Golf Links Rd;

Mary Walsh, Dublin.

Frank & Bridget O'Brien, Clonmoney.

Assumpta Whelan, Iniscarragh, St. Flannan's Drive.

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

**11am:** Simon, Mgt McCarthy & Sr. Pius McCarthy,

Clohanes, Doonbeg.

**7.30pm:** John O'Halloran & Noreen Considine,

Considine Terrace.

Thomas McGann Bellharbour

**Wed 7.40am:** Peter Finegan, St. Senan's Rd.

Bernie Nash, Tulla.

**11am:** Ryan Family.

**7.30pm:** John & Eileen Bennis, St. Joseph's St. Lmk.

**Thurs 7.40am:** No intention booked.

**11am:** Josephine & Denis Rice, Maureen McAlister,

Malone family, Francis St.

**7.30pm:** Halpin Family, late O'Connell St.

Mary, Paddy & Jack Moroney, Drehidnagower.

Katie & Jack Keane, Clonlara

Fr. Tony Cronin, late Clonroad & Kiltteegan Fathers.

**Fri 7.40am:** Mass for the People.

**11am:** Mary Sullivan, Mullagh.

**7.30pm:** Michael O'Callaghan, Hermitage. **MM**

Gerard Shannon, Boloughera, Lissycasey. **1st Anniv**

**Sat: 11am:** Dwain Walzer U.S.A.

Margaret Marshall Hartigan, Limerick & Ennis. **1st Anniv**

**6.30pm:** Gertie Byrnes, Newcastle, Athenry. **1st Anniv**

Brid, Michael & Breda Howard, Glenina, Gort Rd. &

Claureen House, Lahinch Rd.

Joe Moloney, Claureen.

Rita Kenny, Hermitage.

**Sun 23rd 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** Elizabeth Neylon, Parnell St.

John Feeney, St. Michael's Villas. & Stockport, U.K.

Maire Deegan, "Ashfield", Cusack Rd.

Michael & Kitty Kenneally, Fergus Park.

**11.30am:** William McGovern, "St Martins", College View, Clare Rd.

Eddie Daly, Hermitage.

Mary Finlay, Willsgrove, Cahercalla Rd.

Christopher Keane, Fergus Park.

Enid O'Loughlin, Corrovorrin Grove.

Ellen O'Sullivan, Castlewood Park.

**Newly Baptised**

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

**Darragh John O'Reilly**

**Mikalya Rose Boachie Ansah**

**Zoe Nosipho Mwachanale**

**Páidí Francis Coote**

**Rory Owen Coyne**

**Freddie Fionn Ailles**

**Emie Aoibhe Ailles**



**Cathedral Renovation Appeal**

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €100 & €50. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

A special thank you to the Polish Community who donated €755 to the appeal over the Easter Weekend.

**Ennis Flower and Garden Club**

present Tom Downes, Askeaton, for a Garden Talk, on Tuesday April 18th, at Treacy's West County Hotel. Admission €10, non members, all are welcome, doors open at 7.30pm and garden talk commences at 8.15pm sharp, plants raffled on the night.

**Coláiste Muire**

**40th School Reunion 1982 .**

To be held at the Temple Gate on the 30th of April 2023 at 6pm. Contact Ann Malone 0872056073 by text or call, to book your place .

**Clare Roots' Society**

**Title:** The Notable Nonos of Ennis by Ghislaine De Regge, PhD

**Date:** Thursday, 20th April 2023,

at 8:00pm. **Venue:** Clare

Education Centre, Government

Buildings, Kilrush Rd, Ennis, V95

F782. Also available via Zoom.

**Are you, or is someone you know living with a long term health condition?**

If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a Free ONLINE, 6 week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few. There are spaces available on our May programmes. To book your place please contact Aine (041) 6850676 / (087) 1140371 or Joanne (041) 6860710 / (087) 4308735 or [www.hse.ie/livingwell](http://www.hse.ie/livingwell)

**St. Joseph's**



**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**7pm:** Kevin Lynch, Ennis; Kevin & Cissie Lynch, Kilrush.

Martin Cotter, St. Senan's Road.

**Sun 16th 10am:** Tommy Moloney, Marian Avenue.

**11.45am:** Gerry Jones, Orchard Lane.

Joe Daly, Lifford Rd.

**Mon 10.30am:** Paddy Keown, Corofin.

**Tues 10.30am:** No intention booked

**Wed 10.30am:** John, Winnie & Bridie Hayes, Coore.

**Thu 10.30am:** Jim McLaughlin, Ard na Greine.

**Fri 10.30am:** Margaret McMahan, Cork.

**Sat: 10.30am:** Mary Conway, Larchill.

**7pm:** Barry Coughlan, Corrovorrin Grove.

Denis McInerney, Shannon Park.

Gerald & Sheila Murray, Newmarket on Fergus;

Eddie & Pauline Lynch, Kilkee.

**Sun 23rd 10am:** Nancy Tubridy, Doonbeg.

**11.45am:** Martin & Kathleen Kelly, Old Gort Rd

& baby Emma, Toonagh.

Joe, Kitty & Sheila Glynn, Lifford Rd.

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 Sincerest apologies for the inconvenience caused to many by the publication in the last two newsletters of incorrect times for liturgies and masses in St Joseph's. In particular, apologies for the confusion that arose due to the inclusion of a mass time for Holy Saturday; we recognise that it caused inconvenience and upset for many, please accept our apologies.

Thanks to all who left bottles for refilling in the run up to Easter but at the present time we have no need for empty bottles for Holy Water in St Joseph's; please do not leave any empties in the church. Easter Water is available from the tank in the side porch.

**Cloughleigh**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sun 16th 11am:** Kevin Maxwell, Shallee Drive.

**Mon: 9.30am:** Bridget Crowe Knockerra.

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

**Sun 23rd 11am:** Flan & Fr. Frankie Cassidy, Cusack Rd.

**Rest in Peace**



**Christopher McCarthy Gammel, Roslevan;**

**Sr. Kathleen Cleary, Ardlea Close & St. Xavier's Convent**

**Angela O'Loughlin nee Skerritt, Hermitage & Lissane East, Clarecastle;**

**Mary Cornu, nee O'Connell, Tullassa & Newmarket on Fergus;**

**Rita O'Dwyer (née Sexton), Station Court;**

**Noel O'Regan, Corrovorrin Grove;**

**Joe Moloney, Hermitage & formerly Old Mill Street;**

Divine Mercy Sunday  
Divine Mercy Celebrations will take place in the Cathedral this Sunday , beginning at 2pm with Mass Celebrated at 3.30pm.



#### Gathering of Readers

All readers of the Word in all our Churches are invited to a gathering of all readers from the Pastoral Area in the Church of Our Lady Roslevan on Tuesday at 7.30pm. Fr. Barry Horan P.P., Clarinbridge will address the meeting . All readers at the weekday and weekend masses are invited to gather for a short time to reflect on the Reading of God's Word.

Thank you for your Ministry and looking forward to welcoming you on Tuesday Evening.

#### Welcome to the Franciscan Brothers

This year the Franciscan Brothers based at the Agricultural College in Mountbellew, Co. Galway are on a Mission Appeal in the Diocese of Killaloe. Next weekend the Brothers will speak at Masses in the Parish and are dependent on the prayers and generosity of others to keep their mission work in Kenya and Uganda alive. The brothers work in education in sustainable agriculture and Rural Development. They run Agricultural Colleges in both countries and were founded in Galway in the early 1800's to bring education to the rural poor of Ireland. There will be an opportunity to support their work as you leave mass next weekend.

#### Confirmation

Bishop Fintan will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the children, family and school community of St. Clare's school on Wednesday at 12noon in the Cathedral.

#### Holy Places

On Good Friday, the annual appeal to support the Christian Community in the Holy Land raised €1,335. The Christian community very much depends on this generosity as they strive to keep a christian presence in the Holy places associated with the life of Christ.

#### Priests' Easter Collection

Our thanks to all who supported the Easter Appeal last weekend. If you were away or forgot, your contribution will still be very much appreciated. Envelopes are available.

#### Trócaire

The hardest part of the Trócaire Lenten Campaign is getting the Trócaire Box from the kitchen table to the church. We ask for your help in returning all Trócaire Boxes and offerings as soon as possible and we thank all those who have done so already.

#### Sr. Kathleen Cleary RIP



Sr. Kathleen Cleary died peacefully on Easter Sunday, 09 April 2023, in Cahercalla Nursing Home, surrounded by family members and Sisters of Mercy. Kathleen is the last of her siblings to die; her sister, Teena, was buried just one week ago; she is survived by sister-in-law, Marina, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand- nephews.

Kathleen Josephine was born on 9th January 1933, to Martin Cleary and Christine Buckley, at Coolbawn, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary. She was educated at Kilbarron NS and Mercy Secondary School, Borrisokane. She joined the Sisters of Mercy at St. Xavier's, Ennis, on 24 Sept. 1952 and was known for many years as Sr. Virgilius.

Having trained as a nurse in Portiuncula, Ballinasloe, Kathleen was appointed to the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital, Ennis in 1959 and on staff there until 1991. From 1982 to 1984 and again from 1991 to 1995 Kathleen volunteered to work in the Mercy Hospital in Mutomo, Kenya. On her return she spent five years in the Mercy Mission House in Athlumney, Navan, retiring in 2000 to Ardlea Close, Ennis.

Kathleen, who was a gentle, caring, generous woman, endeared herself to family, colleagues, patients and community companions; she was creative in many areas of art, painting, embroidery, flower arranging, gardening; all was done in a most unassuming, good-humoured, quiet manner.

Kathleen received her cancer diagnosis with extraordinary equanimity and prayerful acceptance. She moved to St. Xavier's in January and to Cahercalla less than two weeks before her death. It was poignant, but in keeping with the Kathleen we knew, to read in a personal note of hers:

*"When God is calling me, let me go".*

#### 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 Franciscan Pilgrimage 22nd September. Autumn Diocesan Pilgrimage 2nd October. All from Shannon Airport is less than two hours.

## *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 ngoalainn 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

Receive the joy of your glory,  
giving thanks to God,  
who has called you into the heavenly  
kingdom, alleluia.

## 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 Acts of the Apostles

Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the  
teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to  
the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through  
the apostles made a deep impression on  
everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned  
everything in common; they sold their goods  
and possessions and shared out the proceeds  
among themselves according to what each one  
needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day  
but met in their houses for the breaking of  
bread; they shared their food gladly and  
generously; they praised God and were looked  
up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added  
to their community those destined to be saved.

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is  
good, For his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:  
His love has no end.

R.

Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His Love has no end.'

R

I was thrust, thrust down and falling  
But the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
He was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory  
In the tents of the just.

R

The stone which the builders rejected  
Has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
A marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord:  
We rejoice and are glad.

R

## A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

1 Pt 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a  
new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ  
from the dead, so that we have a sure hope  
and the promise of an inheritance that can  
never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away,  
because it is being kept for you in the  
heavens. Through your faith, God's power will  
guard you until the salvation which has been  
prepared is revealed at the end of time. This  
is a cause of great joy for you, even though  
you may for a short time have to bear being  
plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when  
Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have  
been tested and proved like gold - only it is  
more precious than gold, which is  
corruptible even though it bears testing by fire  
- and then you will have praise and glory and  
honour. You did not see him, yet you love  
him; and still without seeing him, you are  
already filled with joy so glorious that it cannot  
be described, because you believe; and you  
are sure of the end to which your faith looks  
forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus said: 'You believe because you can  
see me.'*

*Happy are those who have not seen  
and yet believe.'*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jh 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day  
of the week, the doors were closed in the  
room where the disciples were, for fear of the  
Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He  
said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed  
them his hands and his side. The disciples  
were filled with joy when they saw the Lord,  
and he said to them again, 'Peace be with  
you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:  
'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the  
Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.  
When the disciples said, 'We have seen the  
Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that  
the nails made in his hands and can put my  
finger into the holes they made, and unless I  
can put my hand into his side, I refuse to  
believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in  
the house again and Thomas was with them.  
The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and  
stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said.  
Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger  
here; look, here are my hands. Give me your  
hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but  
believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my  
God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen  
and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus  
worked and the disciples saw, but they are not  
recorded in this book. These are recorded so  
that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of God, and that believing this you may  
have life through his name.

## 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

Bring your hand and feel the place of the  
nails, And do not be unbelieving but  
believing, Alleluia