

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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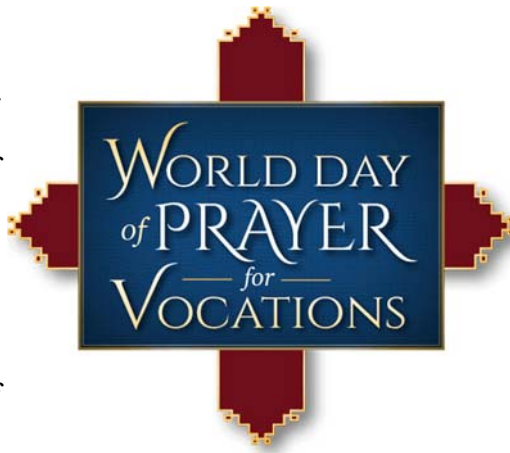
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A) 30th April, 2023

Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this Vocations Sunday the image of the Good Shepherd is placed before us for our consideration. In the gospel, Jesus declares himself to be the gate of the sheepfold. Through him all others enter the circle of God's life which provides shelter and spiritual nourishment beyond measure.

Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, devotedly and kindly takes care of his flock. The title "pastor" means shepherd. A shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects his flock. These are the responsibilities that belong to all Church leaders, parents, civil leaders, and all who are in charge of others.

One of my favourite quotes from Pope Francis on leadership comes from his reflections on being a shepherd like Jesus. He encourages us to imitate what Jesus does as he shepherds us. Sometimes Jesus walks ahead of the flock; sometimes he walks behind us; sometimes he walks alongside us. In one of his addresses to priests, he encourages them to "*be shepherds with the smell of sheep.*" (Have you ever smelled a sheep? It is really bad. No wonder someone would want to avoid it.) Getting close to the sheep, smelling of sheep, is how the shepherd teaches them to recognize his voice. This reminds us that, in the depths of our hearts, we can recognise the voice of Jesus, whom we have been so close to all our lives.



While reflecting on the uniqueness of every vocation in life, religious and lay, we must recognise the amazing challenge today in the shepherding of parenthood. Parents are the first shepherds of their children protecting them, nourishing them and pointing them in the direction of "THE GOOD SHEPHERD". May they be truly blessed as they create a sheepfold that is safe from all dangers for their little flock.

Today on Vocations Sunday we are asked to pray that the Lord will provide good shepherds to lead the flock of Christ. The late Bishop of our Diocese, Michael Harty, said many years ago that the real measure of the living Christian community was its ability to produce vocations to the priesthood and religious life. That is as true today as it ever was. God always provides shepherds according to the need so we shouldn't grow disheartened if the numbers do not seem to add up.

So let our prayer be:

Jesus, Good Shepherd, as you called your disciples, you call us now.

Open our ears to listen to you calling;

Open our eyes to see you;

Open our hearts to your love.

And loving you, our servant King, let us love and serve one another. Amen

Priest on Duty: Fr. David Carroll
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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Mary Carroll, Kilrush Rd.
 Bridie & Michael O'Donoghue, Limerick Rd.
 Tadeus Mirowski. **1st Anniv**

Sun 30th 8am: No intentions booked.

9.30am: Teresa and William Clohessy, Drumcliffe.
 Anna Clohessy, Hermitage.

11.30am: Mary Kears, Connolly Villas. **1st Anniv**
 Ruth Hanley, Willsgrove.
 Ann Mc Mahon, Morrissey Avenue.
 John Fitzpatrick, Linnane's Terrace & Tullassa;
 Franck Kierse, Loughville.
 Francis Anthony McDonnell, Parnell St & Philippines.
 Bernadette O'Loughlin, Noreen Hogan, Caroline
 Hanley, Patsy Garrihy, Siobhán Mullaly,
 Coláiste Muire Class of 1982.

Mon: 7.40am Bank Holiday - No 7.40am Mass.
11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: John & Rachel O'Loughlin & Family, Ennis.
 Alicia Krystianowicz.
 Valerie Gleeson, Cork.
 George Metcalfe, New Rd.
 Matt Talbot Prayer Society.

Tues 7.40am: Book of Intentions.
11am: Eileen & Jim Kennedy, Shannon & Gort Rd.

7.30pm: Jimmy Kelly, Kilrush Rd.
 Brid Dillon, Ivy Hill & Ard na Gréine.

Wed 7.40am: Joe McInerney, Doora & Texas.
11am: Bernard Kennedy, Limerick.
7.30pm: Niall Mahony, Clancy Park.

Thurs 7.40am: Josef Pavelka, Ennis.
11am: Patrick Keane, McNamara Park.

7.30pm: Pat McCullagh, Tulla Rd.
 David Slattery, John Paul Ave.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Paddy, Kathleen & Kieran O'Loughlin,
 St. Michael's Villas.

7.30pm: Noel Fawl, Gordon Drive, Cloughleigh.
 Bridget Egan, Corofin.

Sat:11am: No intention booked.
6.30pm: Joe Arthur, Gort Rd.
 Paschal Molloy, Hermitage.
 Bernie & Mary Hennessy, Kilkee.

Sun 7th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Monsignor Ignatius Murphy, Kilkee.
 Costelloe & O'Donoghue Family, Ennis & Cork.

11.30am: Michael Woods, Circular Rd. MM. &
 Internment of Ashes.
 James Naughton, Dalcassian Drive.
 Margaret Staunton, Gallows Hill.
 Patrick & Joan Barry, St. Senan's Rd.
 Anne Mangan, Turnpike Rd.
 Owen Linnane, Parnell St.
 Janelle Nelson, London.
 James Kelly, Collins Park.

Newly Baptised

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



Tadhg Daniel Hayes

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

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

First Holy Communion

On Saturday next the children from Ennis National School will celebrate First Holy Communion at the 11am mass in the Cathedral.

Matt Talbot Prayer Society

The monthly mass for the Society, praying for all suffering or sharing in the life of addictions takes place at the 7.30pm mass this Monday in the Cathedral.

100 Years Young

We congratulate Mary Kennedy, Francis Street who on this Monday 1st May celebrates her 100th Birthday. Mary was born into the Doohan family in Pitfield, Lissycasey and is currently in residence at Ennis Nursing Home0.

Clare Animal Welfare

The local animal rescue charity is hosting a "Meet & Greet" of rescue dogs in Madrassori Doggy Day Care Centre in Doora Industrial Estate on this Sunday April 30th from 12noon to 3pm. People interested in fostering or adopting a dog are welcome and full information will be given CAW personnel.

The SFO monthly Mass and Office will take on this Wednesday 3rd May at 10am. All are welcome

Milford Care Centre will hold its Annual Service of Remembrance on Sunday 14th May commencing at 3pm in Our Lady Help of Christians Church Milford, Limerick V94DK44. We will remember all those who died under our care between 2019-2022. Further information on the service can be got from the Pastoral Care Team, Tel 061 485907 or 485908.

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Joe Conway, Corrovorrin.
 Teresa Kalkhof nee Downes, New York & Mullagh.
 Nora Ryan, Old Gort Rd.
 Kathleen Egan, "Feighmane", Roslevan, Tulla Rd.

Sun 30th 10am: Flan Roberts, Kincora Park. MM

11.45am: Christina O'Loughlin, Corrovorrin Grove.

Mon 10.30am: Bank Holiday—No Mass

Tues 10.30am: Stephen O'Halloran, Ennis & Liverpool. **1st Anniv.**

Wed 10.30am: Eileen Leydon, London.
 Mary & Mickey O'Gorman, Marian Ave,

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: Eileen Cosgrove, Kincora Park.

Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.

7pm: Frank Gibbons, Kincora Park.
 Teresa Cullinan, Ballylannidy, Shanaway.MM

Sun 7th 10am: No intention booked.

11.45am: Griffin Family, Loughburke, Kilmaley.
 Tommy Guilfoyle, St. Clare's Close, Gallows Hill.
 Jerry Hayes, Pine Grove. **1st Anniv.**
 John Doohan, Kincora Park.
 Mary Cornu, Tullassa. MM

Safeguarding Month



During our safeguarding month in the Diocese, we ask you to keep in your prayers those affected by abuse, violence and war. Using the words of Khalil Gibran *'Safeguarding the rights of others is the most noble and beautiful end of a human being.'* The Diocesan Adult safeguarding Policy (adults at risk of abuse) is available on the Safeguarding pages of the Diocesan website.
www.killalodiocese.ie/safeguarding

Darkness into Light



This annual walk supporting the work of Pieta House takes place all over the country next Saturday Morning at 4:15am. The walk in Ennis will begin at the CBS primary school at 4:15am and you can register online, where you can also make a donation. Once again this year our Cathedral will open its doors to everyone from 3:30am on Saturday Morning. Please feel free to call in and light a candle or say a prayer for loved ones lost or friends or family who may be struggling at this time. A Priest will be available in the Cathedral from 3:30am on for anyone who would like a prayer, a blessing or the sacraments.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 30th Eugene White, Mungret & Considine Rd.
Mon: 9.30am: Bank Holiday - No Mass.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 7th 11am: Michael O'Doherty, Childers Rd.
 Irene, Anne & Michael Cunningham, Miltown Malbay.

Ennis Parish
 Development Fund
 for Sunday 23rd April

Fund **€5,610.70**
 Online **€104.50**

First Friday May. 5th May is the First Friday of the month. Sick and housebound parishioners will receive Sacraments at home. If you know of any parishioner who is housebound and who would like to receive the Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office.

VHI Women's Mini Marathon 2023.



Martina & Margaret are taking part in the VHI Mini Marathon. We've chosen to fundraise for **Ennis Cathedral Renovation Fund and Samaritans Ennis**. All funds raised will go directly to these great causes. We hope you can help us by donating whatever you can. Simply visit our fundraising page on iDonate.ie (Martina & Margaret's Mini Marathon Fundraising Page 2023), scan the QR code which will bring you directly to our page.

All donations are processed securely. Alternatively you can personally drop your donations into the Parish Office.



Many Thanks for your support,
Martina & Margaret

May the Month of Mary

We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly during May.

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flowers of the rarest
bring blossoms the fairest,
from gardens and woodlands
and hillside and dale;

Our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Chorus:

*O Mary we crown thee
with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels
and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee
with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels
and Queen of the May.*

Rosary in honour of Our Lady

- Dalcassian Park daily @ 6pm
- Hermitage Grotto daily @ 6.30pm
- Marian Avenue Grotto daily @ 7pm
- Corrovorrin Crescent daily @ 7pm
- Buttermilk Grotto daily @ 7pm
- St. Michael's Villas daily @ 7.30pm
- Loughville Grotto daily @ 8pm
- Fountain Grotto daily @ 8.30pm

RIP

Xavier Marcas, son of Sebastian & Sinead Kraszkiwicz, Bramble Lane, Limerick Rd.

Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice

Edmund Rice was born in 1762 in Callan, Co. Kilkenny. After completing his education he moved to Waterford and was apprenticed to an uncle, a supplier to the many ships visiting its growing port.

Edmund eventually took over the expanding business and it prospered. In 1785 he married Mary Elliot. Soon after the birth of their only child in 1789 she died. Their daughter named after his wife was raised by Edmund with the help of family.

Because catholic education was at the time denied to Ireland's poor, Edmund decided to right the wrong. In 1802 he began the ministry of education and caring for young boys, a mission that continues today with co-education.

Two congregations developed from the foundation laid that year. The Christian Brothers and the Presentation Brothers. Edmund guided both until his death in 1844. The first Christian Brothers arrived in Ennis 25 years after Edmund started education in 1827.

One hundred and ninety six years later the work of the Brothers continues in this town. In partnership with lay teachers and parents the Brothers' presence is very much seen in New Road.

On Friday next, the Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice, the next chapter of the Edmund Rice story here in Ennis will unfold with the official opening and blessing of the new CBS Primary School.

This occasion is an opportunity to publicly thank the Brothers for laying a great foundation of education and faith in this town for almost 200 years and for giving so many all that we need to live life and live it fully.

In the words of the great poet, the late Brendan Kenneally in his poem

"The Essential".

"Though we live in a world,
that dreams of ending,
that always seems about to give in,
something that will not
Acknowledge conclusion,
insists that we forever begin".

We wish every blessing here in Ennis to the present community, Brothers Donal, Seán, Dick, Michael and Denis as they celebrate the feast of Blessed Edmund on Friday and continue to carry the flame lit by Edmund Rice here in Ennis.

Bank Holiday Monday

Masses in Ennis on this day are as follows:

8:30am	Poor Clares
10:00am	Friary
11:00am	Cathedral
7.30pm	Cathedral

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

Machnamh

Leagann an Eaglais an-bhéim ar, go bhfuil Críost i láthair ina bhriathar, mar is é Críost a labhraíonn gach uair a léitear an scríoptúr sa liotúirge. Tugann léacht an Bhiobla an sean agus an nua le chéile dúinn, an bhri ba chiall leis céadúair agus faoi mar is féidir sin a chur in oiriúint do thosaí an lae inniu, nó fiú do cheisteanna fós le teacht. Ní theagmháil aigne, inleachtach lom amháin atá anseo, mar tá Críost i láthair lena Spiorad, lena ghrásta.

Agus, ar ndóigh, tá sé i láthair i modh faoi leith san Eocairist, i mbriseadh an aráin, gníomh a thugann chun cuimhne dúinn na bríonna iomadúla a bhí le briseadh an aráin do íosa féin lena bheatha agus tar éis aiséirí dó.

The Church places great emphasis on the presence of Christ in his word, as it is Christ who speaks every time scripture is read in the liturgy. The Bible reading brings together the old and the new, the meaning it meant for the first time and how this can be adapted to today's circumstances, or even your questions are still to come. This is not just a touch of mind, a bare intellectual, because Christ is present with his Spirit, with his grace.

And, of course, it is present in a particular method in the Eucharist, in the breaking of the bread, an act that reminds us of the many meanings of break the bread for Jesus himself with his life and after your resurrection.

Franciscan Brothers

Bro. Brian Johnson OSF from the Franciscan Brothers, Clara, Co. Offaly who made a Mission Appeal in the Cathedral last weekend wishes to thank parishioners and mass goers who contributed **€5,539** to their missions in Kenya and Uganda. Every cent collected will go directly to the Brothers and the people they work with on their missions.

Vocations' Sunday



"You have not chosen me but I have chosen you"

The year for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood begins this weekend. "Take the risk for Christ" is the chosen theme in calling people to discern their vocation and in calling for people to pray for vocations.

In our parish we have two young men presently discerning their vocation. Mark Nestor (Diocesan Priesthood) and Ian Cunningham (Franciscan). Please pray for them. At the present time two other men are being accompanied in a process of discerning. Please keep them in your prayers.

Divine Liturgy



Fr. Mykola CSSR, a Redemptorist Priest from Ukraine will celebrate Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral this Sunday Afternoon at 4pm. Please share with your Ukrainian friends and neighbours.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
By the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, 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 Ac 2:14.36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with
the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a
loud voice: "The whole House of Israel can be
certain that God has made this Jesus whom
you crucified both Lord and Christ."

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and
said to Peter and the apostles, "What must
we do, brothers?" "You must repent," Peter
answered "and every one of you must be
baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the
forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the
gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was
made is for you and your children, and for all
those who are far away, for all those whom
the Lord our God will call to himself." He
spoke to them for a long time using many
arguments, and he urged them, "Save your-
selves from this perverse generation." They
were convinced by his arguments, and they
accepted what he said and were baptised.
That very day about three thousand were
added to their number.

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 first letter of St. Peter 1 Pt 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing
punishment patiently when you are pun-
ished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called
to do, because Christ suffered for you and
left an example for you to follow the way he
took. He had not done anything wrong, and
there had been no perjury in his mouth. He
was insulted and did not retaliate with in-
sults; when he was tortured he made no
threats but he put his trust in the righteous
judge. He was bearing our faults in his own
body on the cross, so that we might die to
our faults and live for holiness; through his
wounds you have been healed. You had
gone astray like sheep but now you have
come back to the shepherd and guardian of
your souls.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord:
I know my own sheep and my own know
me.*

Alleluia!

Reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jn 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, any-
one who does not enter the sheepfold
through the gate, but gets in some other
way is a thief and a brigand. The one who
enters through the gate is the shepherd of
the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the
sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls
his own sheep and leads them out. When
he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead

of them, and the sheep follow because they
know his voice. They never
follow a stranger but run away from him: they
do not recognise the voice of strangers.'
Jesus told them this parable but they failed to
understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of
them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will
be safe:

he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

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 for-
giveness of sins and I look forward to the res-
urrection of the dead and the life of the world
to come. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

**The Good Shepherd has risen,
Who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia**