

# 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>

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## The Ascension of the Lord

Year A

21st May, 2023

Between Easter Day and Pentecost, we celebrate that time of transition during which the risen Jesus vanishes from the sight of his disciples only to open up a new way of relating to them.

Thanks to the Holy Spirit this new presence of Jesus is established in his word, the sacraments our neighbour and especially the apostolate.

As if by a bridge spanning a river so the disciples had now to leave the familiar bank of the natural presence of Jesus and cross to the other side where they will be taken hold of by the risen Lord.

St. Leo the Great (in sermon 73:4)

*“where the Glorious Head has gone before, the body is called to follow in hope let us therefore exult, dearly-beloved, as is fitting and let us rejoice in devout thanksgiving.*

*For on this day not only are we confirmed in our possession of paradise, but have also entered Heaven in the person of Christ; and through His grace we have regained far more than we have lost through the devil's hatred.”*

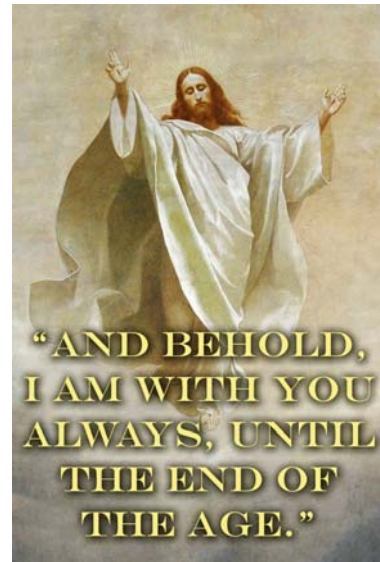
The Ascension is the turning point between Jesus' own ministry and the era of the mission of the church.

Luke tells us in the acts of the Apostles 1:8

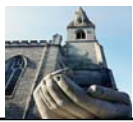
*“you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you shall be my witnesses to the uttermost parts of the earth.”*

In today's Gospel Matthew: 28:16-20) Jesus came to the eleven disciples on the mountain in Galilee and these were his last words

*“All authority has been given to me in Heaven and on earth. Go and make disciples of all nations baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit teaching them to observe all things that I commanded you. Behold I am with you always even to the end of age”. Amen*



**Priest on Duty 21st May**  
**Contact Fr. Tom Ryan: 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat 6.30pm:** Ted Barron, The Hazels, Tulla Rd.  
 Breda Hassett, Drumbiggle Rd.  
 Christopher Rynne, Honan's Terrace.  
 PJ Cleary, Cahercalla Cross.  
 Mary Scanlan, Willow Park & Scatterry Island.

**Sun 21st 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** Mary Quinn, England & Carlow.

**11.30am:** Madge Moloney, McNamara Park.  
 Michael & Una O'Meara, Limerick Rd.  
 Noel, Mary & Patrick Ryan, Dalcassian Ave.  
 Mary & Paddy Broderick, Loughville.  
 Bridie & Tony Mahony, Hermitage.  
 Patrick Mahony, Market St.  
 Tony Mulrennan, Westfields.

**Mon: 7.40am:** Edmund Cahill, Corofin.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Nell Hanley, 'Genazzano', New Rd.  
 Martin & Anne Cronin, Drumbiggle Rd.  
 Cathal Ryan, Shanaway Rd.

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

**11am:** Nancy & Bryan MacMahon, Woodlawn.  
 Pat Roberts, U.K.

**7.30pm:** Martin Mounsey, Marian Ave. **1st Anniv.**  
 Frank & Sally O'Dea, Park Ave., Clonroad.  
 Martin & Anne Murphy, Newmarket-on-Fergus  
 & Anne O'Connor.

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

**11am:** Celine Daly, Phoenix Court.

**3pm:** Patrick Hutchinson. **1st Anniv.**

**7.30pm:** Harry Guinnane, Hermitage.

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

**11am:** Flan Ryan, Drumcliffe Rd.  
 Delia Reidy, Golf Links Rd.

**7.30pm:** Dr. Paddy Bugler, Ard na Gréine. **MM.**  
 Peter Considine, Abbey St. & Dromadrehid.

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

**11am:** First Holy Communion - St. Clare's School.

**7.30pm:** No intention booked.

**Sat: 11am:** Eileen & Owen Griffin, Pauline Lucey &  
 Una O'Donoghue (nee Griffin), Ennis.  
 John & Anne McNamara, Corofin.  
 William, Eileen & John Kerin, Hermitage.

**6.30pm:** Christy & Bridie Murphy, Hermitage.  
 Paddy O'Connell, Shanballa, Lahinch Rd.

**Sun 28th 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** Mary & Gerry Davoren, Kilcorney, Kilfenora.  
 Bridget & Michael Keane, Kilrush.

**11.30am:** Shay Moloney, Hazelwood & Ard Aoibhinn.  
 Jack Keneally, Waterpark Heights.  
 Mary Roche, Boston, Tubber.  
 John & Bridget Stokes, Limerick.  
 Ann White, College Grove.  
 Mortimer & Elizabeth Guthrie, Loughville.  
 Eamon Moloney, McNamara Park.

**1pm:** Polish Mass.

**Cathedral  
 Renovation Appeal**

In the past week tenders were issued for the renovation of the floor in the Cathedral and the replacement of padded kneelers. It is hoped that work can commence once a contractor has been appointed. We thank all who have contributed to this appeal and we look forward to the work commencing during the summer.

**Prayer for Vocations**



Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 great shepherd,  
 you know your sheep,  
 and you know  
 how to reach their hearts.  
 Give to the people  
 of the Diocese of Killaloe,  
 hearts that are open to the call  
 of the Holy Spirit.  
 Speak to the hearts of the young  
 men of our Diocese,  
 that they may hear your call  
 to follow you and serve your  
 people as priests.  
 Awaken in them  
 the courage to answer,  
 "Here I am lord, send me"

St Flannan, pray for us  
 St Senan, pray for us.  
 St John Vianney, pray for us.

**First Holy Communion**

The children of St. Clare's School will celebrate the Sacrament on Friday at the 11am Mass in the Cathedral.

**May, Month of Safeguarding**



The Diocesan Newsletter on Safeguarding is available in all our churches this weekend. This year the focus is on Vulnerable Adults in our community.

**Adoration  
 of the Blessed Sacrament**  
 Monday to Friday  
 5pm to 7pm in the Cathedral

**Newly Baptised**

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

Evie James Talty



**St. Joseph's**



**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat 7pm:** Eileen Lynch, Cahercalla.  
 Christy Rushe, College Rd.  
 Brendan Mounsey, Marian Ave.  
 Chris Hogan, Cohey, Kilfenora.

**Sun 21st 10am:** John Breslin, Sligo.  
 John, Seán & Rose O'Sullivan,  
 Kevin Barry Avenue.

**11.45am:** Paddy Power, Castlelawn, Tulla Rd. **MM.**  
 Jimmy & Dilly O'Halloran, St. Senan's Rd.

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

**Tues 10.30am:** John & Margaret McDermott,  
 Doonbeg.

**Wed 10.30am:** Donors Intention.

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

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

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

**7pm:** Eileen Murphy & Deceased Family,  
 St. Anne's Tce.  
 Liam Reidy, Gort na mBlath, Tulla Rd.

**Sun 28th 10am:** Michael & Rita Duggan, Claureen.  
 Chrissie & Seán O'Connell, The Crescent.

**11.45am:** Niall White, Lifford Rd.  
 Mark Farren, Corrovorrin Grove.

**Blood Donation Clinic**

The West County Hotel on Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd May from 4:50pm to 8:10pm New & Existing Donors welcome. Please call 1800 222 111 to book an appointment.



**Pilgrimages**

**Lourdes**

Diocesan Pilgrimage 27th June to 2nd July  
 Booking with Joewalstours.ie  
 Email: info@joewalstours.ie  
 Tel: 01 2410800

**Franciscan Pilgrimages 22nd September**  
**Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage 2nd October**  
 All from Shannon Airport in less than 2 hours

**Lough Derg**

Annual Parish Pilgrimage on Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th August. Booking through the Parish Office.

**Knock**

**Diocesan Pilgrimage** in association with the Diocese of Ferns, led by Bishop Ger Nash on Sunday 2nd July.  
**Franciscan Pilgrimage** to Knock takes place on Sunday 25th June 2023. A bus will leave Ennis at 10 am. Booking can be made at the Friary Office Phone 6828751

**Medjugorie**

Wednesday 13th—20th -September direct from Shannon Airport. Booking with Kathleen Lee 086 1031508 or Rachel Haren 087 6747869

**Cloughleigh**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sun 21st:** Joan Coote, Considine Rd.  
 Timothy & Margaret O'Brien, Claureen.

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

**Sun 28th 11am:** No intention booked.

Ennis Parish  
 Development Fund  
 for Sunday, 14th May, 2023

Fund **€5,408.50**  
 Online **€264.50**

## 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. Many people are making a little pilgrimage each evening by visiting a different grotto in the parish when the Rosary is being prayed.

### 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!

### 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
- Gallows Hill Grotto, daily @ 7pm
- St. Michael's Villas daily @ 7.30pm
- Loughville Grotto daily @ 8pm
- Ballybeg Grotto daily @ 8pm
- Fountain Grotto daily @ 8.30pm
- Rosary & Devotion in Lees Rd. Grotto Mon 29th May @ 7pm
- Rosary and Benediction Marian Avenue Grotto Tuesday 30th May @ 7 pm

## St. Anthony's Novena



This year's Novena begins on Sunday 4th June and concludes on Tuesday 13th June, the Feast of St. Anthony at the Friary.

**Weekdays: Mass at 10am & 7.30pm.**  
**Sunday: Mass at 10.30am & 7.30pm**

The novena this year will be led by Fr. David Collins, OFM, Guardian, The Abbey, Galway.



The College of St Flannan at Ennis, a history of the Killaloe Diocesan Seminary, will be launched by Michael McNamara, T.D. at Cois na hAbhna, Ennis, on Tuesday 23rd May, at 8pm. All who are interested in this much anticipated volume are welcome to the launch.

## Making your Will

Please remember Ennis Parish as a beneficiary in your Will. Donations made in this manner will greatly assist the parish in proclaiming the Gospel. The parish appreciate such thoughtfulness and generosity.

## The Civil War in Clare

Lecture delivered by Dr. Joe Power, an award-winning historian of County Clare on 24 May 6.30pm – 7.30pm He has written extensively on various aspects of County Clare history, which have been published in a range of local historical journals. Free event and all are welcome. **Contact details:** Telephone DeValera Library on 065 6824207 or 065 6891317 or email: [devalera@clarelibrary.ie](mailto:devalera@clarelibrary.ie)

## Exam Prayer

May the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit rest upon you to guide you on areas that are relevant to the forthcoming exam in Jesus's name.

May God soothe your nerves and allow you to achieve your desired results.

Lord, you are beside me.  
Walk with me, calm my mind and reassure my heart that I have prepared well.  
Amen.

## REST IN PEACE



Val Bredin, Barrack Close;

John Hogan, Shanaway Rd.;

Tony Daly, Golf Links Rd.;

Nora Daly, Cappahard & late Drumbiggie;

Marie Gardiner, Considine Terrace & Hermitage;

Rory Kennedy, Clonteen, Ballyalla;

Tom Mulhern, Parnell Grove;

Eilizabeth Olive Durack, Philadelphia & formerly Feakle, sister of Seamus, Clonroadmore;

Claire Radford, Spencilhill & Barefield sister of Mary Whyte, Ballyline;

Michael McDonnell, Shannon, brother of Mary Fahey, College Green;

Francis DG Chakkunkal, Kerala, India, father of Mena Guinnane, Station Road;

John Vaughan, Kilfenora, brother of Paddy, Woodlawn, Mary O'Keeffe, Cuan an Chláir and Bridget Pyne, Kildysart Rd.

Dominic Foley, College Green.

## All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock

The All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place on Saturday June 3rd from 1pm in Knock. It will include Mass, the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross and a talk by Bishop Oliver Doeme. The main Celebrant for Mass will be Archbishop Eamon Martin. A bus will leave from Clare. Please book your seat early to avoid disappointment. For more info Ring Lourda: 087 2237191 (Lisdoonvarna) Seamus: 087 275 2578 (Ennis)



## Employability Clare

If you have an illness, disability or any extra support needs and would like some help to find work, EmployAbility Clare can assist you. For further information, contact Karen on (065) 6844007 or email [info@employabilityclare.ie](mailto:info@employabilityclare.ie) or log on to [www.employabilityclare.ie](http://www.employabilityclare.ie)

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven

Will return as you saw him go, 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 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. "It is", he had said, "what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit."

Now having met together, they asked him, "Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know times or dates that

the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth."

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there."

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

*God goes up with shouts of joy;*

*The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.*

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth.

R

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne.

R

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians Ep1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Go, make disciples of all the nations;*

*I am with you always;*

*yes, to the end of time.*

*Alleluia*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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

Behold, I am with you always,

Even to the end of the age, alleluia.