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/franciscanfriary-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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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 25th June, 2023

Grow in Love with God

There's an old saying "Bad news travels fast" It has never been more true than today. Our ancestors who lived before mass media could only hear bad news from their own locality but now if something terrible happens on the other side of the world, we hear about, we see footage of it, instantaneously. We are exposed to more negative news than any generation in history. That sheer amount of negativity takes its toll on us.

Fear and anxiety have always been part of human experience but it seems in our modern world a constant sense of anxiety permeates our lives. Jesus offers us an antidote to fear, Jesus tells us to "be not afraid", simple words but profound

Believers, therefore, should not be afraid because we know that we are in the hands of God, in the words of the gospel "every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid" We are precious to God, we know that in the end it is not evil that has the last word, but rather that Jesus, who loved us to the point of sacrificing himself for us, dying on the Cross for our salvation, wins the ultimate victory.

The more we grow in love of God, the more easily we overcome any form of fear. In today's Gospel, Jesus repeats several times the exhortation to have no fear. Jesus reassures us, as he reassured St Paul by appearing to him one night in a vision at a particularly difficult moment in his preaching: "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent for I am with you" (Acts 18: 9). Strong in the presence of Christ and comforted by his love, St Paul was fearless in his mission did not even fear martyrdom. If we trust in the presence of God, if we trust in his love for us, we can overcome fear.

St. Charles de Foucauld said: "One of the things we absolutely owe our Lord is never to be afraid, Let us have this faith which banishes all fear. We have beside us, facing us, in us, our Jesus, our God who loves us infinitely, is all-powerful, knows what is best for us, tells us to seek the kingdom and that the rest will be given to us"





Priest on Duty 25th June, 2023 Contact Fr. Martin Blake 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week: 6.30pm: Rory Kennedy, Clonteen, Ballyalla. MM. Mattie, Eileen & Brendan Burke, Golf Links Rd.

Mattie, Eileen & Brendan Burke, Golf Links Rd. Mabel & Cormac McGuinness & Edith Colgan, Redan House, Clonroadmore. Maureen Kitson, Marian Ave. John Malone, Clareview, Ballybeg. Gerald Cronin, 'La Salette', Clare Rd. Sun 25th 8am: No intention booked. 9.30am: Gerry Fitzpatrick, Toonagh, Fountain.1st Anniv Rody Carmody, Larchill. 11.30am: Darren Stack, Golf Links Rd. & Cappahard. Eleanor Ford, Castlewood Park. Mon 7.40am: Special Intention. 11am: No intention booked. 7.30pm: No intention booked. Tues 7.40am: Book of Intentions. 11am: No intention booked. 7.30pm: No intention booked. Wed 7.40am: May & Michael Whelan, Toonagh, Fountain. 11am: No intention booked. 7.30pm: Maureen Rynne 1st Anniv. & Sarah Williams Rynne & Linda Rynne, Cusack Rd. John, Marie & Peter Sheridan, Ennis & Canterbury. Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked. **11am:** John Joe & Bridget Loftus, Buttermarket. 7.30pm: Maggie, Bridie & Joe Cullinan, Tullassa, Inch. Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People. 11am: Susan Tuttle Costelloe, Castlelawn, Tulla Rd. MM. 7.30pm: Martin, Catherine & PJ Killeen, Miltown Malbay. Sat 11am: Annie & Paddy Flanagan, Maghera, Tulla. Bernie Ruane, Woodhaven, Kilrush Rd. Dr. Tom Fitzpatrick, Cahercalla Rd. 1st Anniv. 6.30pm: Brian Malone, Castlelawn, Tulla Rd. & O'Connell St. MM. Lucy O'Halloran, Collins Park, Park Ave., New York & Spanish Point. MM. Baby Mollie O'Connell, Rushaun, Kilnamona. Brid Staunton, College Green. Angela Ball, Hermitage. Sun 2nd July 8am: No intention booked. 9.30am: Paddy Singleton, Hermitage. Costelloe & O'Donoghue Family, Ennis & Cork. 11.30am: Mary Scanlan, Dalcassian Ave. James Hegarty, Moorhaun House, Fountain. Paddy Naughton, Clare Rd. Oliver Cullinan, Collins Park, Kilrush Rd. Cloughleigh Remembered in Masses this Week: Sun 25th 11am: No intention booked. Mon: 9.30am: Special Intention. Book of Intentions. Tue 9.30am: Wed 9.30am: Nora & Michael Linnane, Considine's Tce.

Newly Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Saoirse Isabelle Morrissey

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of $\in 10$ and $\in 50$. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Peter's Pence Appeal

The Second Collection after Holy Communion at all Masses this weekend is the annual appeal of both Pope Francis and Bishop Fintan for your financial help needed in support of the Apostolic and Charitable Mission of the universal church and the entire world. Each donation, small or large is very much appreciated.

Lough Derg



Our Parish and D i o c e s a n Pilgrimage will take place from Bank Holiday

Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th August.

The bus will leave from the Cathedral at 7:00am sharp. Total cost €130

Early booking is recommended to secure a place. Contact Parish Office 065 6824043

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday 5pm to 7pm in the Cathedral.

Rally for Life

Stand for Life, Saturday 1st July, Dublin City Centre.

For more information or to book a seat on Clare/Limerick bus, please contact Katerina Jones 087 1031107.

St. Joseph's Remembered in Masses this Week: 7pm: Paddy 1st Anniv. & Chrissie Kearney, Kincora Park. Eddie & Pauline Lynch, Kilkee. Sun 25th 10am: No intention booked. 11.45am: Betty Burke, Lifford Rd. Joe, Nell, Tom & Noreen Walsh, Clonroad. Mon 10.30am: Brent Hulsey, Ard na Gréine. Michael Purtill, Kilkee. Tues 10.30am: Mary, Thomas, Patsy & Susan Cahill. Wed 10.30am: John & Molly Laffan, Dublin. Thu 10.30am: Alf Hanrahan, Shannon Park & Barntick. Fri 10.30am: No intention booked. Sat: 10.30am: Noel & Teresa Naughton, Kincora Park. Irene & Kevin Kelly, McHugh Villas & Blackburn, UK. 7pm: Pat Scully, Clancy Park. MM. Frank O'Gorman, Marian Avenue. Sun 2nd 10am: No intention booked. 11.45am: No intention booked.

Man of Peace



Oliver Plunkett was born in1628 into a noble and wealthy family in Co. Meath. He studied for the priesthood in the Irish College, Rome and was ordained n 1654.

During the penal times he was appointed Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland. Oliver was a man of peace who courageously preached and worked for reconciliation knowing that a price was on his head. He faithfully did what he was ordained to do. Falsely accused of treason, he suffered a martyr's death on 1st July, 1681.

Before giving his life, he publicly forgave all who were responsible for his own death. We thank God for the work of peace and reconciliation achieved in our country, something that was so dear to the heart of this courageous saint.

Saturday next, 1st July, we celebrate the Feast of St. Oliver Plunkett.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday,

> Fund €6,716 Online €279.50



Bro. Seán McNamara 10th October, 1927 – 17th June, 2023



Seán McNamara was the second son of Margaret and Michael McNamara who was born in Kilmurry East in the parish of Kilmurray McMahon. He was educated in Drumdigus N.S., CBS Primary and Secondary Schools in Kilrush and in July, 1944 he entered the Christian Brothers in Dublin and after his novitiate and teacher training, he was appointed to his first school in Clonmel.

His teaching years saw him in many schools in Dublin, Monaghan, Drogheda, Galway, Tuam, Ballinrobe, Tullamore and Roscommon.

He had a great love for plants and gardening. He wrote columns for newspapers. His love of the Burren nurtured a great interest in wildlife and flowers. He produced DVDs and books on the fauna.

His involvement with the Clare Association in Dublin goes back over fifty years. In 2002 he was chosen as the 'Clare Person of the Year'.

His life long interest in the GAA is well known in his study, writing and promotion of its founder Michael Cusack.

His strong faith was nourished on daily prayer, Mass, Rosary and pilgrimages. He had a special devotion to Fatima.

Seán always loved change, to meet new people and have new experiences. He was always open to the unexpected as it revealed hidden treasures. His philosophy was to 'live life to the full'. He loved to travel – he said that the world was made round to go round,

Seán delighted in being a Christian Brother, to be involved with young people as a teacher but also to help inculcate a love of hobbies and pass times.

Brother Seán had a great devotion to Mary, Mother of God, very much a Christian Brother's tradition. He died on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

May the good Lord and his Mother Mary, welcome Bro. Seán with the words:

'Well done good and faithful servant, Enter into the reward prepared for you since the foundation of the world'

> Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam dhílis.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Fintan and Fr. Tom will lead the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Tuesday. Be assured that all will be remembered in the daily prayers of the pilgrimage and at the Grotto. If you wish to send a petition to Lourdes, please leave it in the Parish Office by Monday 26th June marked "Petition". Please do not include money with the petitions.

The Franciscan Pilgrimage is from 22nd to 27th September and our Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage is from 2nd to 7th October.

Knock

Diocesan Pilgrimage in association

with the Diocese of Ferns, led by Bishop

Contact Brigdale Coaches for Ennis,

Clarecastle, Doora Barefield and Quin

info@brigdalecoaches.com. (preferable)

to book a seat. Bus will be leaving St.

Joseph's church, Ennis at approx.

Franciscan Pilgrimage to Knock takes

place on Sunday 25th June 2023. A bus

will leave Ennis at 10:00am. Booking

can be made at the Friary Office Phone

Year of Vocations

Pray for Priests we need for the future

and for the priests we have today.

Loving God, You speak to us

and nourish us

through the life of your Church.

Continue to raise up in that Church,

priests and religious

who will lead with courage

and serve with love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Ger Nash on Sunday 2nd July.

contact 086-8034092 or email

9:30am.

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Smaoineamh na Seachtaine.

Ní fada go mbeidh na scoileanna go léir dúnta agus teaghlaigh ag dul ar saoire. Go raibh gach duine slán sábháilte ar na bóithre agus cois farraige i rith an tSamhraidh. Aon duine a thug aird ar na meáin chumarsáide le gairid, tá scéalta truamhéalacha cloiste faoi thubaistí uafásacha agus bás ar na bóithre. Dia idir sinn agus an t-olc. Go raibh saoire gan bhrón, gan sceon ag cách.

Sa spioradáltacht Cheilteach bhí ár sinsear an-tugtha do Dhia. Bhí paidir ar leith acu do gach ócáid. Is iad seo a leanas dhá cheann a bhíodh i mbéal an phobail ar son na sábháilteachta.

Dia idir mé agus uisce mo bháite, Dia idir mé agus tine mo dhóite, Dia idir mé agus bás gan chairde, Dia idir mé agus taisme bhóthar. Áiméan.

Crios Chorp Chríost is Muire, Ár dtionlacan fan bóthar, Nára turas é in aistear, Gura leas dúinn gach orlach. Áiméan.

Soon schools will be closed and families will be going on holidays. May everybody be safe on the roads and at the seaside during the Summer. We have heard sad reports recently in the media of disasters and deaths on the roads. God between us and all harm. May everybody have a holiday free from sadness and fear.

According to Celtic Spirituality our ancestors were devoted to God. They had a prayer for every occasion. The following are two of their prayers for safety:

God between me and the water that may drown me, God between me and the fire that may burn me, God between me and death in debt, God between me and a road accident. Amen

May the girdle of Jesus and Mary Be around us on our journey May we have a safe trip And benefit from every inch. Amen

Rest in Peace

Bro. Seán McNamara, Christian Brothers' Monastery, New Rd.

Sr. Anne Hannon, Sisters of Mercy, Birr & former teacher, Holy Family School.

Bobby Burke, Claureen.

Mary Brooks, Pearse Avenue, Cloughleigh, Ennis & formerly of Greygrove, Kilmihil.

Matthew Corry, Loughville.

Margaret Geraghty, Kincora Park.

Paddy Noonan, Ballyingarry, Limerick, brother of John, Fountain.

Gráinne Connaughton, Galway, mother of Eamon, Willsgrove.

Elizabeth McCarthy, Sallins, Kildare, sister of Fr. Seamus Donohoe, OFM, Friary, Ennis.

Tony Meaney, Ruan & late College Park

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is the strength of his people, A saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them forever.

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 prophet Jeremiah: Jr 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me, ""Terror from every side!" Denounce him! let us denounce him!' All those who used to be my friends

All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.'

Then we will master him

And take our revenge!'

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; My opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure!

Everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of hosts, you who probe with justice,

Who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them. For I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, For he has delivered the soul of the needy From the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Response: In your great love, answer me, O God

It is for you that I suffer taunts, That shame covers my face, That I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against your fall on me. **R**.

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **R**.

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy; and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,

The sea and all it's living creatures. **R**.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans Rm 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused on the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; To all who did accept him He gave power to become children of

God. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt.10:26-33 Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:

'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whisper, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, And you give them their food in due season.