

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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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 16th July, 2023

The Parable of the Sower of the Seeds is one of the classic parables. Parables seemed to be Jesus' preferred way of teaching. All parables, including today's, have a few things in common: they are always puzzling; they are never obvious. You have to puzzle them in your head for a while before you draw out their meaning. With parables you always learn something about yourself and about God.

In this parable there are 3 states of loss and 3 states of gain.

- ◆ There is an immediate loss (the birds come immediately and eat the seeds).
- ◆ There is a gradual loss (the plants sprout but without roots they wither and die).
- ◆ And there is an ultimate loss (weeds choke them to death).

We have all experienced losses in our lives: some were immediate, some were gradual, and some were permanent. *The losses in this parable are analysed; we are told why the seeds did not grow, why they did not mature, and why they did not bear fruit.* However, the gains of 30, 60, 100-fold are not analysed. I suppose it is easier to analyse what went wrong in our lives, even to assign blame, than it is to say what went right.

Similarly, in our lives we need to keep sowing the seed, even when we want to give up because the odds are stacked against us.

God's word will not return to the heavens until it bears good fruit in your life. When we are open to God, who sows with persistence and confidence, what will happen? We will experience another dimension of God – His great abundance. Notice the bountiful crops of 30, 60, and 100-fold that Jesus talks about. I have been told that a good crop would yield a harvest of 4-5 times, not 30, 60 and definitely not 100 times.



Now I am beginning to understand why God is so wasteful in spreading the seed. God does not care that much about the seed that is wasted. Why? Because what does take hold more than makes up for what was lost.

On our part we are well into the growing season and so an agricultural parable like that of the sower and the seed fits well into our own experience. **Is the seed of God's word being wasted in our lives?** He is absolutely extravagant in the sowing and how well his word takes root depends totally on us. **How are we doing in cultivating the soil of our lives this summer season?**

Priest on Duty 16th July 2023
Contact: Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Joan & Jackie Molloy, Marian Ave.
 Seán, Myra & Mames Kenny, Dalcassian Park.
 Margaret Queally, Hermitage.
 Derek Queally, Ennis Road, Tulla.
 Tadeusz Papis, Poland.

Sun 16th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Frank Hanrahan, Dalcassian Drive.
 James F. Conroy, Mayo, New York & Ennis.
 Brenda Flynn, Fergus Park.

11.30am: Mary Smyth (nee Dunne), Feakle & Clare Rd.
 Thomas Callinan, Beechpark.
 Gerard & Lucy O'Driscoll, Summerhill.
 John & Nancy Howard, St. Michael's Villas.
 Agnes & Michael Murphy, Woodquay.
 Isolde Marshall, 'Redan House', Clonroadmore.
 Mary Coote, Turnpike.
 Noreen Murphy, Kilrush Rd.

Mon: 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Special intention.

7.30pm: Michael Guerin, College Park.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Bro. Seán Mac Namara, CBS, Ennis. MM

Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Margaret & Thomas Pilkington, St. Michael's Villas.

Thurs 7.40am: Deceased members Griffin family, Feakle.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Mona Kelly, Kilrush Rd.
 Mary, Bernard, Michael & Bernie Dilger, Connolly Villas.
 Gretta & Pete Burke, Ashline House, Kilrush Rd.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Mary Brooks, Pearse Avenue, Cloughleigh. MM
 Brendan O'Donoghue, Castlelawn, Tulla Rd.

Sat: 11am: Michael O'Connor, Ros na Ri, Shanaway Road. **1st Anniv**
 Eileen Flanagan, late Rockmount House.
 Martin & Brid Crowe, St. Michael's Villas.
 Marian & Dan McNamara, College Green.
 Marie O'Brien, Turnpike Rd.
 Mai Brennan & Jasna Jurisich, "Chez Nous", Clonroadmore.

6.30pm: John Brigdale, Clancy Park.
 Patrick Mahony, Considine Rd.
 Sr. Ann Boland, Woodlands.
 Marie Ange Chinon, Guadeloupe, France. **1st Anniv**
 Michael Casey, Turnpike Rd.

Sun 23rd 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Bobby Burke, Claureen Drive. MM
 P.J. Keane, Loughville.

11.30am: Margaret Geraghty, Kincora Park. MM
 Jamie Coote, Cusack Rd.
 David Russell, late Abbeyville.
 Mary O'Keeffe, Fernhill.

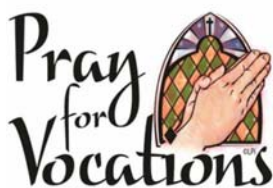
Cathedral Renovation Appeal

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

Cathedral Floor Restoration

Final approval has been received for work to commence on the floor restoration in the Cathedral. It is hoped that work will commence shortly and when more details are available, we will let parishioners know. We thank all who in recent times have contributed to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal that makes this work possible.

Prayer for Vocations



Father in your plan for our salvation, you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars, ardent but gentle servants of your gospel. Father, you have taught the ministers of your Church not to desire that they be served but to serve their brothers and sisters. May they be effective in their work, preserving in their prayer and perform their ministry with gentleness and concern for others.

Amen



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Mary O'Shea, St. Senan's Rd.
 Christina Forde, The Lane, Cappahard, Tulla Rd.

Sun 16th 10am: No intention booked.

11.45am: Jeremiah Considine, Kincora Park.
 Martin Cullinan, Ballyalla.
 Buddy Brown, Corrovorrin Crescent.

Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.

Tues 10.30am: No intention booked.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: O'Brien Family, Crusheen.

Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.

Sat: 10.30am: Pat O'Hanlon, Shanaway Rd.

7pm: Brendan McLoughlin, Girroga Heights.

Sun 23rd 10am: No intention booked.

11.45am: May & Michael McEnery, Kilnamona & O'Grady & McEnery Families.
 Mary Guilfoyle Sheridan, Marian Ave.
 Carmel O'Neill, Lifford Rd.

If you have an hour to spare on Friday or Saturday to help with the cleaning of St. Joseph's Church. Please contact Fr.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Fri 9.30am: Maureen Moroney, Miltown & Clare Rd.

Rice College Ennis CBS - Class of 1968-1973
 A 50th anniversary reunion is being organised for weekend of 6th-7th October next. Contact Michael on 087 2744183 for more details.

Calling all Colaiste Muire, Ennis girls who did their Leaving Cert in 1983. A class reunion is being organised for September 16th in Ennis. If you would like to attend -we would love to see you! Contact Mary Howard at maryhoward2009@gmail.com for more details

Grandparents' Pilgrimage

The Annual Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place Sunday 23rd July.

Croagh Patrick

Reek Sunday this year is Sunday 30th July. Mass & Confession take place hourly on the mountain.

Change of Venue

Chair Exercise class will be in Maria Assumpta Hall 11am -12noon on Tuesdays for remainder of month, and not Kincora Park. Contact Trish 086 8507227.

Ennis Parish
 Development Fund
 for Sunday, 9th July, 2023

Fund € 5,257.00
 Online € 344.50

Newly Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Warren Joseph Schmidt; Viola Lakatosova; Dáire Ellen Ryan;
Dylan Brody; Lexi Brody;



Lough Derg



Our Parish and Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from Bank Holiday Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th August.

Total cost €130, covers bus, boat and Island Fees. Bus leaves the Cathedral at 7am on Monday 7th August.

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

Lourdes



Our Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from Monday 2nd to Saturday 7th October. € 780 euro per person sharing and full board. Booking to joewalshtours.ie Tel 01 2410800. Franciscan Pilgrimage from 22nd to 27th September. Details at the Friary. Both pilgrimages on direct flight from Shannon airport in 1hour 50 minutes.

RCIA



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which the Catholic Church welcomes new members into the Christian Community.

Our Parish with the help of our Pastoral Area offer a Faith Education Programme and process for adults who wish to be baptised or welcomed fully into the Catholic Church. If you wish to explore and inquire about the possibility of becoming a member of the Catholic Church, you are invited to contact parish Office. Perhaps you know someone who might be interested. If so, please invite them to make contact.

We would be delighted to welcome and meet with all of you. The programme begins in September.

St. Michael's Villas 1953 - 2023 - 70th Anniversary



St. Michael's Villas SMV70 Choir

28th July: St. Michael's Villas 70th Anniversary Exhibition at Clare Museum at 7pm. Opening by Neil Ryan, Olympic Athlete and St. Michael's native.

29th July: Unveiling at St. Michael's Villas Grotto, of memorial to all who have died in St. Michael's Villas over the last seventy years at 4.30pm, followed by Mass, recitals by SMV70 Choir, Ennis Brass Band and others.

SMV70 Choir Practice next Wednesday night at Maria Assumpta Hall 7pm to 8pm. Anyone with St. Michael's Villas connection is welcome to join our choir.

Blast from the Past

A look back on the parish newsletter 25 years ago this weekend reminds us that:

- * The Secular Franciscan Order had their summer outing to Cork.
- * The Compassionate Friends, a self help support group for bereaved parents met in Clarecare.
- * Bingo in the Community Centre had €2,300 in prize money.
- * Clare Archaeological & Historical Society had a guided tour of the Hunt Museum, Limerick.
- * Couples preparing for Marriage were reminded of the need to book their pre marriage course and meet with the Registrar of Marriages.
- * The annual collection for the needs of the Holy Sea was taken up at all masses. There was an assessment of €6,000 on the Parish of Ennis.
- * There was an appeal from Clarecare for Primary School uniforms and school text books.
- * Veritas Bookshop was recommending three books, "Why Believe - Hope and Comfort for those struggling with Faith", "Love in the heart of the Church", by Chris O'Donnell. "What St. Therese of Lisieux has to offer to the Church of today".
- * The parish collection was €3,328
- * Fr. Joe Hourigan was the priest on duty.

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

Smaoineamh na Seachtaine.

Tá 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.

Schools are 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

RIP



Helen McNamara (née O'Dea), Hermitage & Kilmihil;

Brendan Lynch, Clarecastle, brother of John, St. Michael's Villas;

Brendan & John Daly, Cooraclare, brothers of Evelyn McCaffrey;

Michael Jr. (Mick) McDonnell, Woodhaven, Kilrush Road;

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

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 book of the prophet Isaiah.

Is 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord:

"As the rain and the snow come down from
the heavens, and do not return without
watering the earth, making it yield and
giving growth to provide seed for the sower
and bread for the eating, so the word that
goes from my mouth does not return to me
empty, without carrying out my will and
succeeding in what it was sent to do."

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

*Response: Some seed fell into rich soil;
And produced it's crop.*

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. R.

And thus you provide for the earth;
You drench its furrows,
You level it, soften it with showers,
You bless its growth. R.

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
In the pastures of the wilderness its flows. R

The hill are girded with joy,
The meadows covered with flocks,
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. R.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Rm 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can
never be compared to the glory, as yet
unrevealed, which is waiting for us.
The whole creation is eagerly waiting
for God to reveal his sons. It was not for
any fault on the part of creation that it
was made unable to attain its purpose, it
was made so by God; but creation still
retains the hope of being freed, like us,
from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy
the same freedom and glory as the
children of God. From the beginning till
now the entire creation, as we know, has
been groaning in one great act of giving
birth; and not only creation, but all of us
who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit,
we too groan inwardly as we wait for our
bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower;

Whoever finds this seed will remain
forever

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 13.1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the
lakeside, but such crowds gathered
around him that he got into a boat and
sat there. The people all stood on the
beach, and he told them many things in
parables.

He said, "Imagine a sower going out to
sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the
edge of the path, and the birds came and
ate them up.

Other fell on patches of rock, where they
found little soil, and sprang up straight
away, since they had no depth of earth; but
as soon as the sun came up, they were
scorched and, not having any roots, they
withered away.

Others fell among thorns, and the thorns
grew up and choked them.

Others fell on rich soil and produced their
crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty,
some thirty.

Listen, anyone who has ears!"

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 sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your
house, for ever singing your praise.