

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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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 20th August, 2023

“The key of Persistence opens all doors closed by resistance” John Di Lemme



The Canaanite woman shouted to Jesus, ‘*take pity on me*’ yet her Need was about her daughter not herself.

Initially, it seems as the story is told in St Matthews Gospel, Jesus ignores her pleading. His Disciples no doubt knew she was not ‘of the house of Israel’ but would be willing to ignore this fact just to stop her hassling them and Jesus.

The story speaks to conviction and perseverance. Nothing would prevent her begging for her daughter’s well-being.

Jesus appears to begin a discourse with the unnamed woman in which she matched Jesus word for word. His argument and apparent insult, as to taking the children’s food and throwing it to the house dogs ... gets her to respond that even the house dogs can eat the scraps that fall from the masters table. ... to which he has no answer, or maybe, the answer he already knew he would be

making ... ‘Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.’

The unnamed Canaanite woman, had done the unthinkable, approach Jesus even in desperation , not of the house of Israel, but having already had recognised Jesus in a way the Disciples had yet to have fully revealed to them .. She had addressed him as “Lord, son of David” and again as “Lord” when she asks for him to help her.

If there is a lesson for us in our prayer relationship with Jesus then it is surely to firstly recognise Jesus for who he really is to us, and for us. If there is good news for us, which there should be, as coming from a Gospel story, Persistence and faith filled recognition will win the day.

***“Faith is taking the first step
even when you don’t***

See the whole staircase”

Martin Luther King jr

The lessons we can learn from the Canaanite woman, as we set about taking the first step of the staircase we might not be able to see points to being humble yet strong, putting away pride, persistent in faith no matter what others think and finally, that God is in the business of helping us grow in faith in a God who will respond.

Priest on Duty 20th August 2023
Fr. Martin Blake — Tel. 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Florence Considine, Coopers' Lane. **1st Anniv.**
 Lena Summerly, Considine Rd. **MM.**
 Seán & Máire O'Murchadha, Cusack Rd.
 Patrick McNamara, Mullagh & London.

Sun 20th 8am: Teresa Walsh, Kilbricken, Doora.

9.30am: Tommy Doherty, McNamara Park. **MM**
 Paddy Forde, 'St. Martin's', Ardlea Rd.
 James, Kathleen & Tommy Coote, Circular Rd.

11.30am: Pat & Mary Neylon, PJ, Mary & Michael
 Palmer, Connolly Villas.
 Monica & Fergus Gallagher, Cappahard, Tulla Rd.
 Larry Brennan, Dublin & Clarecastle.
 Peggy & Denis Lynch, Showgrounds Rd.
 Tom Pilkington, Loughville.

Mon: 7.40am: John Nagle, Claireen, Lahinch Rd.
11am: Jimmy McGrath, Feakle.

7.30pm: Amy Molloy, Dalcassian Park.
 Tom & Elizabeth O'Carroll, Co. Monaghan;
 Dominic & Madge Mc Caffery, Castleshane.
 Teddy Ryan & Family, Connolly Villas.

Tues 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Michael & Rose O'Grady.

Wed 7.40am: May & John Murphy.
11am: John O'Sullivan, Cork & London.
 Pauline Clune, Quin.

7.30pm: Laura Doyle, Clonroad. **1st Anniv**
 Della Moroney, Loughville, Lahinch Rd.

Thurs 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Liam Galvin, Gort na Rí, Gort Rd. **MM** followed
 by interment of ashes in the Columbarium.

7.30pm: Michael Griffin, Parnell St.
 Thomas Cosgrove, McNamara Park.

Fri 7.40am: Special Intention.
11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Rebecca Hogan, Shanaway Rd. **MM**
 Gerry Murphy, Clarecastle.
 Mary & Joe Kelly, Showgrounds Rd.
 Theresa Sullivan, Ennis.

Sat:11am: No intention booked.

6.30pm: Kitty McNicholas, Roslevan. **1st Anniv**
 Mary Reidy, Claireen.
 Michael, Christopher & Daniel Considine, Hermitage
 & Barnsley, England.
 Michael Cullinan, Gallows Hill.
 Fr. Brendan Cleary, Clonlara & Miltown Malbay.

Sun 27th 8am: No intention booked

9.30am: Paul Hanley. **1st Anniv.**
 TJ & Juliette O'Connell, Lahinch Rd.

11.30am: Patricia & William Casey, "La Verna",
 Cappahard, Tulla Rd.
 John & Mary O'Dwyer, Castlewood Park.
 Paul Whelan, Kilrush Rd.
 Breda, Joe & Jim O'Halloran, Doora & Ennis.
 Seán Brodie, Killeen, Corofin & formerly Turnpike.

Cathedral
 Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €2,500, €1,000. €750, €500, €80, €60, €50. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

**Cathedral
 Internal Upgrade**

please note

On Monday 28th August contractors will begin work on the floor of the Cathedral and the replacement of padded kneelers. It is hoped that the work will be completed in time for Christmas.

The work will be carried out on a phased basis to minimise disturbance to the daily life of the Cathedral.

Masses, Adoration and daily visits to the Cathedral will continue as normal. However from 28th August funerals will take place in St. Joseph's Church for the duration of the work.

During this work parking in the Cathedral grounds will be restricted.

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding at this time.

Monastic Experience Day



Would you like to know more about the Poor Clare way of life?

The Poor Clares Galway are holding a Monastic Experience Day on Saturday 26th August from 10am to 5pm for ladies interested in discerning a vocation with the Poor Clares.

To book a place at the next Monastic Experience Day contact vocations@poorclares.ie

Newly Baptised

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

*Emelia Sophie O'Sullivan;
 Lucy Olivia O'Sullivan*

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Margaret McEvoy, College Grove. **1st Anniv.**
 Sean Dolan, Castletawn, Tulla Rd.
 John, Bridget & Michael Mulligan,
 Ennis & Roscommon.

Sun 20th 10am: Teresa Butler, Lifford, Ennis.
 Gerry Sheridan, Marian Ave. Vincent Greene,
 Bedfordshire, UK & Corrovorrin Ave.
 Paddy Greene, Corrovorrin Ave.

11.45am: Eamon Stenson, College Rd. & Shannon.
1st Anniv.

Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.

Tues 10.30am: **Book of Intentions.**

Wed 10.30am: Bridie, Des, John & Desmond
 O'Toole, Co. Mayo.

Thu 10.30am: Tommy McGann, Drumcliffe Rd.

Fri 10.30am: John, Brigid, Thomas, Declan, Pat &
 Ann Howe, Kildare.

Sat: 10.30am: Special Intention.

7pm: Pakie & Moira Kearney, Brookville, **MM.**
 Maurice Greehy, St. Senan's Rd.

Sun 26th 10am: Mary Spellissy, Drumcliffe.
1st Anniv.

11.45am: Frank Doris, Roslevan.

St Joseph's Church

Preparations are ongoing for the roof and ceiling works in St Joseph's and we very much hope that the work will commence to repair and replace all the damage.

While the responsibility for this building work is outside the control of the parish, we have been making continued efforts to ensure that it goes ahead as soon as possible.

Once that work is completed the interior refurbishment of the church, painting and replacement of floor covering will take place. Thank you for your patience at this time.

Thanks to those who volunteered to join the cleaning team; we are very grateful to our small group of cleaners who do such a great job. Extra hands are always welcome so if you can spare an hour, please contact Fr David.

A small library of material for reading, reflection and prayer is now available in St Joseph's - you are very welcome to use them in the church or borrow for your personal use and don't forget to return them so that others may use the books!

Reception of Holy Communion



For the safety of all who come to receive Holy Communion we respectfully ask you to remain standing for the reception of Holy Communion, due to a recent Health & Safety incident.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 27th 11am: Helen Iyowa Adeniran, Pearse Ave.
1st Anniv.

Perseverance

There is an old saying that "the falling drops will at least wear the stone". Yes, perseverance is a much lauded quality. It is seen by many as an essential ingredient for success.

The woman in today's gospel certainly possesses it. She is a pagan whom Jesus seems to ignore. But she doesn't give up.

She needs healing for her tormented daughter, she knows and believes that he has the power. She kneels at his feet until finally she gets what she wants.

She is a model for all of us who are tempted to abandon whatever it is we are trying to achieve.

Above all, she is a reminder to us that if we persevere in our prayers we will be answered.

Pondering ???

The wait is almost over. The day of the Leaving Cert results next Friday is usually one of elation, while for others this day brings disappointment. Next Friday a simple piece of paper or email with a few codes on it will determine the way ahead for thousands of young adults around the country.

But no matter what the results, please remember that Friday next is not the end of the world. Those results do not signal that all doors are closed. It's just that it sometimes takes a little longer to find the key to open some.

Wishing every blessing to all students who this week wait anxiously and we pray God's blessing on them as they discern their future.

Lourdes Pilgrimages

Both the Franciscan and Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimages are now fully booked.

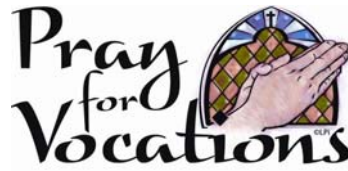


Knock Novena

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock continues at Knock Shrine until Tuesday. Sessions each day at 3pm and 8pm.

'Suicide Prevention Talk' at Treacy's West County Hotel next Tuesday 22nd Aug. 8pm start, €15 at the door, and proceeds go to The Haven Hub and The West Clare Mental Health Association.

Prayer for Vocations



This year is dedicated here in Ireland to praying for Vocations.

Pope Francis "*vocations are born in prayer, and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit*".

St Francis said, 'For this my brothers, has the Lord sent us into the whole world, to testify by word and deed that he has spoken, and to make known to all that he alone is almighty.'

*God our Father,
you will all to be saved
and come to the knowledge of the truth.
Send workers into your harvest
that the Gospel may be preached
to every creature,
and your people, gathered together
by the Word of Life,
and strengthened by the sacraments,
may advance in the way of salvation and
love, Amen.*

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 or log on to www.employabilityclare.ie

Clare 250 - Book Launch.

The Clare 250 Organisation cordially invites you to the book launch of 'A Life of Taking Chances' - The Story of John Dunne' at The Old Ground Hotel, Ennis on Monday, August 28th at 7pm. All profits from the sale of the book will be donated to the Clare 250.

St. Michael's Villas 70th Anniversary

The exhibition telling the story of St. Michael's Villas continues for up to 31st August at the Clare Museum, Templegate Plaza. Admission is free.

The latest publication from St. Michael's telling the story of the past seventy years is now on sale in the Parish Office for €5.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 13th August

Fund €4,485
Online €896

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 ar fheiceáil na gréine: A Dhia a chruthaigh an ghrian, is tú grian m'anama agus is geal liom do shoilseacht. Gráim thú, a Sholais shíoraí. Tabhair dom radharc ort i soilseacht do ghlóire. Paidir do mhí Lúnasa: A Mhaighdean ghlórmhar, mhómhar, mhaiseach; Is tú mo lón, mo stór is mo thaisce; Is tú mo réalta eolais ag dul romham sa bhealach; Is i ngleann seo na ndeor, go mba tú mo chara. Áiméan.

Blessings

There are many blessings in Irish tradition. There are prayers for every occasion and every aspect of life. This is a prayer on seeing the sun. God, who created the sun, you are the light of my being, your splendour the joy of my heart, I love you, eternal Light; give me the blessing of seeing your glory, in eternal life. Prayer for the month of August: O glorious gentle, beautiful Virgin. You are my sustenance, my abundance, my treasure. You are my guiding light leading me on my way. In this valley of tears may you be my friend. Amen.

REST IN PEACE



Caroline Walsh nee Tobin, Elm Park;

Chrissie Molloy (nee Ward),
Cloughleigh Rd.;

Jean Adams, Pairc na Coille,
Showgrounds Rd.;

Eoin McInerney, Shanaway Rd.

Raymond Casey, Collins Park &
Parnell St.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
And look on the face
of your anointed one;
One day within your courts
Is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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 Isaiah

Is 56:1.6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for
justice, act with integrity, for soon my
salvation will come and my integrity be
manifest.

Foreigners who have attached
themselves to the Lord to serve him and
to love his name and be his servants - all
who observe the Sabbath, not profaning
it, and cling to my covenant - these I will
bring to my holy mountain. I will make
them joyful in my house of prayer. Their
holocausts and their sacrifices will be
accepted on my altar, for my house will be
called a house of prayer for all the
peoples.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. *Let the peoples praise you,
O God;*
Let all the peoples praise you.

O God, be gracious and bless us
And let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
And all nations learn your saving help.

R

Let the nations be glad and exult
For you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
You guide the nations on earth.

R

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing
Till the ends of the earth revere him.

R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans Rm 11:13-15.29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been
sent to the pagans as their apostle, and
I am proud of being sent, but the
purpose of it is to make my own people
envious of you, and in this way save
some of them. Since their rejection
meant the reconciliation of the world, do
you know what their admission will
mean? Nothing less than a
resurrection from the dead! God never
takes back his gifts or revokes his
choice.

Just as you changed from being
disobedient to God, and now enjoy
mercy because of their disobedience, so
those who are disobedient now - and
only because of the mercy shown to you
- will also enjoy mercy eventually. God
has imprisoned all men in their own
disobedience only to show mercy to all
mankind.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The sheep that belong to me listen to
my voice, says the Lord,*

I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to
the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out
came a Canaanite woman from that

district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of
David, take pity on me. My daughter is
tormented by a devil.' But he answered
her not a word. And his disciples went and
pleaded with him. 'Give her what she
wants,' they said 'because she is shouting
after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only
to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.'
But the woman had come up and was
kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help
me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the
children's food and throw it to the house-
dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even
house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall
from their master's table.' Then
Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have
great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And
from that moment her daughter was well
again.

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

**With the Lord there is mercy;
In him is plentiful redemption.**