

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-](http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/st-josephs-church-webcam)

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Monday to Friday 10.30am

Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm

Sunday 10am & 11.45am

Friary-[www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscan-](http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscan-friary-webcam/)

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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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Friary:- 6828751

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 27th AUGUST, 2023

Peter's Confession

This gospel is most often cited as the reason for and proof of, papal authority and the line of succession from Peter. Peter makes the profound declaration that Jesus is the Son of the living God and is given the keys of the kingdom of heaven. There are other occasions in the Gospel when this declaration is made without the same consequences but maybe that's a debate for another time.

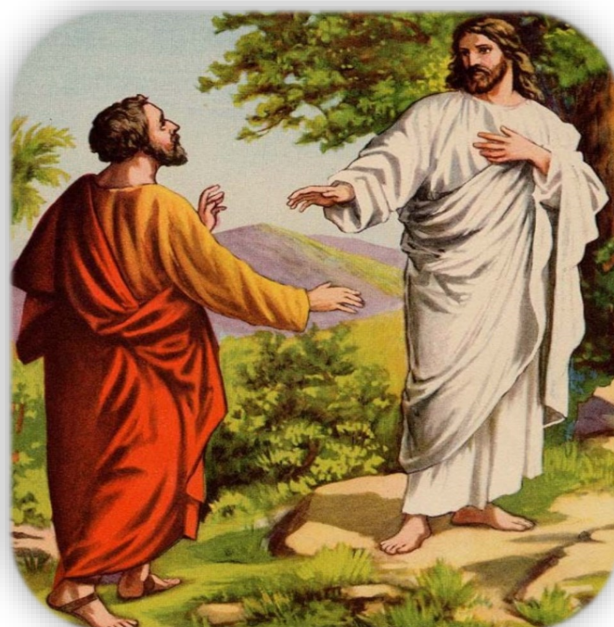
There is a lot going in these few lines as indeed there always is and indeed many would see the seed of the sacrament of reconciliation when Jesus says whatever is considered bound or loosed on earth it shall be so in heaven. This is also a profound declaration and one that really ought to challenge all who profess to be followers of Christ.

If we see this power from Jesus as something to be used in our human ways, the risk for a priest in confession is that it is used as a power over other people. To control others, to threaten them; it almost sounds like blackmail. If you don't do this, if you don't act as I tell you, then I am not going to forgive you, I won't let you into heaven. I'm the right one here, I have the power.

Could we see that here Jesus is challenging Peter and the apostles, asking them will they act as human beings usually do or will they act believing in the way of Christ; will they use their power not over others but for the good of others; if we are a child of God, a brother or sister of Christ the Son of the

Living God, how can we possibly withhold our love and compassion from another child of God? See how Jesus tells them not to tell anyone that he was the Christ. Isn't that absolutely at odds with how we as a human being would want something so important to be spread instantly? This is Jesus showing that his way is different.

Christianity is no easy way of life for it constantly calls us to a change, to a standard of living far above the way of life that so many fall into, with a rush to judge and build a wall of condemnation that we ourselves would find impossible to get over.





Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Kitty McNicholas, Roslevan. **1st Anniv.**
 Tessie Delahunty, Bauroe, Feakle. **MM.**
 Mary Reidy, Clareen.
 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.
 Eileen Tuohy, Kincora Park & Parnell St.
 Roger Whittaker, Dublin & Australia.

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 & Turnpike.
 Evelyn Walsh, Darcy's Corner.

Mon 7.40am: Tom Dillon, Ard na Gréine.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: James Hanley, Turnpike Rd.
 Tim, Susan & Tadhg Queally, Drumcliffe.

Tues:7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Frank Conway, Station Rd.
 Special Intention.

7.30pm: Seán, Anna & Thomas Leahy,
 St. Michael's Villas.

Wed 7.40am: Special Intention.

11am: Norman E. Timmins, 'Sonrisa', Woodstock View.

7.30pm: Patrick Shannon, Dalcassian Park.
 Haulie McNamara, Commarket St.
 Paddy & Mary McNamara, Drumadrehid.

Thurs 7.40am: Mary & Thomas Haren, Kilmaley.

11am: Special Intention.

7.30pm: June & Jimmie Carey, Golf Links Rd.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Renie & Mick Browne, Circular Rd.

7.30pm: Ann Louise Collins, Cusack Rd. **1st Anniv.**
 Maurice Griffin, Kilmorane. **MM.**
 Cathal Clune, Linnane Tce., Kilrush Rd.
 Ann Flynn, Turnpike Rd.

Sat 11am: Paul Guilfoyle, Cloonaherna, Kilmurry.

6.30pm: Mary O'Connor, Beechlawn, Tulla Rd. **MM.**
 Teresa Ward, Dalcassian Ave.
 Tom & Nora Malone, Parnell St.
 Patrick Mulconroy, Kildysart.
 Flan Honan, College View.

Sun 3rd 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Costelloe & O'Donoghue Family, Ennis & Cork.

11.30am: Ronan Kildea, Castlerock, Tulla Rd.
 Patsy & Pauline Guerin, McNamara Park.
 John & Bridie Murray, Mullagh.
 Margaret Smith, Cahercalla Heights.
 Seán Hayes, Clonroad.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 27th 11am: Helen Iyowa Adeniran, Pearse Ave.
1st Anniv.
Mon: 9.30am: Sr. Anthony Murrphy, Mullagh.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Holy Souls

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €50 & €40.
 We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Cathedral Internal Upgrade

please note

On this Monday, 28th August, work will commence on the floor of the Cathedral and the replacement of padded kneelers.

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 this Monday funerals will take place in St. Joseph's Church for the duration of the work.

We thank you for your co-operation and understanding at this time.

Parking at the Cathedral

During the work taking place in the Cathedral, parking will be restricted in the grounds.

Parking at this time is restricted to people visiting the cathedral and parish office. With the presence of lorries and equipment on the grounds, we ask all to be vigilant and alert.



Next Friday is the First Friday of September. Sick and housebound parishioners will receive the Sacraments at home. If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like to receive the Sacraments, please contact the Parish office.

Newly Baptised

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

Ivy Erin Mulcaire Smith;



Joe Patrick Murray.

St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

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

Sun 27th 10am: Thomas & Treasa O'Connell, Corrovorrin
 Mary Spellissy, Drumcliffe. **1st Anniv.**

11.45am: Frank Doris, Roslevan.

Mon 10.30am: Paudie Cosgrove, Gort Rd.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: Eugene Leonard, Ennis.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.

Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.

7pm: Michael Meere, Corrovorrin Green.

Sun 3rd 10am: Noel Bane, Marian Ave.

11.45am: Helen McCabe, Newpark, Roslevan.

Sick & Retired Priests' Appeal

The second collection at all Masses next weekend is the annual appeal from Bishop Fintan for financial support for an increasing number of elderly and retired priests. Some of these men have given over sixty years of service in the diocese and now in their twilight years need support and care. Bishop Fintan thanks you in anticipation of your generosity.

Back to School

As schools re-open this week, we wish every blessing to all involved in educating our youth and children. Principals, Teachers, SNAs, School Staff, Parents, Boards of Management members, and the young people themselves.



*May God arise with you each morning,
 May God travel with you throughout the day,
 May God welcome you wherever you go,
 May God be with you every day.*

New Clare Age Friendly Strategy 2023-2027—Survey

The Clare Age Friendly Programme is in the process of developing a new Clare Age Friendly Strategy 2023 – 2027, that looks at the needs of all older people and what we can do to make County Clare more age friendly into the future. In this regard the Council has developed a survey. If you wish to complete this survey, please contact the Age Friendly Section on agefriendlyclare@clarecoco.ie

RIP

Seán Shannon, Connolly Villas.



Dympna Payne (née Coughlan), Fergus Park.

Evelyn Griffin, Ballyalla.

Barry Clune, Lissycasey & Ennis.

Pat O'Brien, Willow Park.

Bernie Cotter, Dublin, sister of Anne Carey, Gallows Hill.

Rodger (Rodgie) Ryan, Doon, Co Limerick.
 Brother of Margaret Considine, Tobartaoscan.

Gerry Russell, Kilmaley, brother of Sr. Martina, St. Xavier's, Convent of Mercy.

Year of Vocations

This year we share Fr. Paschal Hanrahan's reflection on the gift of priesthood.



Gratitude A Reflection to mark 25 years of Priesthood

All I want to say to you is, thanks for being here and thanks for being there!

It's hard to believe its 25 years since Bishop Willie ordained me. Time flies and yet there is so much that I remember or think of during those incredibly special days in my life.

I remember arriving home a few days before the ordination and getting a sense of a community preparing, this was not my ordination but a family and a faith community's ordination. There was bunting going up around the neighbourhoods and streets where I grew up. I realised that vocations do not arise from a vacuum but are nurtured in the home and neighbourhood and I felt a profound sense of gratitude for and pride in my family and neighbours whose love, support and encouragement had brought me to this day.

I remember classmates gathering and checking into the local B&B – I sensed the pride that the owner felt playing host to these 'almost priests' and hoped they would not be disappointed when they discovered their humanity as they bimbled back to their accommodation after all the festivities! But the proprietor was more understanding and considerate than I could possibly have imagined and I give thanks.

I remember that Pentecost and Bishop Willie leading us through a liturgy that was so rich in symbolism and meaning as an unseasonal wind blew wildly around the Cathedral of Ss Peter & Paul and I give thanks.

I remember lying prostrate and listening to the Litany of Saints, there were the usual suspects, a few auld favourites, a nod to my parents and then out of the blue St. Isidore of Seville, pray, pray for us. This was not due to any particular devotion to the said saint but an acknowledgement of a place where my best friend and I made and continue to make regular pilgrimage and I give thanks.

I remember my mother putting the Chasuble on me, dressing me, not for the first time, the most extraordinary mother in the world and thinking of all mothers and the sacrifices they make on our behalf and I think of our Blessed Mother and I give thanks.

I remember my father and sister bringing up the gifts of Chalice and Patten and presenting them to Bishop Willie and Bishop Willie presenting them to me and I give thanks because, dear friends, everything is gift – God not only gives us gifts, but offers the gift of God himself.

I remember the Preface of Pentecost exhorting "*and now the Paschal mystery has come to completion*", about time it seemed to say, a circuitous route perhaps, but that has made all the difference and I give thanks.

Priesthood has brought me many places, far and wide and deep inside. I have seen the best and the worst of what humanity is capable of. I have been with the dying as they took their last breath and celebrated the arrival of the new born and learned that life is precious and not to be taken for granted. I have been reminded that we are desired into being by a God who is love and who journeys with us throughout our lives.

I am reminded of the 'confessions' and the reality that we can always return, no matter how badly we may have failed, because we live in a multi-chance universe and are never doomed by past mistakes, that God allows for trial and error learning and our return will always be met by a loving God, who, like the prodigal's father celebrates with exuberant joy.

I remember the joy of the 'First Communions' the most recent being my nephew's and how God's gift of himself sustains us as we journey. The weddings too and the reminder of the great command to love one another. Let us strive to love one another as we are loved.

My sister used to say that I had the life of Riley! She was right, for when you embrace the gift – opportunities arise.

I have had the privilege of celebrating the Eucharist in the finest Cathedrals and remote chapels, I have celebrated it in wide open fields and in back kitchens and that has been the greatest gift. I prepare now for the next phase of my life and ministry and I am at peace. Peace begins with me, accepting myself as I am and life as gift and being grateful for what I have. Peace is the gift of the Risen Lord to us all, to his tired and bruised disciples. Peace be with you!

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá tar éis
Caomaineacha.

Féach, a Íosa cheannsa, rómhilis, caithim mé féin ar mo ghlúine i d'fhianaise; agus guím agus achainím ort le mór-mhian m'anama, go ndaingne óchta i mo chroí beosmaointe creidimh, dóchais agus carthanachta agus fíor aithreachais ar son mo pheacaí, maille le rún daingean mo leasuithe, agus smaoiním i m'intinn féin agus meabhraím go domhain le dian ghrá agus dubhrón anama ar do chúig chréachta ró-luachmhara, ag coinneáil roimh m'intinn na focail úd a chuir Dáivi i do bhéal fá dtaoibh duit féin a Íosa mhaith: "Do phol siad mo lámha agus mo chosa, chuntais siad mo chnámha uile." Áiméan.

Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus, before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with the most fervent desire of soul, I pray and beseech Thee to impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true contrition for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment. With deep affection and grief of soul, I ponder within myself, mentally contemplating Thy five wounds, having before my eyes the words which David the Prophet spoke concerning Thee: "They have pierced my hands and my feet, they have numbered all my bones. Amen."

Adult Education Opportunities

For adults interested in studying on a part-time basis for Single subject Leaving Certificate options (Maths, Geography, English, History), contact Mike at the College of Further Education And Training Ennis Campus in Clonroad or phone 065-6897644. Courses are fully funded with no fees. For further details logon to www.Collegeoffet.ie/Ennis-Campus.

Breakthrough Cancer Research are the largest funder of research into poor prognosis cancers in the island of Ireland. We are looking for help with our Ennis Collection on Friday the 29 September. If you have an hour to spare please contact Mary at 021 422 66 55 or email mary@breakcancer.ie

Clare Music Makers' Open Day 2023.

Saturday 2nd September 10.00am – 1.00pm An opportunity to try out the instruments, meet the tutors and get more information. All welcome! Now enrolling for September. (V95X3TR)

St. Michael's Villas 70th Anniversary

The exhibition telling the story of St. Michael's Villas continues 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, 20th August**

**Fund €4,090
Online €354.50**

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you,
my God.

Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.

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 glo-
ry, 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 Fa-
ther, 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 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the
master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg

into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his fathers house.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
Discard not the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

R.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
Which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
You increased the strength of my soul.

R.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
And the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
Discard not the work of your hands.

R.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Rm11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God - how
deep his wisdom and knowledge - and
how impossible to penetrate his motives or
understand his methods! Who could ever
know the mind of the Lord? Who could
ever be his counsellor? Who could ever
give him anything or lend him anything?
All that exists comes from him; all is by
him and for him. To him be glory for ever!
Amen.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter and on this rock I will
build my Church.

And the gates of the underworld can
never hold out against it.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of
Caesarea Philippi he put this question to
his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son
of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is
John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others
Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But
you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then

Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,'
he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus
replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a
happy man! Because it was not flesh and
blood that revealed this to you but my
Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You
are Peter and on this rock I will build my
Church. And the gates of the underworld
can never hold out against it. I will give you
the keys of the kingdom of heaven:
whatever you bind on earth shall be
considered bound in heaven; whatever you
loose on earth shall be considered loosed
in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict
orders not to tell anyone that he was the
Christ.

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 suf-
fered 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 spo-
ken 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
resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come.

Amen.

Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of
your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.