

# 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

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 10th September, 2023

## “Love your neighbour as yourself”

The biblical readings of the Mass this Sunday converge on the theme of love in the community of believers. The Apostle Paul in the second reading says that the whole Law of God finds fullness in love, so that in our relationships with others the Ten Commandments and every other law and rule are summed up in these words: “Love your neighbour as yourself”

The Gospel shows that in the Christian community love involves a sense of mutual responsibility. For this reason if someone commits a sin against me I must treat them charitably and first of all, speak to them privately, pointing out that what they have said or done is wrong. This approach is known as “fraternal correction”: it is not a reaction to the offence suffered but is motivated by love for one’s brothers and sisters

St Augustine comments: “Whoever has offended you, in offending you, has inflicted a serious injury upon themselves; and would you not care for a brother or sisters injury?... You must forget the offence you have received but not the injury of one of your brothers and sisters.”



And what if my brother or sister does not listen to me? In today’s Gospel Jesus points out the the loving approach is a gradual approach. He demonstrates that we are responsible for each other in the journey of Christian life; each person, aware of their own limitations and shortcomings, is called to accept the advice of others and to help others along the way.

Jesus is showing us how to deal with those situations when people will not admit that they have done wrong. He is not pointing us to an anything goes spirituality or morality, but rather to a pilgrim faith. We try to journey in truth and in holiness, sometimes we wander from the path, and so we seek Gods mercy and forgiveness and try again to walk the right way. Similarly when others wonder away we should in love try to help them back on the right path.

When someone hurts you, it's a reflection of their own pain, not yours. For a Christian there is always a chance to be forgiven, to change, to grow, sometimes we need to receive a helping hand from others to enact that change, sometimes we need to offer that helping hand even to those who have sinned against us.



### Cathedral

#### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Teresa Larkin Cusack Road. **1st Anniv**  
Teresa Sheerin Ryan, Kilmaley, Tulla, Cranny & Trim.  
Seán & Bridie McMahon, Knockanoura, Tulla Rd.  
Paddy Quinn, Corofin.

**Sun 10th 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** John & Michael Shannon, Loughville.

**11.30am:** Mary Hickey, Cahercalla Estate MM.

Patricia Arthur, Station Road **1st Anniv.**

Pauline Greer, 'Greenhill House', Ashline

Michael Tierney, Cahercalla.

Molly & Michael Meehan, Summerhill.

Veronica & John Drinan, 'Ashmere', Cusack Rd.

**Mon: 7.40am:** Joe Egan, Castlebar.

**11am:** Andrew Hogan, Hermitage.

**7.30pm:** Margaret & Andy Woods, Hermitage.

Mary & John Rynne & Josephine O'Looney, Carron.

**Tues 7.40am** Book of Intentions.

**11am:** No Intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Chrissie Molloy, Cloughleigh Rd MM.

Mary Hill Connor, Phoenix, Arizona & Texas. **1st Anniv.**

Michael Kearse, St Michael's Villas.

Tom & Mary Dillon, Kilkishen & Broadford.

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

**11am:** William & Margaret Grogan, Kilmurray McMahon

Nancy Grogan Corofin

**7.30pm:** William & Mary Ann McNamara, Bodyke.

**Thurs 7.40am:** Holy Souls

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Aidan Frost, Castlewood Park.

Kay McNamara, Hillcrest, Tulla Road

**Fri 7.40am:** Mass for People

**11am:** Con Butler & deceased family, Clonroad.

Seán McDonnell, Gallows Hill & Philippines.

**7.30pm:** Raymond Casey, Collins Park Ennis MM.

**Sat:11am:** Olive O'Malley, Kilbricken, Doora.

Margaret Lenihan, Cork & Downey Family, Hermitage.

Ann, Seán & Brendan Mullarkey, College Green.

**6.30pm:** Sean Shannon Connolly Villas. MM.

Ann Coffey (nee Browne), Hermitage. **1st Anniv.**

Nancy Shannon, Hermitage,

& Shannon & Hewitt Family,

Michael McInerney, London & Ayle, Feakle.

Astrid Flynn, Corrovorrin Ave.

**Sun 17th 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** John & Mary Griffin, Beechpark.

Rita Keane, Loughville.

**11.30am:** Kathleen McGovern, 'St Martins',

College View, Clare Road.

Dan & Mary O'Keeffe, Ardlea Road.

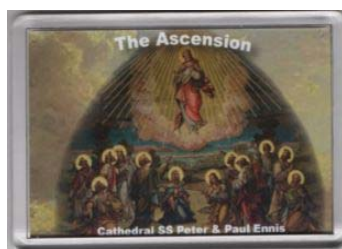
Eileen Linnane, St. Flannan's Terrace.

Tony Mulrennan, Westfields, Clare Road.

David Timlin Ashfield Park.

Finbarr O'Toole, Friars' Close.

### Fridge Magnet



The Fresco Painting of the Ascension, which can be viewed over the sanctuary of the Cathedral is available for sale in the Parish Office.

An ideal image for a blessing on your home. €3 each or 2 for €5.

The proceeds are for the Tiles for the Aisles for the Cathedral floor restoration.

#### Tiles for the Aisles Appeal

We acknowledge contributions of €400, €100 x 2, €15 to this Appeal.

#### Cathedral Internal Upgrade

Work is progressing on the restoration of the floor in the Cathedral. The Cathedral is open each day with Masses and visits as normal. Funerals during this time between Monday & Friday take place at 10.30am Mass in St. Joseph's Church.

We apologise for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

#### Thank You

Bishop Fintan wishes to thank all who contributed €7,256 to the annual appeal last weekend for the Sick & Retired Priests of the Diocese.

### Newly Baptised



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

Sienna Frances Twomey;

Sienna Harper Butler;

Oisín Dara Drudy.

### St. Joseph's



#### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat 7pm:** Caroline Walsh, Elm Park. MM.

Martin & Maureen Mullins, Marian Ave

Margaret & Tom Crowe, Lahinch & O'Rourke Family.

**Sun 10th 10am:** No intention booked.

**11.45am:** John & Margaret McNamara,

St Senan's Rd.

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

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

**Wed 10.30am:** Madeleine Keown, Corofin.

**Thu 10.30am:** Holy Souls.

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

**Sat: 10.30am:** Joe & Maura McDonagh,  
Meadow Court, Clonroad.

**7pm:** No intention booked.

**Sun 17th 10am:** Noel Carmody, Kincora Park.

**11.45pm:** Maureen Scahill, Dublin & Roscommon.  
**1st Anniv**

### Sacramental Preparation 2024



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Reconciliation  
First Eucharist  
and Confirmation

Meetings for parents or guardians of those who intend receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion or Confirmation in 2024 will take place over the coming weeks across the parish. Information letters have been distributed through schools and a full list is also available on our website. Please make every effort to ensure that your family is represented at one of these gatherings; if you are not able to attend the assigned date for your school, you are welcome to attend any other of the meetings.

#### Padre Pio Triduum

Padre Pio Triduum at the Friary from Thursday 21st to Saturday 23rd September at 7.30pm.

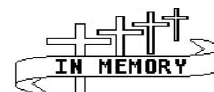
**Thursday:** Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly;

**Friday:** Fr. Liam McCarthy, OFM  
& Fr. Martin Shanahan.



**Saturday:** Bishop Fintan Monahan.

#### RIP



Basil Minihane, Corrovorrin Drive.

Niamh Collins (nee Flynn), Ballymaconna,  
Barefield & Gordon Drive.

Seán Walsh, Lucan, Dublin,  
father of Eoin Walsh, Ennis National School.

Teresa Quinn, Milltown, Co. Galway.  
Mother of Mary Maloney, Ballyea.

### Cloughleigh

#### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 10th 11am:** Michael & Patrick O'Brien,  
Cloughleigh Rd.

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



## Season of Creation



# SEASON OF CREATION

From 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October, the Feast of St. Francis, we observe the Season of Creation in which we are called to pray for the Care of Creation. We unite in prayer and action to protect and preserve our beautiful planet. While prayer is a powerful and essential aspect of our devotion, it must also inspire us to take tangible steps towards positive change and environmental stewardship.

We come together, not only in gratitude for the wonders of creation but also in a spirit of responsibility.

It is not enough to simply pray for a better world, we must actively work to create it. Each of us has a role to play, and together, our collective efforts can make a significant impact.

We must be mindful of our daily actions and their impact on the environment. Small changes in our lifestyle, like reducing waste, conserving energy, and supporting sustainable practices, can collectively make a significant difference for the health of our planet.

As we pray for God's creation, let our prayers be a catalyst for action. Let us advocate for policies sources, and promote conservation efforts. Together, we can ensure a brighter, greener future for generations to come.

During this Season of Creation, commit to being not only prayerful stewards of creation but also active guardians of our planet. May our prayers fuel our determination to make lasting positive changes for the well-being of the Earth and all its inhabitants.

### A New Beginning

In the coming week, many young people will for the first time move away from home as they begin their college life in Third Level. We pray God's blessing on them at this time of new beginning.

May they remember the Gift of the Holy Spirit given to them on Confirmation Day will always be with them to guide and support.

*Come Holy Spirit,  
upon these young people  
at this time.*

Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September

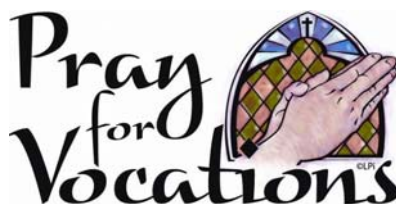
Fund €4,248.35  
Online €324.50

# SAMARITANS

Samaritans Ennis and Clare are currently seeking new volunteers for the Autumn 2023 training programme.

Volunteers offer their time (approximately 3 to 4 hours a week) to help deliver a 24-hour emotional support service to callers from all walks of life. If you are tolerant, open-minded, and willing to help others please call 085 1763491 or email [ennis.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org](mailto:ennis.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org) for further information.

### Year of Prayer for Vocations



This week, three young men from our Diocese will begin discernment and studies for the priesthood. We ask you to keep these young men in your daily prayers.

*Loving & generous God,  
we are your people, the work of your hands,  
Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted,  
to dry tears of those who mourn,  
to give hope to those who despair  
and to rejoice in your steadfast love.*

*Grant us faith filled leaders  
who will embrace Christ's mission  
of love and justice.*

*Bless the Church of Killaloe Diocese  
by raising up dedicated leaders  
from our families and friends  
who will serve your people as priests.*

*Inspire us to know you better  
and open our hearts to hear your call.  
Amen.*

### 9/11 Anniversary

On this Monday, 11th September, we recall the 22nd anniversary of what is known now as 9/11.

*In commemorating this tragedy,  
we give you thanks,  
for your abiding presence in our time of need  
and we seek you in your spirit  
to continue to guide and help us  
journey through life.*

### Clare Roots Society

Your Irish Ancestors: Getting started on your Family Tree by Clara Hoyne on Thursday 21st September at 7.30pm at Clare Education Centre, Kilrush Road, Ennis – V95F782.



This is for beginners and is a free event.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne



Mí Mheán Fómhair. A íosa, bí linn i mí Mheán Fómhair, mí na torthúlachta, mí bainte an arbhair, mí filleadh ar scoileanna. Ní bhíonn in aon rud ach seal a deir an seanfhocal. Tá an chuach imithe uainn agus ní fada go mbeidh na fáinleoga ag tabhairt aghaidh ar na tíortha ina mbíonn sé ina Shamhradh i gcónaí. Tá deireadh le laethanta saoire an tsamhraidh agus tá múinteoirí agus scoláirí ag filleadh ar ais ar scoil. Guímis ar son ár múinteoirí agus ár lucht teagaisc a thugann aire do spiorad an aosa óig agus a thugann chun foirfeachta é. Beannaigh iad ina gcuid oibre, a íosa. Molaimid don aos óg aird a dhíriú ag tús na scoilbhliana ar an gcomhairle seo a leanas ón mbéaloidias:

*Lá ó scoil, Domhnach ón Aifreann,  
lá ó cheird.*

*Ní hualach do dhuine an léann.*

Lord be with us during the month of September; month of fruitfulness, month of harvesting, month of returning to school. According to the proverb nothing lasts more than a while. The cuckoo has taken flight and soon the swallows will be making their way to the countries where it is always summer. The summer holidays are over. Teachers, pupils and students have returned to schools. Let us remember them and pray for all those who work as educators and who help young people achieve their full potential. Jesus, bless them in their work. We advise students to remember the following from Irish folklore:

*A day away from school,  
a Sunday away from Mass  
and a day away from work cannot be replaced.  
Learning is no burden.*

Cliffs of Moher Experience is hosting a Public Information Evening where you will have the opportunity to engage directly with key individuals involved in the development of the Cliffs of Moher Strategy 2040.

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm at Falls Hotel, Ennistymon

### Clare Outdoor Club Try-A-Hike, Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>

The Clare Outdoor Club is organising a Try-A-Hike on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for non-members to experience Hill walking and is suitable for beginners (over 18's). Further details on <http://clareoutdoorclub.net/try-a-hike/> or by emailing [clareoutdoorclub@gmail.com](mailto:clareoutdoorclub@gmail.com)

### Attention Class of 73 Colaiste

We are having a Special Re-Union this year to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023 in The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon.

Please contact Geraldine Fitzgerald on 0872373249 for further details. Looking forward to seeing you there!



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord,  
and your judgment is right;  
treat your servant in accord  
with your merciful love.

## 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 Ezekiel

Ezk 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as  
follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as  
sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear  
a word from my mouth, warn them in my  
name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked  
wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak  
to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways,  
then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you  
responsible for his death.

If, however, you do warn a wicked man to  
renounce his ways and repent, and he does  
not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but  
you yourself will have saved your life.'

## The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

R. **O that today you would  
listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God  
who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen  
to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw  
my work.' **R**

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

Rm 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt  
of mutual love. If you love your fellow  
men you have carried out your  
obligations. All the commandments: You  
shall not commit adultery, you shall not  
kill, you shall not steal, you shall not  
covet, and so on, are summed up in this  
single command: You must love your  
neighbour as yourself. Love is the one  
thing that cannot hurt your neighbour,  
that is why it is the answer to every one  
of the commandments.

## The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.  
Alleluia!**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your  
brother does something wrong, go and  
have it out with him alone, between your  
two selves. If he listens to you, you  
have won back your brother. If he does  
not listen, take one or two others along  
with you: the evidence of two or three  
witnesses is required to sustain any

charge. But if he refuses to listen to these,  
report it to the community; and if he refuses  
to listen to the community, treat him like a  
pagan or tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you  
bind on earth shall be considered bound in  
heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall  
be considered loosed in heaven.'

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two  
of you on earth agree to ask anything at all,  
it will be granted to you by my Father in  
heaven. For where two or three meet in my  
name, I shall be there with them.'

## The Gospel of the Lord

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visi-  
ble 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 as-  
cended 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 giv-  
er 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 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

**Like the deer that yearns  
for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning  
for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting  
for God, the living God.**