

# 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

Ennis Parish Web Site: <http://www.ennisparish.com>

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 17th September, 2023

## Forgiveness

Jesus taught us that if we wanted God to forgive us, then we must learn to forgive each other. Forgiveness means different things to different people. But in general, it involves an intentional decision to let go of resentment and anger. The Mayo Clinic reminds us that letting go can make way for improved health and peace of mind. Forgiveness can lead to healthier relationships, improved mental health, lower blood pressure and improved self-esteem.

When we forgive someone, or when they forgive us, we lose our feeling of anger and hurt; we no longer want to pay them back, we become friends again. Jesus showed us how to forgive others and how he would forgive us.

The gospel story tells us that God is always ready and willing to forgive, even our most serious offences. When this is the behavior of our God, we do not have any excuse to deny anyone our forgiveness. This can be hard to do at times.

What might help us to come to a place of forgiveness? Try to see the situation from the other person's point of view.

Reflect on why they may have behaved that way. Pray to God to help you to forgive. You might like to write in a journal, or use a guided meditation to help you.

Talk with someone you trust and have found to be wise and compassionate.

Be aware that forgiveness is a process, and even small hurts may need to be revisited and forgiven over and over again.

It is not always easy to forgive someone, which is why we need to see them with the eyes of God. We can ask the Holy Spirit to help us, to guide us and heal us.

*Prayer for forgiveness*

*Father, bless me with the wonderful power of forgiveness, give me the grace to unconditionally forgive those who have done me wrong.*

*Give me the strength to let go of all ill-will, the strength to forgive myself of my own failing and sins, knowing that you have already forgiven me. Amen.*



**Priest on Duty 17th September, 2023**  
**Fr. David Carroll Tel. 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Seán Shannon Connolly Villas. MM  
 Ann Coffey (nee Browne), Hermitage. **1st Anniv.**  
 Michael McInerney, London & Ayle, Feakle.  
 Astrid Flynn Corrovorrin Ave.  
 Nancy Shannon, Hermitage.  
 & Shannon & Hewitt Families.

Sheila, Tom & John Cotter Loughville, Ennis

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

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

Rita Keane, Loughville.

**11.30am:** Dan & Mary O'Keefe, Ardlea Road.

Kathleen McGovern, 'St Martins', College View,  
 Clare Road.

Eileen Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce, Ennis.

Tony Mulrennan, Westfields.

Finbarr O'Toole, Friars' Close.

David Timlin, Ashfield Park.

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

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Frank Molony, O'Connell St.

John McGann Ard na Gréine, Ennis

**Tues:7.40am** Book of Intentions.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Eugene Ryan Shanaway Road.

**Wed 7.40am:** Maisie & Jimmy Shalloo,

O'Callaghan's Mills.

**11am:** Paddy Reidy, Golf Links Road.

PJ & Mary Neylon, Lahinch.

Anne Smyth, Roscommon.

Marissa McDonnell, Cathedral Court & Philippines.

**7.30pm:** Holy Souls.

**Thurs 7.40am:** Margaret Foudy, Kilrush Rd &

Bridget O'Connor Been, Inagh.

**11am:** Joan Dargan, Limerick Road.

**7.30pm:** No intention booked.

**Fri 7.40am:** Mass for the People.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** No intention booked.

**Sat 11am:** McEnery Family, Circular Road.

John Finn, Golf Links Rd.

**6.30pm:** Pat Hynes, Clare Road.

**Sun 24th 8am:** No Intention booked.

**9.30am:** Jackie Browne, Ardlea Road.

**11.30am:** James Barrow, Drumcliffe. **1st Anniv**

Matt **1st Anniv** & Mary Corbett, Limerick Rd.

James Guilfoyle, Woodlands, Cahercalla. **MM.**

Packie & Mary Ryan, Dalcassian Ave.

Ralph Martin California & Ennis.

Mary Burke, Park Ave.

**Tiles for the Aisles  
 Appeal**

Work is continuing in the Cathedral at the restoration of the floor. We apologise for the inconvenience caused while the work is taking place.

We really appreciate the generosity of people who contributed €350, €300; €100 x 2; €50.

**Cathedral Children's Choir**



Auditions for Ennis Cathedral Junior Choir are now open to boys and girls 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class.


Free Musicianship Classes; Formal Robed Choir; 16 boy; 16 girl places. Sing once a month.

Weekly practice 5.15pm to 6.30pm – Mondays.

Contact Fiona Walsh, Choir Director 087 688 6378; enniscathedralchoir@gmail.com

**Irish Red Cross 5k Run, Walk or Jog** in aid of Irish Red Cross Clare Community Services. Saturday 23rd September next - 11am start from Lee's Road, Ennis.

Registration Fees: Adult €15; Family €25. Prizes 1st, 2nd & 3rd for Male/Female.

To register visit  www.eventbrite.com or arrive early on the day to register.

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**Newly Baptised**

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

**Adeline Sophia Lally**  
**Eileen Natasha**  
 McDonagh



**St. Joseph's**



**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat 7pm:** No intention booked.

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

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

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

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

**Wed 10.30am:** Paddy Lynch & Family, Kilmaley.

**Thu 10.30am:** Carl Quinn, London.

Margaret & Thomas O'Connell, Milltown Malbay.

Carmel & Tom McInerney, The Crescent, Lifford.

**Fri 10.30am:** Mary McMahon & Anne Mullen, Ennis & UK.

**Sat: 10.30am:** Nuala Keane, Tullyodea, Ruan & Kincora Park.

**7pm:** Anne Fox & Pat McInerney, Corrovorin Green  
 Maria Fox, Golf Links Rd.

**Sun 24th 10am:** No intention booked.

**11.45am:** David Browne, Tulla Rd.

**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.

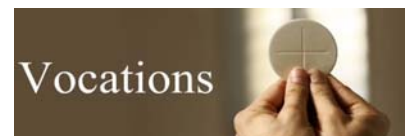
**Clare Roots' Society**



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..

**Year of Prayer for Vocations**



*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.*

**Cloughleigh**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sun 17th 11am:** No intention booked.

**Mon: 9.30am:** No intention booked.

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

**Wed 9.30am:** No intention booked.

**Thu 9.30am:** No intention booked.

**Fri 9.30am:** No intention booked.

**Sun 24th 11am:** Josie & Paddy McMahon,

Shanaway Rd.

John Rutherford, Claureen Drive.

## Season of Creation



**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24

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 lifestyles, 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 that protect the environment, support renewable energy sources, and promote conservation efforts. Together, we can ensure a brighter, greener future for generations to come.

During this Season of Creation, we 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.

**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. I

If you are tolerant, openminded, and willing to help others please call 085 1763491 or email [ennis.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org](mailto:ennis.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org) for further information.



## CULTURE NIGHT

22nd September

'Autumnal Sounds' - Free Concert for Culture Night; All welcome 7.30-8.30pm in Clare Museum, Ennis (V95 EC92). Music and poetry by Joanne Callinan, Deirdre Griffin, Emer O'Flaherty, Roisin McMullin & Satakieli Choir (conductor Richard Pomfret) Admission Free.

**Phoenix and Wolfe** will be performing at Le Chéile Café, Barefield 7pm. Entry is free.

**Tulla Comhaltas Culture Concert** with members of the Tulla Céili Band at 8pm. Free concert at Cnoc Na Gaoithe, Tulla, Also Tulla Comhaltas All Ireland Fleadh Finalists from Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann; the u12 set dancers will be stepping it out. Bringing Culture Night to a close is an open trad. session with Cushla Murphy, Éabha McNerney and Ronan Kennedy where everyone is welcome to play along or just listen to some great trad. music.

### St Flannan's College Night Classes

St Flannan's College Night Classes and Saturday Workshops for Adults will resume on Wednesday October 4th.

Night Classes include Make-up, Ukulele, Sustainable Living Skills, Cross-stitching, Skincare, Creative Writing, Aromatherapy and Genealogy. We also offer Saturday Workshops in Yoga, Mosaic, Stained Glass and Aromatherapy.

Text/phone 083 1090039 for further details and bookings

### Coláiste Muire Open Day

Open Day for Incoming First Years 2024 Saturday 7th October next. This is a ticketed event. Book your free tickets on [www.colaiSTEMuire.ie](http://www.colaiSTEMuire.ie).

Application forms available on the day of the event. Book early to avoid disappointment.

### Coláiste Muire Re-union

Attention Class of '73 Coláiste Muire. Special Re-Union this year to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 21<sup>st</sup> October in The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon. Please contact Geraldine Fitzgerald on 0872373249.

RIP



**Brendan Clohessy**,  
Ennis & Lisdoonvarna.

**PJ Kelly**, Carmody Street.

**Michael Woulfe**, Glenina, Gort Rd.

## *Sr. Eileen's Cuinne*

Aire do Chruthú Dé.

Le tamall anuas cloisimid sna meáin chumarsáide faoi thubaistí nádúrtha atá ag tarlú ar fud na cruinne. De réir na saineolaithe is é an cine daonna faoi ndear roinnt mhaith díobh seo. Mar sin ba cheart dúinn gach iarracht a dhéanamh chun iad a mhaolú. Chruthaigh Dia an domhan dúinn chun maireachtáil inti le cruthaitheacht agus freagracht. Ina imlitir Laudato Si, impionn an Pápa Proinsias orainn ár nósanna a athrú toisc an scríos atá déanta againn don domhan trí mhí-úsáid. Is í Éire an tír is mó san Eoraip le dramhaíl phlaisteach.

De réir na staitisticí is déanaí téann 13 milliún tonna plaisteach isteach i bhfarraigí an domhain gach bliain agus tógann éisc, éanlaith agus orgánaigh eile iad isteach ina gcorp gan trácht ar an díobháil don duine. Is féidir linn gearradh siar ar an méid dramhaíl a chaithimid i draipisí gach aon lá. Ní foláir dúinn machnamh ar Laudato Si.

We hear and read daily of weather related disasters worldwide. According to the experts, these are the result of first world lifestyles. We ought to make every effort to redress the harm done. God created the world for us to live in it creatively and responsibly. In his Encyclical Laudato Si, Pope Francis invites us to change our habits. Ireland has the most plastic waste in Europe.

According to the latest statistics, 13 million tons of plastic go into the world's seas every year. Fish, birds and other organisms take this into their bodies and so it enters the food chain. We can dramatically reduce our use of plastic and other pollutants. Let us reflect on Laudato Si.

### Mass at St. Michael's Holy Well

St. Michael's Holy Well Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick on Friday 29th September at 6.30pm.

Pilgrims will gather at 6pm at the top of the farmers' access road next to N18 By-Pass Bridge, Quin Road, Ennis, for onward Pilgrim Walk to St. Michael's Holy Well, Kilbreckan.

Join us in the footsteps of our ancestors on this ancient pilgrim path. All welcome.

### Ennis Flower & Garden Club

Ennis flower and garden club present Helen Cusack, Limerick, at Treacys' West County Hotel on Tuesday September 19th. Doors open at 7.30 and demonstration starts at 8.15pm. All welcome, €10 non members, demonstrators; arrangements raffled on the night. Contact [ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com)

Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday, 10th Sept.

Fund €5,576  
Online €152.50

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord,  
to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

## 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 Ecclesiastics. Si 27:30 - 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,  
and both are found with the sinner.  
He who exacts vengeance will experience the  
vengeance of the Lord,  
who keeps strict account of sin.  
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,  
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.  
If a man nurses anger against another,  
can he then demand compassion  
from the Lord?  
Showing no pity for a man like himself,  
can he then plead for his own sins?  
Mere creature of flesh,  
he cherishes resentment;  
who will forgive him his sins?  
Remember the last things, and stop hating,  
remember dissolution and death, and live by  
the commandments.  
Remember the commandments, and do not  
bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the  
covenant of the Most High, and overlook the  
offence.

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

R. **The Lord is compassion and love,  
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals everyone of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. **R**

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans. Rom 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its  
influence on others; if we live, we live for the  
Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so  
that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This  
explains why Christ both died and came to  
life, it was so that he might be the Lord both  
of the dead and of the living.

## The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
You have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how  
often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs  
me? As often as seven times?' Jesus  
answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-  
seven times'.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may  
be compared to a king who decided to settle  
his accounts with his servants. When the  
reckoning began, they brought him a man  
who owed ten thousand talents; but he had  
no means of paying, so his master gave  
orders that he should be sold, together with  
his wife and children and all his possessions,  
to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw  
himself down at his master's feet. "Give me  
time", he said "and I will pay the whole sum."  
And the servant's master felt so sorry for him  
that he let him go and cancelled the debt.  
Now as this servant went out, he happened

to meet a fellow servant who owed him one  
hundred denarii; and he seized him by the  
throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what  
you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell  
at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me  
time and I will pay you." But the other would  
not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown  
into prison till he should pay the debt. His  
fellow servants were deeply distressed when  
they saw what had happened, and they went  
to their master and reported the whole affair  
to him. Then the master sent for him. "You  
wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that  
debt of yours when you appealed to me.  
Were you not bound, then, to have pity on  
your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?"  
And in his anger the master handed him over  
to the torturers till he should pay all his debt.  
And that is how my heavenly Father will deal  
with you unless you each forgive your brother  
from your heart.'

## 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 ascend-  
ed 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 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

**How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the  
shadow of your wings.**