

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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Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 1st October, 2023

“SAYING AND DOING”



In the story that makes up this Sunday's Gospel reading, a father asks his two sons to take part in his business, participate in his life. One refused to go, but then recanted and went to work; the second accepted to go, but never turned up!

Today's parable is telling us that it is better to obey without promising than it is to promise and not obey. Words mean nothing if there are no deeds or actions to back them up. It is easy for us to admit and agree the truth, but God also demands that we act out the truth as well. In other words, what we do is more important than what we say we will do. We cannot be "talk only but no action."

The first son represents those who may have initially strayed from the path of righteousness. They may have made mistakes and poor choices, but when they encounter the truth of God's love and grace, they repent and turn back to Him. This son reminds us

that no matter how far we have wandered, it is never too late to return to God's loving embrace. His story is a testament to the power of repentance and conversion.

The second son, on the other hand, represents those who may outwardly appear righteous and obedient but fail to follow through with their commitments to God. Their faith may be superficial, and their actions do not align with their words. This son challenges us to examine our own lives and question whether we are truly living out our faith in a meaningful way or merely paying lip service to God.

Action does speak louder than words. We are, therefore, called to obedience not only in words, but also in our actions. Words without actions are useless.

It's easy to say, "I believe," but the real test of our faith is in how we live our lives. As Christians, we are called to be doers of the Word, not just hearers. Our faith should lead us to make choices that align with God's will, even if it means going against the cultural tide or sacrificing our own desires.

May we be inspired to live out our faith through our actions, always seeking God's forgiveness and grace when we falter, and may we find comfort in the knowledge that our Heavenly Father rejoices when we turn to Him with repentant hearts.



Priest on Duty

Contact Fr. Martin Blake - Tel 065 6869098

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 6.30pm: Dympna Power, Ballaghboy. **1st Anniv.**
Shane Magnier, 'Avalon', Clonroad.
Eugene Quinn & Quinn Family, Corrovorrin.
Michael & Bridget Singleton, Hermitage.

Sun 1st 8am: Raymundo Sabrosa, Philippines.
9.30am: Costello & O'Donoghue Family, Ennis & Cork.
11.30am: Patrick & Josephine Kelly, Ard na Gréine.
Patsy Woods, Circular Road.
PJ & Mrs Coulter, Dublin.
Florence Considine, Ennis.
Mary Connolly & Family, St Anne's Terrace.
David Cahill, Dun Laoghaire.
David, Keith & Jennings Family, Dun Laoghaire.

Mon 7.40am: No Intention booked.
11am: Celine & Kevin O'Reilly, Limerick.
7.30pm: Matt Talbot Prayer Society.

Tues: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.
11am: No Intention booked.
7.30pm: McAllister Family, Hermitage.
Special Intention.

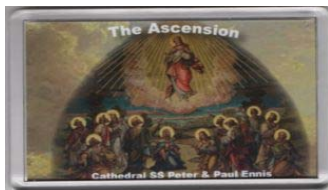
Wed: 7.40am: No Intention booked.
11am: Spaight Family Sixmilebridge.
7.30pm: No Intention booked.
Thurs 7.40am: Agnes Meaney, Surrey.
11am: No Intention booked.
7.30pm: Eamonn Traynor, Cappahard,
Tulla Rd. **1st Anniv**
Elizabeth (Lilly) Broderick, Drumbiggle.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for People
11am: Aidan Tuttle, Castlelawn, Tulla Road.
7.30pm: No Intention booked.
Sat:11am: Noreen Greene, College Park.
Nancy, Michael, Michael Jnr Hehir, Ard na Gréine
Declan Fitzpatrick, Dublin.

6.30pm: Mary Browning, Gordon Drive. **1st Anniv.**
Eileen Sullivan, 'Rossa', Clonroad.
Gerry Ryan, Stonepark, Barefield.
Brid Walsh, Ballyline, Crusheen.
Peggy Foren, Kerry.

Sun 8th 8am: Bridget, John & Michael Mulligan,
Ennis & Roscommon.
9.30am: No Intention booked.
11.30am: Annette Moylan, Golf Links Rd.

Tiles for the Aisles Appeal



Many thanks for the contribution of €500, €300, €200 to the appeal in the past week. We also appreciate the many people who have come to the parish office and purchased Fridge Magnets of Fresco of the Ascension painting in the Sanctuary of the Cathedral. €3 each or 2 for €5. All proceeds to the Tiles for the Aisles Appeal. An ideal gift and blessing for a home.

A Fund Raising Idea

Fr. Tom was approached by a native of the parish who has organised among his family a collection for the Tiles for the Aisles Appeal. The family were all baptised in the Cathedral, received their Sacraments and went to Mass each week. Even though no family now lives in Ennis, they regard the Cathedral as their spiritual home and want to support the appeal.

Would you consider doing something similar in your family?

Priests' Autumn Collection

The Autumn Collection for the priests of the parish will take place at all Masses this weekend. This is one of only four appeals in the year and we do appreciate your generosity. Envelopes for this appeal are available in your box of envelopes or in the porch of the church.

Matt Talbot Novena



The Monthly Mass praying for all suffering or sharing in life of addictions will take place at the Cathedral on this Monday 2nd at 7.30pm.

Newly Baptised

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

Olivia Grace Gonzalez
Daniel Robert Gonzalez
Emilija Burke



St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Michael & Bridie Kearney, Kilmaley.
Sun 1st 10am: Basil Minihane, Corrovorrin Drive. **MM.**
11.45am: PJ O'Donnell, Ballyalla.
Martin Keane, St Senan's Road.
Mon 10.30am: No Intention booked.
Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 10.30am: No Intention booked.
Thu 10.30am: No Intention booked.
Fri 10.30am: Peggy & Dick Greene, St Joseph's Tce.
Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.
7pm: Denis & Frances Callinan, Shannon Park.
Sun 8th 10am: No intention booked.
11.45am: No intention booked.

Construction Works at St. Joseph's Church

Work began on the roof and exterior walls of St. Joseph's Church which will then be followed by ceiling and electrical work which is scheduled to be completed by December.

The church will remain open for mass and other liturgies during the week. Some areas will have restricted access on a temporary basis and these will be clearly marked.

Early in the new year it is planned to repaint the interior and new carpeting will be laid - more information on this will be given in due course. Thank you for your patience in the lead up to this work and we pray for all involved.

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.

RIP



Sr. Eva O'Dea, St. Xavier's, Convent of Mercy, Ennis & Tulla;

Divino Oliveira, Phoenix Court, Kilrush Rd.,

Assumpta Sheehan, Coopers' Place & Turnpike;

Aiden Reilly, Corrovorrin Crescent;

Susan Feore, Phoenix Court.,

Anthony Summerly, Considine Rd.,

Sarah Mescall, Kilnamona & Coláiste Muire;

Seán Murphy, Hermitage & England.
Funeral Mass next Saturday at 11am in Cathedral followed by burial in Drumcliffe Cemetery.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Mon: 9.30am: Frank Crowe, Knockerra.
Tue: 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed: 9.30am: Bridget O'Connor, Miltown Malbay.
Sinon & Bridget Ryan, Kilkee.
Sun 8th 11am: Tommy Sherlock, Considine Rd.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 24th Sept

Fund **€4,605**
Online **€498.50**

The Synod of Bishops

Pope Francis has appealed for our prayers for the Synod which begins this week. There can be no authentic Synod without prayer. The Synod is not a parliament but a spiritual experience where the will of God is sought. Participants will gather this Saturday Evening for a prayer vigil on the eve of the Synod. Immediately afterwards all the Synod participants will begin a three day retreat.

Ireland will be represented by Bishop Leahy from Limerick and Bishop McGuckian from Raphoe. Please keep the Synod in your prayers.

Prayer for the Synod

Loving Father, Lord of all ages,
God of all peoples, through your Son,
Jesus Christ you have called us by name.
You have gathered
us into the family of the Church.
Send forth your Holy Spirit upon us.
Inspire Pope Francis and all those
who are assembled in Rome at this time.
Open their hearts to your voice.
Help them to recognise how best
to respond to your call.
Give us a new spirit and a new heart.
Strengthen our faith, renew your Church,
Inspire us to work for the world
where love abounds,
justice reigns and peace prevails
with Mother Mary by our side,
all this we ask of you Amen.

Year of Prayer for Diocesan Vocations



Killaloe Diocese this week launched a media campaign promoting vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood and especially for the Killaloe Diocese. This weekend Bishop Fintan accompanied by our Vocations Director, Fr. Ignatius McCormack, will celebrate and preach at all masses in the Cathedral as the campaign is launched. We are asked to pray for vocations and encourage vocations in our conversations.

JAM card available to people with disabilities of any nature including OAP, to support them as they go out and about in the community. All details on the web and it is free of charge. It means JUST A MINUTE I need support here and more time than others. www.jamcard.org

Do you feel called to seek God in prayer and contemplation, monastic work and community life? The Cistercian Community at St. Mary's Abbey, Glencairn invite single women aged 19-40 to our upcoming Monastic Vocations' Weekend on 27th-29th October next.

Please contact our Vocations' Director Sr. Sarah at vocations@glencairnabbey.org - visit www.glencairnabbey.org for St. Mary's Abbey Glencairn



Next Friday is the First Friday of October. 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. Fr. Tom will visit those in his care the week of 9th October.

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi – 4th October



Our town and parish are blessed to have a Franciscan presence for over 800 years. Today the three branches of Franciscans, the Friars, Poor Clares and Secular Franciscans continue to witness to the Gospel inspired by the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis, founder of the Franciscan Order was a man who dedicated his life to imitating the life of Christ. He embraced poverty, care for the marginalised and saw all of God's creation as deserving of love and respect. His message of peace and fraternity has echoed through the centuries and is exemplified in the lives of the Franciscans who have lived in Ennis and continue to do so to this day.

The Friary here in Ennis has been a source of comfort, guidance and peace to countless individuals and families. From 7am in the morning until evening, the door of the church is open to welcome all. The Ministry of Confession offered in the Friary brings comfort and consolation to many people. The Friars have fostered a great sense of community where people of all backgrounds come together in love and prayer.

As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis on Tuesday, we thank the present community of Fr. Brendan, Guardian, Fr. David, Vicar, Bro. Elzear, Fr. Cletus, Fr. Liam MacCarthy, Fr. Seamus, Bro. Philip, Fr. Hugh and Fr. Liam Kelly.

As they begin a new Chapter of Fraternity may God bless them as they live and witness in our presence.

On Wednesday next, the Feast of St. Francis, free admission all day to the old friary on Abbey Street. All welcome to come and see where the Franciscans started in Ennis and view the lovely carving of St. Francis which dates from the 15th century. Free guided tour at 12 noon.

The Mass for the Feast day of St Francis of Assisi will take place on this Wednesday at 10 am at the Friary. All welcome. We will pray the office of the SFO after Mass.

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

Paidreacha

Rinne an tAthair Diarmuid Ó Laoghaire SJ cruasach de chúpla míle paidir a bhí ag dul ó bhéal go béal ag ár sinsir ina leabhar Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais. Foilsíodh é sa bhliain 1975. Tá na paidreacha bainteach le gach gné de shaol an duine ó éirí ar maidin go dul a chodladh istoíche, ina measc, an t-altú roimh agus tar éis bia, ag dul chuig an Aifreann, ag lasadh agus ag múchadh an tsolais, ag cur an linbh a chodladh, ag lasadh na tine, ag déanamh aráin, paidreacha ar son athar agus máthar, an paidrín páirteach agus a lán eile nach iad. Tá an-saibhreas urnaí ag baint leis na paidreacha seo a chothaíonn gaol an duine le Dia. Léiríonn siad go héifeachtach chomh tugtha do Dhia a bhí ár sinsir.

Seo samplaí ón Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais. An tAthair Síoraí (The Eternal Father) Moladh agus buíochas leat, a Athair Naofa, Maker of the skies and heavens, Do cheap na spéartha agus neamh ar dtús, Maker of the surging seas, Is do cheap ina dhiaidh sin an mhuir mhór bhraonach' Of fish in crowded companies, Is na carnáin éisc inti ag snámh go dlúth. Praise and thanks for all you have given.

Beannacht ar theach nua. Blessing of New House. Dia, beannaigh an teach seo, God bless this house, Ó shuíomh go stagh, From site to stay, Ó chrann go balla, From beam to wall, Ó cheann go ceann, From end to end, Ó bhuaic go híoslach, From ridge to basement, Ó bhalc go díon, From baulk to roof, Ó bhonn go barr. Áiméan. From foundation to rooftop Amen. Nuair a bhíonn briseadh ar d'fhoighne. For Patience. Solas na soilse, Enlightenment of God, Agus radharc na Tríonóide, Eyes of the Trinity, Agus grásta na foighne, Grace of patience, In aghaidh na héagóra. Áiméan. Against injustice. Amen.

Father Diarmuid Ó Laoghaire SJ made a collection of more than two thousand prayers which were passed down orally by our ancestors in his book Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais. It was published in 1975. The prayers are associated with every aspect of human life from rising in the morning to going to bed at night, among them, grace before and after meals, going to Mass, lighting and quenching the light, putting the child to sleep, lighting the fire, making bread, prayers for father and mother, the rosary and many others. These prayers are very rich and foster a relationship with God. They show effectively how our ancestors lived in the presence of God. Above are some examples.

World Mental Health Month

You are welcome to join us at a FREE event as part of World Mental Health Month (Connect Café) on 6th October between 10am & 1pm at Ennis Scout Hall, Station Road, Ennis, V95 A394. We have some great Guest Speakers/ Information Stands to encourage and support you in your personal wellbeing.

For more information, please contact EmployAbility Clare at 065-6844007



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
You have done with true judgement,
For we have sinned against you
And not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
And deal with us according to the
bounty of your mercy.

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 Ezekiel.

Ezk 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me
as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord
does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel:
is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do
that is unjust? When the upright man
renounces his integrity to commit sin and
dies because of this, he dies because of
the evil that he himself has committed.
When the sinner renounces sin to become
law-abiding and honest, he deserves to
live. He has chosen to renounce all his
previous sins; he shall certainly live; he
shall not die'.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response

Remember your mercy, Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth,

and teach me:

For you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
And the love you have shown from of
old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me,

Because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

he guides the humble in the right path

he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians. Ph 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to
you, if love can persuade at all, or the
Spirit that we have in common, or any
tenderness and sympathy, then be
united in your convictions and united in
your love, with a common purpose and
a common mind. That is the one thing
which would make me completely
happy. There must be no competition
among you, no conceit; but everybody
is to be self-effacing. Always consider
the other person to be better than your-
self, so that nobody thinks of his own
interests first but everybody thinks of
other people's interests instead. In your
minds you must be the same as Christ
Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*If anyone loves me he will keep my
word,*

And my Father will love him,

And we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the
elders of the people, 'What is your
opinion? A man had two sons. He went
and said to the first, "My boy, you go
and work in the vineyard today." He
answered, "I will not go", but afterwards

thought better of it and went. The man
then went and said the same thing to the
second who answered, "Certainly, sir",
but did not go. Which of the two did the
father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus
said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax
collectors and prostitutes are making their
way into the kingdom of God before you.
For John came to you, a pattern of true
righteousness, but you did not believe
him, and yet the tax collectors and
prostitutes did. Even after seeing that,
you refused to think better of it and
believe in him.'

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

Remember your word to your servant,
O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort
when I am brought low.