

# 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;

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St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

24th September, 2023

## Mercy Day - September 24th

“Why be envious because I am generous? The first shall be last and the last shall be first” Jesus’ story he tells in today’s Gospel (Mt 20 1-16) enforces the sense of his version of justice, compassion and mercy.

The looking over the shoulder of the workers depicted in the story as to what others got by comparison to themselves might just call into question for each one of us our desire that when Jesus finds us wanting, he too, will be generous in responding to the plight of our circumstance. Mercy Day draws our attention to someone who, one might imagine, made this Gospel her own ..... Catherine McAuley

### Life of Catherine McAuley

In memory of Catherine McAuley, first Sister of Mercy, who died on November 11, 1841. Her life was one of serving others and founding the “House of Mercy” on Baggot Street in Dublin dedicated to helping the poor, sick, and uneducated. Catherine established independent foundations in Ireland and England whose communities would respond to the local needs of the poor in the areas the Sisters were invited to minister.

Compassion for the needy and respect for the dignity of each person were the hallmarks of Mercy for Catherine and her followers. Today, the Sisters of Mercy and partners in ministry are in over 40 countries, continuing in Catherine’s spirit by responding to issues of poverty and injustice.



Catherine McAuley

Mercy Day  
24th September

Giving thanks today for her heart  
prints reflected in those who followed  
her path. JC

*My God, I am yours  
for all eternity.  
Teach me to cast my  
whole self into the  
arms of your providence  
with the most lively,  
unlimited, confidence in  
your compassionate,  
tender pity.  
Grant, O most merciful  
Redeemer,  
that whatever you ordain or  
permit may always  
be acceptable to me.  
Take from my heart all  
painful anxiety;  
suffer nothing to sadden  
me but sin,  
nothing to delight me,  
but the hope of coming  
to the possession of you  
my God, in your own  
everlasting kingdom.  
Amen*

As she lay dying on November 11, fully aware of the fatigue and sorrow of those around her bed, she made one last request: she asked a sister to tell the community to “get a good cup of tea when I am gone... and comfort one another.”

She died that evening at ten minutes to eight, and was buried the following Monday, in the newly created cemetery at Baggot Street. The spirit of this woman of mercy continues to burn bright throughout the world. Hospitality and community are part of her enduring legacy to us.



### Cathedral

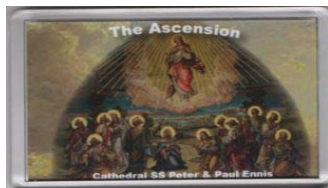
**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat 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 Corbett **1st Anniv** & Mary Corbett, Limerick Rd.  
 James Guilfoyle Woodlands, Cahercalla MM.  
 Packie & Mary Ryan, Dalcassian Ave.  
 Ralph Martin, California & Ennis  
 Mary Burke, Park Ave.  
 Paul Hurson, Ennis.  
**Mon 7.40am:** No intention booked.  
**11am:** O'Connell family & Philip Stenso.  
 Kathleen & Jimmy Peppard, O'Callaghan's Mills  
**7.30pm:** No intention booked.  
**Tues:7.40am** Michael & May Whelan, Toonagh.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** Nicholas Grant, Lees Road. **1st Anniv.**  
**Wed 7.40am:** No intention booked.  
**11am:** Jennifer Louise Sherlock, Ruan  
**7.30pm:** Michael, Mena & Susan McMullin, Killarney.  
**Thurs 7.40am:** Michael Whelan, Toonagh, Fountain.  
**11am:** Eugene & Seamus Curley, Limerick Rd.  
**7.30pm:** Patrick, Elizabeth & Amelia Cahill, Cahercalla Est.  
**Fri 7.40am: Mass for People.**  
**11am:** Teresa Hennessy, Old Road , Clarecastle.  
**7.30pm:** Joseph & Bernadette Keane, Summerhill.  
**Sat:11am:** Sheila Clohessy, Childers' Rd. **1st Anniv**  
 Sean Verling, Summerhill **1st Anniv.**  
 Tom & Lilly Verling.  
 Anne Keane, Kinvara & Loughrea.  
**Sat 6.30pm:** Dymrna Power, Ballaghboy. **1st Anniv.**  
 Shane Magnier, Avalon, Clonroad.  
 Eugene Quinn & Quinn Family, Corrovorrin.  
**Sun 1st 8am:** Raymundo Sabrosa, Phillippines.  
**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 Loaghaire.  
 Jennings Family & David & Keith, Dunlaoghaire.

**Work on the Restoration of the Floor of the Cathedral**

In the past week great progress has been made in the restoration of the floor of the Cathedral. The original tiles are currently being restored. (Photographs are available on Parish website/Facebook). We apologise for the restrictions as a result of this work. Please note the Cathedral is open daily for Masses, prayer and visits.

**Tiles for the Aisles Appeal**



Many thanks for the contribution of €1,300. €1,000, €100x2, €50, €20 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.

**Priests' Autumn Collection**

The Autumn Collection for the priests of the parish will take place at all Masses next 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.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**



Our Autumn Diocesan Pilgrimage takes place from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to send a petition to the Grotto at Lourdes, please leave it in a sealed envelope marked "Petition" to the Parish Office by 5pm next Friday. Please do not enclose money as the envelope is not opened.

### St. Joseph's

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat 7pm:** Ann Fox & Pat McInerney, Corrovorrin Green.  
 Maria Fox, Golf Links Road.  
**Sun 24th 10am:** No intention booked.  
**11.45am:** David Browne, Tulla Road.  
**Mon 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Tues 10.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Wed 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Thu 10.30am:** Oonagh Hogan Barefield.  
**Fri 10.30am:** Eithne Carey, Pine Grove.  
**Sat: 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**7pm:** No intention booked.  
**Sun 1st 10am:** Basil Minihane, Corrovorrin Drive. MM.  
**11.45:** P.J. O'Donnell Ballyalla.  
 Martin Keane, St Senan's Road.

**Construction Works at St. Joseph's Church**

Work will begin in the coming week 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.

**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?

**World Mental Health Month**

You are welcome to join us at a free event as part of World Mental Health Month (Connect Café) on 6<sup>th</sup> October , between 10am to 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



### Cloughleigh

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sun 24 th 11am:** John Rutherford, Claireen Drive.  
 Josie & Paddy McMahon, Shanaway Road  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Wed 9.30am:** Johnny & Julia McInerney, Killanena.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday, 17th Sept

Fund €6,358  
 Online €334.50



**Irish Cancer Society** Charity Shop needs donations of Clothes, Bric a Brac & Books. Thank you to all our volunteers, customers and those who donate. Woodquay, Ennis. Open Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm.

### 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, Skin care, Creative Writing, Aromatherapy and Genealogy. We also offer Saturday Work shops in Yoga, Mosaic, Stained Glass and Aromatherapy. Text/phone 083 1090039 for further details and bookings..

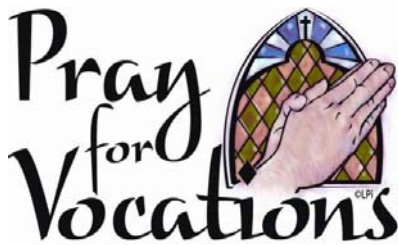
**St. Michael's Holy Well Mass** will be celebrated by Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick on Friday the 29th September at 6.30pm.

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

 **Coláiste Muire 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.



### 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.*

### Mercy Day



This Sunday we celebrate Mercy Day, a day of special celebration for the Sisters of Mercy.

The Old Ground side of the Cathedral has a stone cross of great significance for both the parish and the Sisters of Mercy. The cross commemorates the Parish Mission of 1853. At the end of the mission, a parish meeting was held and an invitation issued to the Mercy Sisters in Limerick to open a convent in Ennis for the purpose of providing Catholic Education for the children of Ennis and surrounding parishes.

In 1854 the first four sisters arrived and teaching had begun with over 400 pupils. For the past 169 years our parish has been blessed with a Mercy presence in so many areas of ministry, from Education, Nursing, Health Care, Social Work, Missionary and other services to people.

Those who attended the Parish Mission in 1853 could never have imagined its far reaching outcomes.

Today the needs are different, with ageing, declining numbers, dwindling resources and others well equipped to provide the resources that they once pioneered. The Sisters are full of hope and continue to pray daily for the needs of those around them.

Pope Francis has told consecrated religious women and men

*'to look on the past with gratitude,  
to live the present with passion  
and to embrace the future with hope'.*

On this Mercy Sunday we salute all Sisters of Mercy and thank the Sisters for their presence and prayer with and for us.

### Irish Girl Guides



Ladybirds open to all girls aged 5 to 7 years. Scout hall. 6pm to 7pm on Wednesdays.

The unit have a few spaces available for this term.

Please contact Sarah-Kate 0857409943 if interested.

### Be Still and Know.....

Drop-in Meditation every Thursday Night at 7.30pm, St. Columba's Church, Bindon St. Free event.

## *Sr. Eileen's Cúinne*

### Lá Fhéile Muire na Trócaire 2023

Ceiliúrfar Lá Fhéile Muire na Trócaire inniu an 24 Meán Fómhair.. Lá mór comóraidh is ea é do Shiúracha na Trócaire in Éirinn agus ar fud an domhain. Guímis ar a son agus iad ag saothrú agus ag moladh Dé lá i ndiaidh lae. Guímis freisin ar son a gcomhpháirtithe agus aon duine a bhí bainteach riamh le Siúracha na Trócaire.

*Go raibh siad dilis dá ngairm.  
Go raibh an neart, an t-eolas agus an  
grásta ó Dhia acu iad siúd atá faoina  
gcúram a threorú mar is ceart  
agus is cóir. Áiméan.*

*A Mhaighdean ghlórmhar,  
a Mháthair Dé,  
A bhean ab uaisle de gach cine  
Is atá diombháille i ngach moladh,  
Déan idirghuí ar ár son  
I bhfianaise do Mhic ghrámhar féin,  
Le súil go bhfaighimis an ghlóir shíoraí i  
d'aice. Áiméan*

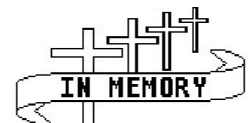
### Feast of Our Lady of Mercy 2023

The Feast of Our Lady of Mercy will be celebrated today 24 September. It is a great day of commemoration for the Sisters of Mercy in Ireland and around the world. We pray for them as they work and praise God day after day. We also pray for their partners and anyone ever involved with the Sisters of Mercy.

*That they were loyal to their profession.  
That they had the strength,  
knowledge and grace from God  
to guide those in their care  
Amen'*

*Glorious Virgin, Mother of God,  
Dear lady of all races  
It is resolute in every suggestion,  
Intercede on our behalf  
In the light of your own loving Son,  
In the hope that we might find the eternal  
glory near you. Amen*

### RIP



**Ciaran Scanlon,**  
Ballaghboy, Doora  
& Dingle, Co. Kerry.

*Solas na bhflaitheas ar a anam uasal*

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people,  
says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for  
ever.

### 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 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take  
pity on him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways -  
it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

### The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

R: *The Lord is close to all who call him.*

I will bless you day after day  
And praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
His greatness cannot be measured. R.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
Slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
Compassionate to all his creatures. R.

The Lord is just in all his ways  
And loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
Who call on him from their hearts. R.

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

Ph 1:20-24.27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether  
by my life or by my death. Life to me, of  
course, is Christ, but then death would  
bring me something more; but then again, if  
living in this body means doing work which  
is having good results - I do not know what I  
should choose. I am caught in this dilemma:  
I want to be gone and be with Christ, which  
would be very much the better, but for me  
to stay alive in this body is a more urgent  
need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that  
would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

### The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessings on the King who comes,*

*In the name of the Lord!*

*Peace in heaven*

*And glory in the highest heavens!*

*Alleluia!*

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

Mt 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of  
heaven is like a landowner going out at  
daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard.  
He made an agreement with the workers for  
one denarius a day, and sent them to his  
vineyard. Going out at about the third hour  
he saw others standing idle in the market  
place and said to them, "You go to my  
vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage."  
So they went.

At about the sixth hour and again at about  
the ninth hour, he went out and did the  
same. Then at about the eleventh hour he  
went out and found more men standing  
round, and he said to them, "Why have you  
been standing here idle all day?" "Because  
no one has hired us" they answered. He  
said to them, "You go into my vineyard too."  
In the evening, the owner of the vineyard  
said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay

them their wages, starting with the last  
arrivals and ending with  
the first." So those who were hired at about  
the eleventh hour came forward and  
received one denarius each. When the first  
came, they expected to get more, but they  
too received one denarius each. They took  
it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men  
who came last" they said "have done only  
one hour, and you have treated them the  
same as us though we have done a heavy  
day's work in all the heat."

He answered one of them and said, "My  
friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we  
not agree on one denarius? Take your  
earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-  
comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right  
to do what I like with my own? Why be  
envious because I am generous?" Thus  
the last will be first, and the first last.'

## 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

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.