

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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Email: info@ennisparish.com

St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 3rd September, 2023

Sacrifice Yourself in Love for Others

An outstanding American Catholic lawyer named Carl Cleveland was also a permanent deacon. He was framed by the FBI in July 1979 and sentenced to imprisonment and fined \$3m. He was innocent. But he had to go to jail for 840 days before he was freed by the Supreme Court. It was only his faith in Jesus that sustained Cleveland throughout that ordeal. Carl came out of prison and became involved in full time ministry. He says: "*When all appeared lost, I was rescued and returned to my family and friends and to a life more abundant than the one I left behind. I experienced God's loving embrace in my powerlessness and despair, in a way I had never imagined possible*". He invites those who face overwhelming difficulty to surrender their anxiety and fears to a loving God who will bless their faith abundantly.

PAIN AND SUFFERING

Faith in Christ does not shield us from suffering or pain. In fact, scripture assures us that our faith in Jesus will often bring suffering. In today's first reading we here prophet Jeremiah lamenting, "*I have become a laughing stock all the day; every one mocks me. For the word of the lord has become for me a insult, and derision, all day long*".

Though our natural instinct is to avoid pain, yet when Jesus foretold his crucifixion, he linked his suffering directly to our discipleship. Jesus wants our idea of suffering and pain to be transformed to such an extent that we begin to see it as a positive way of life. Our human view of happiness as the absence of suffering, sorrow, and pain must give way to Christ's perspective. Following Jesus means denying ourselves and allowing Christ to work in both blessings and trials. It means choosing to desire whatever Christ desires. It means bearing suffering and persecution from the world like Jesus did.

While we cannot change some of the negative events that happen to us, we can change how we react to them. When we don't learn to deal with our negative setbacks properly, we get caught in a negative cycle which causes ourselves more damage. We waste time harping on what has happened rather than moving on. By learning to deal with setbacks in a positive way, we can then deal with life's big challenges more effectively.

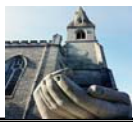
A NEW DIMENSION OF LIFE

To be a Christian is to take off your crown and take up your cross; to move from confession of faith to practice of faith. It is to realize how precious God's love is. It is, in a word, to trust in the promise of Jesus, that the Father "Will reward each person according to what they have done". All of us are invited to be followers of Jesus. A disciple is not greater than his master. He has to walk in the footsteps of the master. He has to embrace the cross in faithfully carrying out the mission entrusted to him every day. Jesus looks at our hearts and invites us with love, to surrender ourselves fully as he did on the cross.

"Men think god is destroying them because He is turning them. The violinist winds the key till the tense string sounds the correct pitch, yet it is not to break it but to use it tunefully that he stretches the string upon the musical rack "

Henry Ward Beecher





Priest on Duty 3rd September, 2023
Fr. Ger Jones Tel. 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 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.
 Brigid & Joseph Molloy & Molloy Family, Hermitage

Sun 3rd 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: Costelloe & O'Donoghue Family, Ennis & Cork.
 Mary O'Connor, Dublin.

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

Mon 7.40am: Eileen O'Keeffe, New Rd.

11am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Matt Talbot Prayer Society.

Tues 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: Bridget Geraghty, Coopers' Place.
 Margaret McMahon, Carmody St.
7.30pm: Jimmy Fenton, Ard na Gréine.

Special Intention.
Wed 7.40am: Special Intention.
11am: Nonie Flanagan & Family, Cornmarket.
7.30pm: Special Intention.

Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: Maureen O'Brien Hermitage.
 Special Intention.

7.30pm: Molly Slattery, Cahercalla.
 Susan McMahon, Limerick Rd.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Holy Souls.
Sat:11am: Frank Rice, Circular Rd.

David McMahon, Lissycasey.
6.30pm: Teresa Larkin, Cusack Rd. 1st Anniv.

Teresa Sheerin Ryan, Kilmaley, Tulla Rd.,
 Cranny & Trim, Co. Meath.
 Sean & Bridie McMahon, Knockanoura, Tulla Rd.
 Paddy Quin, Corofin.

Sun 10th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: John & Michael Shannon, Loughville.

11.30am: Mary Hickey, Cahercalla Estate. MM.
 Patricia Arthur, Stat ion Road. 1st Anniv.
 Pauline Greer, Greenhill House, Ashline.
 Molly & Michael Meehan, Summerhill.
 Michael Tierney, Cahercalla.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Fri 9.30am: Theresa Ryan.
Sun 10th 11am: Michael & Patrick O'Brien,
 Cloughleigh Rd.



Tiles for the Aisles

As work has now commenced on the restoration of the floor in the Cathedral, we thank the many people who have made one off contributions to the appeal.

In the past week we acknowledge €200.

If you would like to contribute to the Tiles for the Aisles Appeal, your generosity will be very much appreciated.

**Cathedral
 Internal Upgrade**

please note

Work has commenced 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.

4th September—Cathedral Day

As work continues on the cathedral, it is interesting to note that on this Monday 4th September, 181 years ago, Dean Terence O'Shaughnessy celebrated the first mass in the cathedral. On the same date, 118 years ago Bishop Michael Fogarty was consecrated Bishop of Killaloe in the cathedral and on his death in 1955 was buried in the middle aisle.

Newly Baptised

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

Romeo Teru
Ella Clancy
Robyn Hannah
 Guilfoyle
Jesse Des Maxwell
Clodagh Carmody



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Michael Meere, Corrovorrin Green.

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

11.45am: Helen McCabe, Newpark, Roslevan.

Mon 10.30am: Mary & Derek Taylor, The Green, & Sr. Finbar O'Grady Kilmihil.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: Margaret Lernihan, Pearse Ave., Cloughleigh. 1st Anniv.

Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.

12 noon: Trevor Donnellan Connolly 1st Anniv.

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.



Matt Talbot Prayer Society

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

Sick & Retired Priests' Appeal

The second collection at all masses this weekend is the annual appeal of Bishop Fintan to support an increasing number of sick, elderly and retired priests. Many of these priests are now in the twilight years of life and some are the only surviving members of their family and need care and support.

These priests have given over sixty years of priestly ministry to parishes in the Diocese of Killaloe and beyond.

Your generosity to this appeal is very much appreciated and the priests pray daily for all their benefactors.

Changes at the Friary

Following a recent Chapter of Friars, we bid farewell to Frs. Ailbe and Paschal and we welcome back to Ennis Frs. Hugh, Liam and David.

Fr. Paschal McDonnell is from Tyrone and has been a member of the Fraternity here in Ennis for the past six years. We thank Fr. Paschal for his ministry especially during lockdown and on Divine Mercy Sundays. We pray God's blessing on his new calling to the Abbey in Galway.

Fr. Ailbe comes from Waterford and has been part of the Ennis Fraternity for the past three years. He had a very visible presence in the parish as Spiritual Assistant to the Secular Franciscans, visitation of the sick and Chaplain to Coláiste Mhuire. Fr. Ailbe is moving to Rossnowlagh, Co. Donegal. We thank him for ministry and pray God's blessing on his next journey in his calling as a Franciscan Friar.

As we bid farewell, we also say, welcome back to Frs. Hugh McKenna, Liam Kelly and David Collilns. Fr. Hugh comes from Rome, Fr. Liam comes from Galway and will be lecturing in Theology in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. Fr. David also comes from Galway. David was a novice here in Ennis and directed this year's St. Anthony's Novena in the Friary.

We pray that Hugh, Liam and David will be happy in Ennis and may we all be blessed by their presence.

Ennis Parish
 Development Fund
 for Sunday, 27th August

Fund **€5,426**
 Online **€234.50**



Irish Red Cross

Irish Red Cross 5k Run, Walk or Jog in aid of Irish Red Cross Clare Community

Services. Saturday 23rd September next at 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 from 10.45am.

Clare Roots' Society

Title: 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 there is no charge for this event.



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

Adult Education Opportunity

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.

Tour to Croatia now Booking.

Limited places available. For information and/or booking please contact Sr Annette Sexton at 087 9247025.

Ennis Active Retirement

Ennis Active Retirement meetings to resume on Tuesday 5th September, at 11am in the Scout Hall, Ennis.



Ennis Lions will host a 'Light It Up Gold' walk through Ennis town

starting at 6pm on Saturday, 16th September in support of families with childhood or adolescent cancer. No fees or Fundraising - just information on support and a fun event with balloons, music and face painting.

Meet at the Mill Bridge Park in Ennis.

Bring the dog (on a lead)!



Blood Donation Clinic



St. Joseph's GAA Hall Gurteen, Quin Road, Ennis, V95 PD36
Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th Sept 4:50 - 9:10pm Please phone 1800222111 for appointment.

Clare SVP launch Third Level Education and Training Bursary for 2023/24

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) in Clare has launched its third level Education and Training Bursary for 2023/24.



This fund aids Clare Students of all ages who may struggle financially to access or stay in third level education or training programmes. Students must demonstrate that they have applied for all available state funding or other grants. Bursary awards are dependent on funding availability and interview.

For more information contact Clare SVP by phone at 065 682 4188 or by email at StJosephs.Ennis@Svp.ie

Year of Vocations

We are asked to pray daily this year for Vocations. St. Francis in his letter to his Franciscan Brothers prayed -

*For this my Brothers,
has the Lord sent you into the whole world,
To testify by word and deed
that he has spoken, and to make known to
all that he alone is almighty.
God our Father, you will all to be saved and
come to the knowledge of the truth.
Send workers into your harvest
that the Gospel may be preached
to every creature,
And your people, gathered together by the
Word of Life,
and strengthened by the Sacraments
may advance in the way of salvation and
love. Amen.*

RIP



Mary Frances Browne

(née McFadden), Fergus Park.

Jackie Morris, Newpark, Roslevan & formerly Ulster Bank, Ennis.

Margaret Gannon, (née McDonagh), Shalee Drive.

Gerry Ruttle, Clonroad.

Michael Keane, Ballyhickey, Quin & Ennis.

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

Ar bPádraigha Dúchais

Rinne an tAthair Diarmuid Ó Laoghaire SJ cnuasach de chúpla míle paidir a bhí ag dul ó bhéal go béal ag ár sinsir ina leabhar *Ar bPádraigha Dúchais*. Foilsíodh é sa bhliain 1975. Tá na pádraigha 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, pádraigha ar son athar agus máthar, an paidrín páirteach agus a lán eile nach iad.

Tá an-saibhreas urnaí ag baint leis na pádraigha seo a chothaíonn gaol an duine le Dia. Léiríonn siad go héifeachtach chomh tugtha do Dhia a bhí ár sinsir. Seo samplaí ón *Ar bPádraigha Dúchais*.

An tAthair Síoraí

The Eternal Father

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 thí 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.

Nuir a bhíonn briseadh ar d'fhoighne.

For Patience.

Solas na soilse,
Enlightenment of God,
Agus rádharc 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 *Ar bPádraigha 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.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

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 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 Jeremiah.
Jr 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord,
and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me:
you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my
heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. **For you my soul is thirsting,
O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
For you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
Like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
To see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
My lips will speak your praise. **R**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
My mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**

For you have been my help;
in the shadows of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
Your right hand holds me fast. **R**

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to
the Romans Rm 12:1-2**

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and
worship him, I beg you, in a way that is
worthy of thinking beings, by offering your
living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly
pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves
on the behaviour of the world around you,
but let your behaviour change, modelled
by your new mind. This is the only way to
discover the will of God and know what is
good, what it is that God wants, what is
the perfect thing to do.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,
So that we can see what hope his call
holds for us. Alleluia!**

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

Mt 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his
disciples that he was destined to go to
Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the
hands of the elders and chief priests and
scribes, to be put to death and to be
raised up on the third day. Then, taking
him aside, Peter started to remonstrate
with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he
said. 'This must not happen to you.' But
he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind
me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my

path, because the way you think is not
God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If
anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let
him renounce himself and take up his cross
and follow me. For anyone who wants to
save his life will lose it; but anyone who
loses his life for my sake will find it. What,
then, will a man gain if he wins the whole
world and ruins his life? Or what has a man
to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to
come in the glory of his Father with his
angels, and, when he does, he will reward
each one according to his behaviour.'

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

**Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted
For the sake of righteousness,
For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**