

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;

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 12th November, 2023

***'Wisdom is bright and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen
and found by those who look for her.'***



This poetical description of the gift of wisdom is worth dwelling on for longer than we might usually give thought to a reading at mass. We are invited to prepare to receive and welcome this beautiful quality which will help us through every moment of our day and in every way. But do we ever have the time to sit, wait and prepare? Even in our Sunday and daily liturgy we can be guilty of rushing through the prayers, the actions and the rituals without letting the richness of our gathering sink in to our mind, heart and soul.

So many things to do later, so many things to do in the Mass – so many words. How bad would it be to take a few moments of silence and welcome the grace of wisdom

which may lead us to welcome more graces?

In his letter on the liturgical formation of the people of God entitled 'Desiderio Desideravi', Pope Francis wrote that *'among the ritual acts that belong to the whole assembly, silence occupies a place of absolute importance ... such silence is not an inner haven in which to hide oneself in some sort of intimate isolation, as if leaving the ritual form behind as a distraction. Liturgical silence is something much grander: it is a symbol of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit who animates the entire action of the celebration.'*

This kind of silence is a moment when we open ourselves to the search for wisdom, and much more, in our liturgy. It has a power to transform our experience at Mass and of Mass. And the encouragement given through the first reading today reminds us that *'even to think about her is understanding fully grown.'*

And here's a thought that might arise in the silence; isn't it interesting that in a church and liturgy full of masculine language and action, wisdom is presented as a feminine quality?

Priest on Duty 12th November
Contact: Fr. Joy 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 6.30pm: Helen Coffey, Clonroad. 1st Anniv.
 Kevin Barry, Kilnacally, Shanaway Road. 1st Anniv.
 Cullinan Family, Drumcliffe Road.
 Seán O'Connor, Quilty.
 Patrick & Bríd, Coughlan, Labasheeda.
 Paschal Brooks, Brooklawn, Clonroad.
 Mary Ellen & John Queally, Drumcliffe.
 Sun 12th 8am: No intention booked.
 9.30am: Martin & Mary Brooks, Castlewood Park.
 Nellie Forde, Market Street.
 11.30am: Carmel Hally, Malahide & Kilkenny. 1st Anniv
 Deceased Guinan Family, Dublin.
 Mon 7.40am: Foley & Brodie Families.
 Dymrna Foudy, Kilrush Road.
 11am: David Kenny, Cornmarket & Manchester.
 Finlay Family, Portumna.
 O'Rourke Family, Whitegate.
 Eileen O'Connor, Clonroad.
 7.30pm: Bro Alphonsus McGrath, Christian Brothers' Ennis.
 Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
 11am: Margaret Cronin, John Paul Avenue. 1st Anniv
 Margaret & Tommy Collins, Honan's Terrace.
 7.30pm: Nancy & Bernie Murphy, Circular Road.
 Rita & Tony Kenny, & Pauline West, Hermitage.
 Wed 7.40am: Corneilus, Malachy, Camillus McInerney, Doora.
 11am: Special Intention.
 7.30pm: No intention booked.
 Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.
 11am: No intention booked.
 7.30pm: Nancy O'Neill, Dalcassian Avenue.
 Paddy & Nora Quinn, Market Street.
 Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
 11am: No intention booked.
 7.30pm: Thomas O'Halloran, Clonroadmore.
 James Gleeson, McNamara Park.
 Sat: 11am: Margaret O'Brien, Elm Park & Fountain.
 Christy Clarke, Limerick & Dublin..
 6.30pm: Martin Daly, College Road. MM.
 Madeleine Killeen, Clonroadbeg.
 Sun 19th 8am: No intention booked.
 9.30am: Frances Feeney, St. Michael's Villas.
 Martin Moore, Knocklong, Co. Limerick.
 Ann & John Keane, Hermitage;
 Clare Burke, Mill Road.
 11.30am: Canon Dan Spaight, Clonroadmore. MM.
 Elizabeth & George Bradley, Carmody Street.
 Betty Devaney, Kilmurray, Sixmilebridge.
 Paul Lynch, 'Carraig Dun', Kilrush Road.
 Mick, Mae & Michael Lyons, Loughville.
 Joe Fennell, Gort Road.
 Michael Meade, Shanaway Road.
 Jerzy Lacki, Poland.

Tiles for the Aisles Appeal

Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge €1,000 & €200 received in the past week.
 We also acknowledge a very generous donation of €1,500 from Ennis Lions' Club for the renovation appeal. We thank all who are making once off contributions to this appeal and those who are calling to the Parish Office to purchase the Fridge Magnet Fresco of the Ascension over the Sanctuary of the Cathedral. €3 each or 2 for €5. All proceeds to the Tiles for the Aisles Appeal.

Progress Report

In the past week work has concentrated on the floor in the Cathedral under both galleries and in front of the Sanctuary. During this period of restoration entrance to the Cathedral is restricted to the main door. We apologise for the inconvenience but we are looking forward to a beautifully restored floor.

Newly Baptised

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

Sinéad Ann Benson
 Lily Marie Kelliher Cremin



Céilí at Cois na hAbhna
 Sunday November 12th with the Dal gCais Céilí Band 3pm - 6pm
 Tel. 065 6824276

Cloughleigh Branch CCÉ
 Remembrance Mass Tuesday
 November 14th at 7pm followed by monthly seisiún - Ph. 065 6824276

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary Prayer Group meet on Tuesday Evenings at 8pm in the Parish Office. New members are always welcome

Confessions in the Cathedral.

Please note Confessions for the coming week will be held in the Columbarium.

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Bernadette Mounsey, Marian Avenue.
 Eddie & Pauline Lynch, Kilkee.
 Kevin & Cissie Lynch, Kilrush.
 Kevin Lynch, Ennis.
 Michael & Mary O'Doherty & Daughters, McNamara Park.
 Tessie Kerin, Carron.
 Sun 12th 10am: Ellen Lyons, Mountain View.
 Paddy Fitzgerald, Kilrush Road.
 11.45am: Deirdre Anne O'Brien, Shannon Park.
 Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.
 Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.
 Wed 10.30am: Joe & Kathleen Hayes, Mullagh.
 Thu 10.30am: Murphy & Keating family, Crosse, Kilkee & Newmarket on Fergus.
 Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.
 Sat: 10.30am: Pauline Hanrahan, Shannon Park.
 Denny, Kay, Nora & Michael Downes & David McMahon, The Crescent. Lifford.
 Josephine Kelly, Fergus Park.
 7pm: Mary McInerney, Corrovorrin Green. MM.
 Patrick Conway, Corrovorrin & Leicester. MM.
 Elizabeth Summerly, Gort Rd.
 Maureen, PJ & Elaine Broderick, Clonroad.
 PJ & Kathleen Foudy, Gort Road.
 Alphy Ryan, Kevin Barry Avenue.
 Terry & Martin Barry, Clonroad.
 Sun 19th 10am: No intention booked.
 11.45am: Mary Reidy, Kincora Park.

Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 12th 11am: Roger Knightson, Ballymacaula.
 Mon 9.30am: Martin Joseph McNulty, Hermitage.
 Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
 Wed 9.30am: Donor's Intention.
 Thu 9.30am: Mary Finlay, Willsgrove.
 Sat 12 noon: Jimmy Moroney, Golf Links Road. MM
 Sun 19th 11am: Maura McMahon, Cusack Road.

Rest in Peace



Vincent Hurley, Balbriggan, Dublin & Ennis;
 Agnes Knox nee Quinn, Castlerock, Tulla Road;
 Anthony Barry, St. Michael's Villas;
 Maureen Gohery, Roscommon, sister of Austin Galvin, Hazel Lane;
 Teresa Purtill, Limerick, sister of Carmel Slattery,
 Kevin Barry Avenue;
 J.J. Conway, Kilfenora, brother of Fr. Paddy & Tom,
 Cloughleigh;

November Masses for the Holy Souls



November is the month for remembering. Mass is offered each day of this month for all on the November list of our dead. Envelopes are available in our churches and can be returned to any Church or the Parish Office.

Prisoner Sunday

This year we are marking Prisoner Sunday in the diocese of Killaloe. On Sunday November 12th we invite people to pray for prisoners, their families and their Victims using the prisoners' prayer card. Pope Francis asks us as Christians to reach out to those who live in the margins of society. We can do this through our prayers and raising awareness.

Prayer for Prisoners

We pray your grace Lord Jesus for prisoners and their families, who walk their sentence with their loved one.

We pray your healing Lord for the trauma that has caused them to hurt themselves, their families, and their victims.

We pray they will turn to You and begin their journey of recovery, finding compassionate support in our Christian society.

Jesus, we trust in you. Amen.

"I was naked, and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Matt 25:36



Celebration of Baptism

Most weekends in the Parish we welcome new members into the Christian Community. Members of our Baptismal Team meet with people for the celebration of the Sacrament.

Bookings for Baptism are made through the Parish Office and three weeks' notice is required.

Ennis Parish Remembering our Dead

A booklet published by Ennis Parish remembering 214 parishioners who died in the past year is available in the Parish Office.

In previous years we were able to cover the cost of these booklets but unfortunately with reduced income this is no longer possible. We ask for a donation for each book to help us cover the cost incurred in publishing.

This booklet helps keep the memory and stories of our loved ones alive for future generations.

Surprise, Surprise

I dreamt death came the other night
and heaven's gate swung wide.
With kindly grace an angel came
and ushered me inside;
And there to my astonishment
stood folks I'd known on earth
Some I had judged quite unfit,
or of little worth.
Indignant words rose to my lips
but never were set free,
For every face showed stunned surprise
NO ONE EXPECTED ME!

Ennis Parish Office



Now offering Christmas Cards
&
Christmas Mass Bouquets
We also have a selection of Cribs
and
Christmas Gifts

Enrolment for Sacraments



The First Reconciliation / Holy Communion / Confirmation for pupils of Ennis CBS & Ennis National School preparing for First Holy Communion in St. Joseph's Church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings of this week.

St Joseph's Hospital Mass of Remembrance

For all who died in the hospital this past year will be held on Wednesday 22nd November at 3pm in St. Joseph's Church. Families of the deceased are very welcome to attend and the invitation is warmly extended to retired staff.

Tax Rebate to the Parish

We thank the many Parishioners who kindly signed the necessary form that enables the Parish under the Charities' Act to reclaim Tax on Contributions of €250 or more made to the Parish in any year. Anyone who has not returned their form can still do so.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday 5th November 2023

Fund €7,221.00
Online €277.50

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá tar éis
Comaoineach.

Féach, a Íosa cheannsa, rómhilis, caithim mé féin ar mo ghlúine i d'fhianaise; agus guím agus achainím ort le mór-mhian m'anama, go ndaingne óchta i mo chroí beo-smaointe creidimh, dóchais agus carthanachta agus fíor aithreachais ar son mo pheacaí, maille le rún daingean mo leasuithe, agus smaoiním i m'intinn féin agus meabhraim go domhain le dian ghrá agus dubhrón anama ar do chúig chréachta ró-luachmhara, ag coinneáil roimh m'intinn na focail úd a chuir Dáivi i do bhéal fá dtaoibh duit féin a Íosa mhaith: "Do pholl siad mo lámha agus mo chosa. Chuntais siad mo chnámha uile." Áiméan.

Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus, before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with the most fervent desire of soul, I pray and beseech Thee to impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true contrition for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment. With deep affection and grief of soul, I ponder within myself, mentally contemplating, Thy five wounds, having before my eyes the words which David the Prophet spoke concerning Thee: "They have pierced my hands and my feet, they have numbered all my bones. Amen.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
For adults enquiring about the Catholic Faith, we run a course of instruction for adults interested in becoming part of the Catholic Faith Community. Enquiries to the Parish Office.



Harvest Night in Inagh

The centuries old Irish custom of people getting together to celebrate the saving of the harvest in the fall of the year will once again be celebrated in the Goodhouse in Inagh on Friday night 17th November. Tom Cuddihy from Lauragh, Inagh, and Marina Clancy from the Goodhouse will be hosting the Soiree and harvest dance which will bring back fond memories and re-ignite the old traditions. Tom's friends will gather round to host one of the best nights of the year; Pj Murrphy, Paic Howley, Michael Glynn, Paddy Hynes; James Breen. Patsy O Grady. Musicians; Aoife and Flan Lynch group, Francy Daly's set. Members of all Ireland Radio Na Gealtachta Gael Linn winning group 'Binneas' Set dancing, brush dancing, tae and sweet cake, bottled stout, bulls eyes and more. There is no cover charge; Donations on the night to the RNLI Lifeboats.

Raffle for great prizes on the night.
Enquiries to
0876260301



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come in to your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help,
O Lord.

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 book of Wisdom

Ws 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no
trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding
fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quick-
ly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those
who are worthy of her and graciously shows
herself to them as they go, in every thought
of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

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

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
In the shadow of your wings I rejoice. R.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

1 Thess 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, about
those who have died, to make sure that
you do not grieve about them, like the
other people who have no hope. We
believe that Jesus died and rose again,
and that it will be the same for those who
have died in Jesus: God will bring them
with him. We can tell you this from the
Lord's own teaching, that any of us who
are left alive until the Lord's coming will
not have any advantage over those
who have died. At the trumpet of God, the
voice of the archangel will call out the
command and the Lord himself will come
down from heaven; those who have died
in Christ will be the first to rise, and then
those of us who are still alive will be taken
up in the clouds, together with them, to
meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay
with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts
as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Stay awake and stand ready,
Because you do not know the hour
When the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples:
'The kingdom of heaven will be like this:
Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and
went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them
were foolish and five were sensible: the
foolish ones did take their lamps, but they

brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones
took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The
bridegroom was late, and they all grew
drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight
there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here!
Go out and meet him." At this, all those
bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their
lamps, and the foolish ones said to the
sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil:
our lamps are going out." But they replied,
"There may not be enough for us and for
you; you had better go to those who sell it
and buy some for yourselves." They had
gone off to buy it when the bridegroom
arrived. Those who were ready went in with
him to the wedding hall and the door was
closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later.
"Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for
us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do
not know you." So stay awake, because
you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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:

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of bread.