

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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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 19th November, 2023

THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

Nick Vujicic is an Australian- American born without arms or legs who has become a world-renowned speaker, New York Times best-selling author, coach and entrepreneur. Nick faced tremendous obstacles in life from, living life without limbs, to being bullied at school and fearful for his future with no purpose in sight. Without hope, his feelings of helplessness and isolation led him to attempt suicide. Nick persevered through life's challenges and discovered key principles which enabled him to find his purpose and turn obstacles into opportunities; making him one of the most sought-after keynote speakers in the world! Millions of people have found hope, purpose and the strength to overcome their challenges through Nick's inspirational speeches and powerful coaching. Nick is also the founder and CEO of the non-profit ministry-"Life without Limbs".

Nick has no arms and legs but lives life with no limits and does not allow his limitations to hold him back but turns them into opportunities for growth and success; he is truly an inspiration to many. Unlike the third servant in today's gospel passage, Nick never questioned God nor complained that God was unfair or unjust to him instead he strived to make the most of what life had to offer him with the little or nothing that he had. He is a living testimony of God's love and when you trust in His divine Wisdom and share even the little or nothing, God work miracles.

Today's Gospel presents to us the parable of the talents. The parable of the talents directs us on what to do to make the kingdom grow. It speaks of the gifts and the charisms which people receive from God. Every person has qualities, knows something that he/she can teach others. Nobody is just a pupil; nobody is just a teacher. We all learn from one another. Divine mercy will grow in us only in as much as we give it to others. We call this the law of the gift: "**We grow in wealth to the extent that we give it away**". You can only "have" the

greatest gifts-like love, beauty, gracefulness, and friendship-by giving them away. The moment we try to keep these things to ourselves rather than freely sharing them, they melt through our fingers. **God trusts us with all his possessions and in particular his most precious possession: love.** God made us to love and be loved, but we seem to receive so little love. And that, I think, is because we don't take the time and trouble to give love. Everybody seems to be either working or surfing the net or texting or busy with something else. We don't take the time to listen to each other, to smile at each other.



Life is not about getting; It's about giving. If I feel like no one is giving me love, like no one understands me, I can fix the problem immediately by giving love to another, by seeking to understand someone else. In the Gospel, the first two servants give away what they received from their master. In business terms, they invest it, and get a return on their investment. But in spiritual terms, they give it away. And because they give it away, they get it back. They get back more than they gave away. And this is what "sharing your master's joy" means: recognising the law of the gift. It is the joy of knowing that our Father will always provide for us, and we need not fear to exercise the joy of giving. If we sincerely try, He will bless us with success and make us partners in his joy and we will become partners in his vineyard.

Priest on Duty 19th November 2023

Contact: Fr. Martin Blake 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Martin Daly, College Road. MM.
Madeleine Killeen, Clonroadbeg.
Dan & Eileen O'Connor, Clonroad.

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 Devanney, Kilmurray, Sixmilebridge.
Paul Lynch, 'Carraig Dun', Kilrush Road.
Mick, Mae & Michael Lyons, Loughville.
Joe Fennell, Gort Road.
Michael Meade, Shanaway Road.
Jerzy Lacki, Poland.

Mon: 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Pauline Queally, Limerick Rd.
James, Eileen & Mary Bredin, Limerick Road.
Mary Sheridan, Hermitage.
Peter, Monica & James McClean, Co. Down.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Teresa Kennedy nee Cosgrove, Gort Rd. **1st Anniv**
Margaret & Jim Butler, Clonroad & decd Butler family.

7.30pm: Seán Lynch, Clancy Park.
Paddy & Tessie Meere, Cahercalla.
James Ewins, Corofin & Belfast.

Wed 7.40am: John & Anne McNamara, Corofin.

11am Lauren Kelleher, Bruach na hAbhna.

7.30pm: Patrick, Breda, Tomás, John & baby Caoimhe
Whelan, Dalcassian Park & Mullagh.

Thurs 7.40am: Donor's Intention.

11am: Frank Rice, Circular Rd.
Maura McGrath, Feakle.

7.30pm: Robin Lacey, College Green.
Bernard & Anne McNamara, late McNamara Pk.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Angela Robinson.

7.30pm: Deceased Members, Donors & Friends St. Vincent de Paul Society, Co. Clare.

Sat: 11am: Des Neylon, Gallows Hill. MM
Eileen Blake, Cahercalla.

6.30pm: Anne Marie O'Regan, Orchard Grove. MM
John Davoren, Kilcorney, Kilfenora.
John Daly, Clare Rd.
Maura Griffen, Lissycasey.
Bernie & Walter Canny, Clauraen.

Sun 26th 8am: Billy O'Carroll, Castlebar, Co Mayo.
Bridie & Geoff Molyneaux, Manchester & Inagh.

9.30am: Paddy Clohessy, Loughville.
Mary & Cronan Griffin, Kildysart Cross.
Thomas & Alice Fitzpatrick, Larchill.

11.30am: Ted & Nancy Sheils, College Rd.
Patrice McNamara nee Considine, Ballygriffey.
Decd Clancy & Desmond families, Kilrush & Tuam.
Con & Angela Glynn, Kilmaley.
Nora & Jim O'Loughlan & deceased family, Clonroad



Tiles for the Aisles Appeal

Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge €250, €100, €60, €50 x3 and €20 received in the past week.

We also acknowledge a very generous grant of **£5,800 sterling from the Benefact Trust.** The trust is one of the UK's largest Christian Grant making trusts.

Established in 1972. they have given more than £235m in grants. The grants are designed to provide support to Churches, Christian Organisations and the communities they support. We are grateful to the trust for considering our floor restoration project worthy of support in the Cathedral.

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.

Old Folks' Group

Are you over 60 years? Come and enjoy a night of meeting others, chat, music and a cuppa. Maria Assumpta Hall every second Tuesday night; next meeting 25th November 8pm. Enquiries to: 087 1090414

Launch of Defibrillator at The Turnpike

Saturday 25th November, Spar Turnpike at 12noon. Come along and celebrate this worthy achievement for our area.

SVP Annual Remembrance Mass



Deceased Members, Donors & Friends St. Vincent de Paul Society, Co. Clare in Cathedral SS Peter & Paul on Friday 24th November @ 7.30pm.



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

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: Holy Souls.

11.45am: Mary Reidy, Kincora Park.

Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: Mary Finlay, Willsgrove, Cahercalla.

Fri 10.30am: Anne Rynne, Kylea, Inagh.

Sat: 10.30am: Mrs Nell Egan, Victoria Court & Castlebar.
Deceased members of Cystic Fibrosis.

7pm: Hugh, Frances & Mary Gilmore, Drumcliffe.
Mary & Tom Darcy, Castlerock, Tulla Rd.
Eddie Ryan, Clancy Park.
May Cotter, St. Senan's Road.

Sun 26th 10am: Maureen O'Gorman, Marian Avenue.

11.45am: Kitty, Michael & Matthew McEnery, Gort Rd.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 19th 11am: Maura McMahon, Cusack Road.

Mon: 9.30am: Evelyn Kelly, U.S.A. & Doonbeg.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Thu 9.30am: Jack Daly, Kildare.

November Masses for the Holy Souls

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

Rest in Peace

Lorraine Sherlock nee Moloney, Considine Rd;
Phil Collins, Turnpike Road;
Tom Meaney, Limerick Road;
Bridget McGuirk, sister of Paul Kerins, Barefield & Gertie Mockler, Roslevan;
Breeda McGlennon nee Kelly, Barna, Galway & Ennis;
Elizabeth (Lily) Ryan nee Corry, Circular Road;
Irene Clune, Parnell Street;
Jennie Keating, Kilbaha, mother of Mary Tevlin, Cloughleigh Road;
Joe & Claire Collins, Kilnaboy;
Ita Feely, Terenure, Dublin, sister of Aidan Deegan, Cusack Rd;
Evelyn Kelly, U.S.A & Doonbeg, sister of Sr. Mairead, Shallee Drive; & Mona Costelloe, Ballyalla.
Donal Brooks. Youghal, brother of Tom & Ann, Loughville.

World Day of the Poor



Pope Francis has asked that this Sunday would be dedicated as World Day of the Poor.

Lord Jesus,
help us to be your ears to listen
to the cries of the poor.
Help us to be your voice
speaking out love and acceptance.

Help us to be your feet,
walking beside those in need.
Help us to be your hands
to clothe, feed and shelter them.

You came for the least,
the lost and last of the world,
you live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

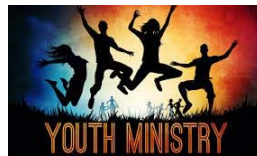
*"The hope of the poor
will not perish for ever" (Psalm 9:19)*

Christmas Tea Bags



One of the most important fundraisers for the Cathedral Renovation Appeal is the sale of our tea bags for Christmas. The tea bags are available both in the Parish Office and Friary Office and selected shops throughout the town. Buy one for €3 or two for €5. All proceeds to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal.

Mid Clare Youth Connect



MCYC – Mid Clare Youth Connect is a youth group which meets on a monthly basis in Fahy Hall/ Church of Our Lady, Roslevan, Ennis. The group engage in fun games, learn about their faith & grow in friendship during their meet ups. On Sunday from 6pm -8pm.

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Year of Vocations



Lord, bless all those who are currently discerning a vocation to serve as priests in the Killaloe Diocese. Fill them with the wisdom that comes from you.

For more information email:
vocations@killaloeodiocese.ie

Pioneer Pledge for the month of the Holy Souls A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Further information from the Pioneers on 01 80-5 4226 or via www.pioneers.ie/pray

The 2024 Pioneer calendar is available from Pioneer centres and from Central Office (01 805 4226). The calendar is designed to offer spiritual support to people who are assisting families or who are praying for a relation or friend who is impacted by alcohol and addiction. www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar. The calendar costs €5.



Sunday Afternoon Bridge in the Ennis Bridge Centre from 3pm-6pm. Join us for a social game. Come along with or without a bridge partner. All are welcome.

Ennis Flower and Garden Club present Anne Slattery, at Treacy's West County Hotel on Tuesday November 21st. Doors open at 7.30pm and demonstration commences at 8.15 sharp. All are welcome, demonstrators arrangements raffled on the night, contact ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

Mary's Meals

Christmas Gifts' Campaign

With the cost of living crisis, times are that bit harder for us all. The Global School Feeding Movement Mary's Meals have launched our Christmas Gifts Campaign - giving gifts that have a real and tangible impact on those in need. From as little as €5.50, which will provide 50 meals for children in their place of education, we can play our part in changing the lives of those most in need.

Visit marysmeals.ie to download a gift today or call 01-8535163/089-4339592.

Ennis Lions' Club wish to express their gratitude to the businesses of Clare for donations to their 2023 Radio Auction in October. Over €30,000 funds raised will be shared between Clare Haven Service, Bushypark and other local Lions' charities. Many thanks also to those who purchased in the auction - we could not serve our community without you.

Cahercalla Community Care are hosting a Christmas Market on the 2nd of December between 1pm and 6pm. We will have a visit from the Mayor of Ennis Pat Daly and Representatives from our mighty Clare Hurling Team in which there will be a special event of turning on the Christmas lights in Cahercalla. There will be lots of craft stalls and Christmas present ideas, food and drink vendors, there will also be a special visit from Santa and Mrs Claus and their Elves.

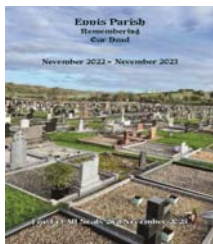
St Paul's Sunday Missal 2024

The Sunday Missal for 2024 containing all the readings and prayers for the coming year are for sale for €8 in the parish office. An ideal Christmas Gift for housebound parishioners who watch or listen to mass.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday
19th November 2023

Fund €4,609.00
Online €400.50

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.

Confessions in the Cathedral.

During the restoration work on the floor in the Cathedral Confessions are held in the Columbarium.

Ennis Parish Office



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

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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 Proverbs.

Pr. 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

A perfect wife - who can find her?

She is far beyond the price of pearls.

Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.

She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands have worked for and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

O Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
And walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper. **R**

Your wife is like a fruitful vine
In the heart of your house;
Your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
The man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion

In a happy Jerusalem

All the days of your life. **R**

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

1 Th 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord,

Keep faithful, and I will give you

The crown of life. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt. 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five

talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

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

To be near God is my happiness,

To place my hope in God the Lord.