

# 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

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## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A) 26th November, 2023



This is the last Sunday of the liturgical year and we are celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King. Though many people are already focusing on Advent and Christmas and on the beginning of Jesus' story, today we are prompted to look at the end of the Story, Jesus as King.

*Heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Mt 28: 18).*

The title "King" is very important in the Gospels and gives us a real understanding of the person of Jesus and of his mission of salvation. The mystery of Jesus Christ's death and Resurrection lies at the heart of our understanding of Jesus as King. When Jesus is nailed to the Cross, the priests, scribes and elders mock him saying: *"He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him" (Mt 27: 42).* In fact, it is precisely as the Son of God that Jesus freely gives himself up to his Crucifixion. The Cross is the paradoxical sign of his kingship, which consists in him giving of himself on the cross in response to the disobedience of sin. Jesus is a king who sacrifices himself to save his people. It is in the very offering of himself in the sacrifice of the cross that Jesus becomes King of the universe, as he himself was to declare when he appeared to the Apostles after the Resurrection: *"All authority in*

**But what is this power that Jesus speaks of. It is not merely the power of the kings or the great people of this world; it is the divine power to give eternal life, to liberate from evil, to defeat the dominion of death. It is the power of Love that can draw good from evil, that can melt a hardened heart, bring peace amid the harshest conflict and kindle hope in the blackest darkness.** This Kingdom of Grace is never imposed and always respects our freedom. Christ came *"to bear witness to the truth" (Jn 18: 37),* as he declared to Pilate: whoever accepts his witness serves beneath his "banner".

That means that each of us has a choice.

Who do I want to follow?

God or the Evil One?

The truth or falsehood?

Choosing Christ does not guarantee success according to the world's criteria but it does assure us of the peace and joy that he alone can give us. This is demonstrated, through history, by the experience of numerous men and women who, in Christ's name, in the name of truth and justice, were willing to give of their lives in the service of Christ's kingdom. All earthly kingdoms pass away but Jesus Kingdom endures into eternity. His kingdom does not grow by the point of the sword but by conversion of heart. Soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

**Priest on Duty 26th November 2023**  
**Contact: Fr. Tom Ryan 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

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

**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:** Celine Moroney, Clancy Park. **1st Anniv.**  
 Ted & Nancy Sheils, College Rd.  
 Patrice McNamara nee Considine, Ballygriffin  
 Decd Clancy & Desmond families, Kilrush & Tuam.  
 Con & Angela Glynn, Kilmaley.  
 Nora & Jim O'Loughlin & deceased family, Clonroad

**Mon: 7.40am:** Breda Kelly, Turnpike Road.

**11am:** Nora McNamara, Ard na Gréine.  
 Special Intention.  
 Monsignor Patrick McDonnell, Ennis & Florida.

**7.30pm:** No intention booked.

**Tues: 7.40am** Book of Intentions.

**11am:** Brian, Brian Jr. & Tessie Kelly, Limerick Rd.

**7.30pm:** Nora Barrett nee Bugler, Ballyea  
 & Ard na Gréine. **MM.**  
 Eily & Mick Keane, McNamara Park.

**Wed 7.40am:** Mass for the People.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Mae Traynor, Cappahard, Tulla Rd.  
 Christopher & Michael Moloney, McNamara Park.

**Thurs 7.40am:** Special Intention.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Noelle Ryan, Summerhill.  
 Cyril Lynch, Circular Rd.  
 Peggy & Michael Whelan & Whelan family, Cree.  
 Noel Mc Cullagh, Doora.

**Fri 7.40am:** Patricia Barrett, Cork.

**11am:** Ned Monahan, Bramble lane.  
 Joseph, Catherine & Brian Ensko, Connolly Villas.

**7.30pm:** Michael Kenny, Golf Links Road. **MM**

**Sat: 11am:** Daryl Dobson, Ashfield Park.  
 Tim Flanagan, late Rockmount House.

**6.30pm:** Anthony Barry, St. Michael's Villas. **MM**  
 Humprey & Margaret Counihan, Fergus Lawn, Tulla Road.  
 Michael & Mary Hayes, Loughville.

**Sun 3rd 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** Costelloe & O'Donoghue family, Ennis & Cork.

**11.30am:** Peggy Malone, Dalcassian Drive.  
 Peter Cullinan, Cooper's Place.  
 Michael Griffin, Clarecastle & Ennis.  
 Decd White family, Hermitage.

**Cloughleigh**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.

**Sun 3rd 11am:** Adeleine & Cyril Cosgrove, Clancy Park.

**Newly Baptised**

*We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Emily Nora O'Brien***

**Tile for the Aisles Appeal**

Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge €150, €100 x4, €50 x2 received in the past week.

**Cathedral Floor Restoration**

Work is continuing in the Sanctuary area of the floor. It is hoped that by December 13th the Sanctuary will be available for use.

We do apologise for the dust and inconvenience that this work is causing at present but we look forward to a clean and beautiful Cathedral for the second half of Advent and Christmas.

**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.

**Getting Married in 2024?**

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service provides Marriage Preparation courses for couples choosing to get married in the Catholic Church.

**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.

**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.

**Seisiún Cois Tire** on Sunday 26th November from 6-8.30pm in Cois na h-Abhna, Gort Rd. Come along to play a few tunes. Sing a song, dance a step, tell a yarn or to just enjoy.



**St. Joseph's**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**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 & Mathew McEnery, Gort Rd.

**Mon 10.30am:** Margaret Twomey Mellor, Balckburn.

**Tues 10.30am:** Book of Intentions.

**Wed 10.30am:** Marie Bennis, Maghera Cross, Tulla.

**1st Anniv**

**Thu 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**Fri 10.30am:** Patrick Kilker, St. Senan's Road.

**Sat: 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**7pm:** P.J. Keane, Corrovorrin Drive. **MM**  
 Martin Fitzpatrick, The Green.  
 Frances Murphy, Riverdale, Parnell St & Dysart.

**1st Anniv**

Seán & Vera Moloney, "Rahona", Tulla Road.

**Sun 3rd 10am:** Anne McNamara, Turnpike Road.

**11.45am:** Maura Beakey, Cahercalla Estate.  
 Tom & Christina Hogan, Shannon Park.

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**St. Joseph's Church**

Work is progressing on the internal work of the church. Starting this week the organ side of the church will be out of use as painting, electrical and roof works continue.

We apologise for the restrictions but are looking forward to a new and brighter St. Joseph's Church.

**Totus Tuus Magazine**

A Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy please contact Fiona Kiely on 086 8760058.

**Remembrance Walk**

A candlelight walk to remember women who have died through violence on Tuesday 5th December as part of the global 16 Days of Action to end violence against women campaign. Assembling at 6.15pm at Ennis Garda Station walking to Ennis Courthouse.

**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. 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.

**Shave or Dye Fundraiser**

Liam Duggan has kindly volunteered to take part in a Shave or Dye fundraiser which will see him shave his moustache or dye his hair to help raise funds for the Clare Down Syndrome organisation. Anybody wishing to support this worthy cause can donate by contacting Liam or online by logging on to: <https://www.idonate.ie/event/liamdugganhaveordye>



## St. Andrew

The Feast day of St. Andrew on 30th November, Patron of Scotland. As one of the twelve apostles, Andrew worked closely with our Lord during his public life. He was present at the Last Supper, beheld the Risen Lord, witnessed the Ascension and shared in the graces and gifts of the first Pentecost.



The good deeds and preaching of St. Andrew became known in all parts of the world. According to tradition, a part of the remains of St. Andrew were taken to Scotland and he was chosen as the protector of the Scottish people. The cross of St. Andrew also adorns the British flag where it was placed after the Union of Scotland and England.

## Year of Vocations



As we continue to pray in this Year of Vocations. 36 young men attended an information day in the National Seminary in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth last weekend. We pray that our present seminarians and those discerning their vocations will use wisely the gift and talents with which the Lord has blessed them.

## 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.

November comes and November goes  
With the last red berries  
and the first white snows,

With night coming early,  
And dawn coming late,  
And ice in the bucket  
And frost by the gate.



The fires burn  
And the kettles sing,  
And earth sing to rest  
Until next spring.

Clyde Watson

## BOOK LAUNCH

Book Launch - 'A Weekend in July, Photo Story of St. Michael's Villas 70th Anniversary Celebrations' at Maria Assumpta Hall on Wednesday 13th December at 7pm. €20 per book. Limited edition. Over 620 photos in book. Carol Service by SMV70 Community Choir. Refreshments. All welcome. All profits to SMV Tarmac Grotto Fund.

First Friday of December



Friday 3rd December is the First Friday. 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.

## Boards of Management

On Thursday next 30th November, boards of management of our Primary Schools complete their term of office. Our thanks to the members of all boards in our parish for their service.

On Friday 1st December new boards will take over the management of our schools for the next four years. We thank all who will serve on these boards and wish every blessing for the next four years.

## Ennis Parish Office



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

## Rest in Peace



Kitty Baker, Barrack Street;

Mary Mc Veigh nee Coughlan,  
Shanaway Road;

Gerard Gammell McCarthy, Ennis & Limerick;

Tina Dunne McMullen nee Shannon, Tulla & formerly Conmarket Street;

Michael Roughan, Ballaghboy, Doora,  
Fountain & Kildysart Road;

Seán Quigley, Abbeycourt;

Kris McAuley, Dalcassian Park.

## Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

### Sollúntacht Chríost Rí na nUile.

Ceiliúrtar Sollúntacht Chríost Rí na nUile ar an Domhnach deireanach den Bhliain Liotúrgach. Is é an Pápa Pius XI a thionscain an tSollúntacht ina imlitir Quas Primas sa bhliain 1925 chun cosc a chur le fás dí-eaglasiú ar fud an domhain. Chríochnaigh beatha Íosa ar an gCros. Tugaimid onóir dó inniu mar Rí Aiséirithe. Tugann an teideal Rí eolas ar leith dúinn faoi Íosa. Is é sin go seasann sé do mhórgacht. Is é an fhoinse is fearr maitheasa, solas agus dóchas i ndomhan dorcha. Le páirt a bheith againn i ríocht Dé, seasaimis ar son ionracais, an ceart agus an fhírinne. Is é an Tiarna é, Rí na nUile agus Rí na Cruinne. Is fiú dúinn machnamh a dhéanamh ar dheireadh ama. Toisc gur Críost an ceannródaí atá orainn, bímis lán de dhóchas agus de mhisneach. Tháinig Críost ar an saol chun an fhírinne a nochtadh agus eolas na slí chun a Ríochta a léiriú dúinn. Tá saol síoraí agus glóir ag fanacht don lucht creidimh agus don lucht dóchais atá dílis d'Íosa

Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá inniu: Is é Íosa mo Rí-se, mo chara is mo ghrá; Is é Íosa mo dhéan ar pheaca is ar bhás. A Chroí Naofa Íosa go dtaga do ríocht. **Áimeán**

The Feast of Christ the King is celebrated on the final Sunday of the Liturgical Year. Pope Pius XI decreed in his Encyclical Quas Primas in 1925, that the Solemnity should be marked in response to growing secularism which was prevalent throughout the world. Jesus died on the Cross. We honour Him today as the Risen Christ the King. The title King informs us that Jesus Christ represents Majesty and is Lord of all. He is the source of goodness, light and hope in a world of darkness. As part of His kingdom, let us stand for integrity, right and truth. It is good to meditate on the Day of Judgement. Because Christ is our leader and guide we are full of hope and courage. Christ came among us to reveal the truth and to lead us to heaven. Everlasting life and glory await those who follow Christ in hope and are faithful to Him. We might say this prayer today: Jesus my King, my friend and my beloved; Jesus my protection from sin and death. Sacred Heart of Jesus may your Kingdom come. **Amen**

Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday 19th November 2023

Fund **€4,514.00**  
Online **€173.50**



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
To receive power and divinity,  
And wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power  
for ever and 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 Ezekiel

**Ezk 34:11-12.15-17**

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my  
flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a  
shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he  
stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep,  
so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall res-  
cue them from wherever they have been scat-  
tered during the mist and darkness. I myself  
will pasture my sheep, I myself will show  
them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks.  
I shall look for the lost one, bring back the  
stray, bandage the wounded and make the  
weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and  
healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this:  
I will judge between sheep and sheep, be-  
tween rams and he-goats.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd;  
There is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
There is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
Where he gives me repose. **R.**

Near restful waters he leads me,  
To revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
He is true to his name. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
In the sigh of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
My cup is overflowing **R**

Surely goodness and kindness  
shall follow me  
All the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
For ever and ever. **R**

## A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

**1 Cor 15:20-26.28**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the  
first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death  
came through one man and in the same way  
the resurrection of the dead has come  
through one man. Just as all men die in  
Adam, so all men will be brought to life in  
Christ; but all of them in their proper order:  
Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the  
coming of Christ, those who belong to him.  
After that will come the end, when he hands  
over the kingdom to God the Father, having  
done away with every sovereignty, authority  
and power. For he must be king until he has  
put all his enemies under his feet and the last  
of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And  
when everything is subjected to him, then the  
Son himself will be subject in his turn to the  
One who subjected all things to him, so that  
God may be all in all.

**The word of the Lord**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Blessings on Him who comes  
in the name of the Lord!*

*Blessings on the coming kingdom  
of our father David! **Alleluia!***

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

**Mt 25:31-46**

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of  
Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the  
angels, then he will take his seat on his  
throne of glory. All the nations will be assem-  
bled before him and he will separate men one  
from another as the shepherd separates  
sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on  
his right hand and the goats on his left. Then  
the King will say to those on his right hand,  
"Come, you whom my Father has blessed,  
take for your heritage the kingdom prepared  
for you since the foundation of the world. For  
I was hungry and you gave me food; I was  
thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a  
stranger and you made me welcome; naked  
and you clothed me, sick and you visited me,  
in prison and you came to see me." Then the

virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when  
did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty  
and give you drink? When did we see you a  
stranger and make you welcome; naked and  
clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see  
you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you  
solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the  
least of these brothers of mine, you did it to  
me." Next he will say to those on his left hand,  
"Go away from me, with your curse upon you,  
to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and  
his angels. For I was hungry and you never  
gave me food; I was thirsty and you never  
gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger  
and you never made me welcome, naked and  
you never clothed me, sick and in prison and  
you never visited me." Then it will be their turn  
to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or  
thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison,  
and did not come to your help?" Then he will  
answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you  
neglected to do this to one of the least of  
these, you neglected to do it to me." And they  
will go away to eternal punishment, and the  
virtuous to eternal life.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visi-  
ble 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 ascend-  
ed 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 king-  
dom 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 for-  
giveness of sins and I look forward to the res-  
urrection of the dead and the life of the world  
to come. **Amen.**

## Communion Antiphon

**The Lord sits as King forever.**

**The Lord will bless his people with peace.**