

# 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

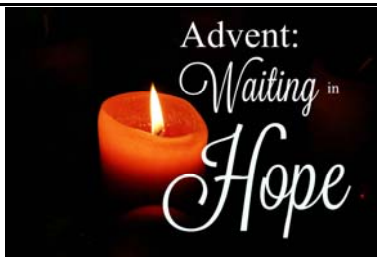
Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B) 3rd December, 2023



The first Sunday of advent marks the beginning of a new church year. Amidst the excitement of preparing for the Christmas

celebrations, the season of Advent reminds us that we have to make preparations for the deeper meaning of what Christmas is all about, God's presence among his people in the person of Jesus. His coming on Christmas day fill us with hope and encouragement that life itself is in God's hands.

Advent is represented by the advent wreath, on this beautiful wreath there are three purple and one pink candles. As each candle is lit, this reminds us the day of Lord's birth is coming near. Each candle is lighted each Sunday with accompanying theme. The first candle is a symbol of waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus. The gospel this week invites us to stay awake for the lord.

The call of advent is a call to live wide awake so that we can be alert to God working in us and in our world to bring about the kingdom. Awareness is another way of talking about being awake. Work today to be aware of the needs of people around you and pray for them. Lord Jesus, Master of both light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our

preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek spaces to hear Your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to Your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of Your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of Your presence. We are Your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light, to You we say, "come Lord Jesus"

**Prayer: God of light and life, give us hope as we wait for your coming again. When we are tempted to be grateful to have found you while other are lost, sent us out into the darkness in search of those who need you most. Amen.**



Priest on Duty : Fr. Pat Malone

Contact: 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Anthony Barry, St. Michael's Villas. MM Humphrey & Margaret Counihan, Fergus Lawn, Tulla Road. Michael & Mary Hayes, Loughville. Julie & Tossie Guilfoyle, Hermitage & Marian Avenue. Sun 3rd 8am: No intention booked. 9.30am: Costelloe & O'Donoghue family, Ennis & Cork. 11.30am: Peggy Malone, Dalcassian Drive. Peter Cullinan, Coopers' Place. Michael Griffin, Clarecastle & Ennis. Deceased White Family, Hermitage. James Rochfort, Kilcock, Co. Kildare. Patrick & Mary Cullinan, Tubber. Mon 7.40am: Patrick & Christy McInerney, Doora. Geraldine McCarthy, Rossclyff, Ballynacally. 11am: Baby Thomas Patrick Delaney, Hermitage. MM. Marian Rice Carmody, Circular Rd & Kilkishen. Mary & John O'Looney, Kilfenora. 7.30pm: Matt Talbot Prayer Society Cathy Chin, London & Ennis. McEnery, Family, Hermitage. Jimmy Cronin, Clonroad. Patricia Cronin, Malahide. Tues 7.40am Book of Intentions. 11am: No intention booked. 7.30pm: Special Intention. Kitty Hanrahan & Dan Herbert, Dalcassian Drive. Wed 7.40am: No intention booked. 11am: Rose Creame, Wexford. Doris, Joyce & David Bridge, Clarecastle & England 7.30pm: Patricia, Christopher & Robert Gormley, Dalcassian Park & Ann Kelly, Kildare. John & Bridget Guerin, St. Flannan's Terrace. Darragh O'Halloran, Ard na Greine. Thurs 7.40am: Holy Souls. 11am: Michael Hogan, England & St. Flannan's Tce. Eimer Corbett & Micheál O'Corbáin, Oak Park. 7.30pm: Mary O'Loughlin, St. Michael's Villas. Dermot Molloy, Cahercalla Estate & Paschal Molloy, Cloughleigh Rd. John & Bridget Daly, Parnell St. & Gallows Hill. Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People. 11am: Michael, Eileen, Martin, Leo, John Joe & Ollie Byrnes, Glasha, Doolin. Michael Moloney, McNamara Park. Helen Casey, Parnell St. 7.30pm: Gerry Queally, 'Sylvan View', Drumcliffe. MM Mary Conway, 'Greenlea', Station Rd. Sat:11am: Jamie Buckley, Cregau, Tobertaoscain. 1st Anniv. 6.30pm: Fintan Lynch, Friar's Close & Ballyhaunis. 1st Anniv Frank & Florrie Burns, Clare Rd. Christy Burns, Kilkee. Claire & Flan Donohue & Decd Family, Parnell St. Paddy & Ciss Hanrahan, St. Michael's Villas. Michael Hanrahan, Corrovorrin Grove. William Bloomfield, Glensheen. Peggy Corry, Loughville. Sun 10th 8am: Leyden Family, Carmody St. & Cloughleigh. 9.30am: No intention booked. 11.30am: Mary & Joe Nevin, Loughville. Mary O'Neill, Dysart. Liam Slattery & Torpey Family, St. Michael's Villas. Anne 1st Anniv. & Jack Wall, Ballymaley. Mary Ellen Quinn, Kincora Park. John & Patrick Quinn, Edenvale & London. Jim Whyns, Cusack Rd. Ignatius McCarthy, Tulla Rd. Seamus Guinnane, Fountain. Eileen & Jack O'Donovan, Turnpike Rd. & Nellie Ryan nee O'Donovan.

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.



St Paul's Sunday Missal 2024

The Sunday Missal for 2024 containing all the readings and prayers for the coming year is for sale for €8 in the parish office. An ideal Christmas Gift for housebound parishioners who watch or listen to mass. New Readers' Rota and Sunday Missals available in Sacristy for collection.

CHIME Ennis Outreach

Chime will be in attendance at the Parish Office on Wednesday 20th December from 10am-1pm. (Appointment required). If you would like any information or to make an appointment please contact: 061 467494 / 086-2229638 or e-mail: kathleen.daffy@chime.ie



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.

Year of Vocations

We pray for those who hope to serve as priests of the Killaloe Diocese, that they will play their part in building up the Kingdom of Christ from Tubber to Templeberry, from Kilbaha to Kinnitty, from Quin to Castleconnell.

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.

The Monthly Mass for the SFO will take place on Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 10 am. We will pray the office after Mass.

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

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. Mon 10.30am: No intention booked. Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions. Wed 10.30am: No intention booked. Thu 10.30am: No intention booked. Fri 10.30am: Irene Clune, Parnell St. MM Sat: 10.30am: Peter Cosgrove, Kincora Park. Noel & Bernadette Moloney, Marian Ave. 7pm: Martin & Maureen Whyte & Joan Connolly, Kincora Park. Agnes Knox (nee Quinn), Castlerock, Tulla Rd. MM. Sun 10th 10am: Lorraine Sherlock, Considine Rd. MM. 11.45m: Seán & Clare McGrath, Lifford Rd. Seán Curtin, Willow Park.

Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 3rd 11am: Adeleine & Cyril Cosgrove, Clancy Park. Mon: 9.30am: Maisie Murrhly, Mullagh. Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions. Sun 10th 11am: Mary & Jimmy Neylon, 'Lourda', Cloughleigh Rd. Mary Rutherford, Claureen Drive.

Cantare Choir and Orchestra Christmas Concert

Cathedral SS Peter & Paul 20th December, 8.15pm. Featuring special guest Dean Power, Tenor with Young Notes Youth Choir, Conductor Una Clune. Musical Director Michael Hennessy, M.C Joan Hanrahan. Tickets €20 each available at the Parish Office 065 6824043 All proceeds to Cathedral Restoration Fund



Cathedral Floor

Work is progressing and we hope to be able to return to the Sanctuary of the Cathedral on Wednesday 13th December. We do apologise for the dust at present, but we ask that you bear with us at this time.

Tile for the Aisles Appeal

Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge €250, €100 x2, €50 received in the past week.

Matt Talbot Prayer Society

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

Brazilian Mass

Fr. Fernando will celebrate mass in the Brazilian Language for the Brazilian Community in the Cathedral at 1pm this Sunday 3rd December.

# Invitation to Abbey Cluster Advent Reconciliation Service



**Monday December 18th**  
**7:30pm to 8:30pm**  
**Cathedral SS Peter & Paul**

A Welcome To All with an opportunity for  
Individual Confessions



The St Vincent De Paul Society will hold a church door collection before all Masses in Ennis on Sunday 10th December and the vigil Masses on Saturday 9th.

Your support would be very much appreciated. The society provides practical support to so many families and individuals who are in need and their work is totally confidential.

This year's Christmas appeal welcomes vouchers for local shops for food, fuel, meat etc. Cash donations can be left into the Parish Office. **Please do not leave food parcels or toys in our churches this year.**

The blue donation envelopes are available at the back of the Churches or the Parish Office.

Online donations can be made on:

[www.svp.ieclareareacouncilappeal](http://www.svp.ieclareareacouncilappeal)

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday next 8th December, a Holy Day

Vigil Mass 7.30pm in the Cathedral

Masses on Friday

7.40am	Cathedral
7.45am	Poor Clare Monastery
9.30am	Cloughleigh
10am	Friary
10.30am	St. Joseph's
11am	Cathedral
7.30pm	Cathedral



## REST IN PEACE



Pat Lynch, Cork & Clarecastle, brother of John, St. Michael's Villas.

Kris McAuley, Dalcassian Park;

Tras Honan, The Square & Cusack Road;

Tony O'Loughlin, St. Flannan's Terrace;

## Advent 2023 Dates for your Diary

### Sunday 3rd December

#### Blessing of the Advent Wreath

This weekend we begin our preparations for the feast of Christmas with the blessing of the Advent Wreath.

#### Our Advent Prayer.

Lord Jesus,  
Master of both the light  
and the darkness,  
send your Holy Spirit  
upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do,  
seek quiet spaces  
to hear your voice each day.  
We who are anxious over many things  
look forward to your coming among us, Amen.

### Friday 8th December

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

### Sunday 17th December

Bambinelli Sunday

Blessing of baby Jesus figures at all Masses

Parish Carol Service Cathedral 7pm

### Monday 18th December

Feast of St. Flannan Mass at 1pm in the Cathedral

7.30pm Reconciliation Service

## Webcam in Cathedral

**please note**

Our apologies as the webcam has to be replaced.

It will be later this week before service will resume.

Thank you for your understanding.

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Ennis Brass Band & Quin Ladies' Choir

Evening of music and song at St. Columba's Church, Bindon Street on Sunday 3rd December at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome, young and old.

## Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

An Chéad Domhnach den Aidbhint Inniu an chéad Domhnach den Aidbhint agus is féidir linn smaoineamh air mar thréimhse fheithimh, fhaire, ullmhúcháin, solas a fheiceáil agus machnamh go ciúin ar an Té atá ag teacht. Tá bliain úr na hEaglaise ag tosú arís agus ár n-aird dírithe ar chomhlíonadh phlean Dé nuair a thiocfaidh a riocht. Tréimhse cheithre seachtaine d'ireach roimh an Nollaig atá ann. Is séasúr é a chabtraíonn linn ullmhú mar is cóir don Fhéile Mhór. Réitítear agus beannaítear fleasc don Aidbhint an Domhnach seo. Tá nós na fleisce go forleathan ar fud na hEorpa leis na cianta. Déantar í as cuileann agus duilleoga síorghlása i riocht fáinne agus bíonn cúig choinneal uirthi, ceann do gach seachtain den Aidbhint agus ceann don Nollaig. Baineann an cruth cíorlach leis an tsíoraíocht toisc nach mbíonn tús ná deireadh leis. Lastar coinneal amháin gach Domhnach le linn an tséasúir. Le linn na hAidbhinte ba chóir dúinn iarracht a dhéanamh chun bealach an Tiarna a réiteach agus cúl a thabhairt dár bpeacaí ionas go mbeimid in ann fáilte a chur roimhe nuair a thiocfaidh Sé. *Guímis, A Dhia, a Athair uilechumhachtaigh, impimid ort as ucht do thrócaire, bí taobh linn i gcónaí le cabhair an Spioraid Naoimh. Go dtuga Féile tréimhse na hAidbhinte lúcháir, sonas agus síocháin dúinn féin, dár muintir agus don tír eile. Sin é ár nguí chugat trí Chríost ár dTiarna. Aiméan.*

Today is the first Sunday in Advent and we can reflect on it as a time of waiting, watching, preparation, light and quiet reflection on the Person who is to come. A new Liturgical Year has begun and we reflect on the fulfilment of God's Plan, the coming of His kingdom. It is a period of four weeks prior to Christmas. It is a season which helps us to prepare for the great feast of Christmas. The Advent Wreath is prepared and blessed on the first Sunday of Advent. This is a long standing custom in Europe. It is made from holly and evergreen leaves in the form of a circle with four candles representing each week. The circle reminds us of eternity which has no beginning or end. One candle is lit for each Sunday in Advent. During Advent we ought to follow the way of the Lord and repent of our sins so that we can welcome Jesus when He comes. *We pray, Almighty God in your mercy, be with us always with the help of the Holy Spirit. May the season of Advent be a time of joy, happiness, peace for each of us, our people and the country. We make our prayer through Christ. Our Lord, Amen.*

## Newly Baptised

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

Valentina Elizabeth Rose McDonagh;  
Ailbhe Catherine Smyth;  
Markus Jano;  
Lottie Jane English  
Rory Seán Reid Johnston



Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday 26th November 2023

Fund €4,450.00  
Online €806.00

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted;  
let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
And let none who hope in you be put  
to shame.

## 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.

## A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Is 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father  
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your  
ways and harden our hearts against  
fearing you?  
Return, for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your inheritance.  
Oh, that you would tear the heavens  
open and come down - at your Presence  
the mountains would melt.  
No ear has heard, no eye has seen  
any god but you act like this  
for those who trust him.  
You guide those who act with integrity  
and keep your ways in mind.  
You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.  
We were all like men unclean,  
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.  
We have all withered like leaves  
and our sins blew us away like the wind.  
No one invoked your name or roused  
himself to catch hold of you.  
For you hid your face from us and gave  
us up to the power of our sins.  
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;  
we the clay, you the potter, we are all the  
work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

*God of hosts, bring us back;  
Let your face shine on us and we  
shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim  
throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. *R*

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. *R*

May your hand be on the man you  
have chosen, the man you have  
given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you  
again:

give us life that we may call upon  
your name. *R*

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

1 Cor 1:3-9

May God Our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ send you grace and  
peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the  
graces you have received through  
Jesus Christ.

I thank him that you have been  
enriched in so many ways, especially  
in your teachers and preachers; the  
witness to Christ has indeed been  
strong among you so that you will not  
be without any of the gifts of the  
Spirit while you are waiting for our  
Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and  
he will keep you steady and without  
blame until the last day, the day of  
our Lord Jesus Christ, because  
God by calling you has joined you to  
his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is  
faithful.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy*

*And give us your saving help.*

*Alleluia!*

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

Mk 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on  
your guard, stay awake, because you  
never know when the time will come.

It is like a man travelling abroad: he has  
gone from home, and left his servants  
in charge, each with his own task; and  
he has told the doorkeeper to stay  
awake. So stay awake, because you  
do not know when the master of the  
house is coming, evening, midnight,  
cockcrow, dawn; if he comes  
unexpectedly, he must not find you  
asleep. And what I say to you I say to  
all: Stay awake!

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 Lord will bestow his bounty,  
And our earth shall yield its increase.