

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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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B) 28th January, 2024

Thomas O'Loughlin writes of this gospel that Mark begins to show the spread of Jesus' message and fame, and does so by exploring the question of identity and authority. The hallmark of what Jesus does here is that **'he teaches with a unique authority that liberates people from their enslavement to the powers of darkness.'**

That is plainly evident – the people are impressed with Jesus and the possessed person is healed by Jesus' words. To sit with these words of scripture today and let them sink into our busy hearts and minds would be quite the gift. To put aside the phone, to turn off the noise around me and to allow myself the gift of true listening.

This is hard to do – even or especially in church when we have much by way of words and hymns and prayers and music that will fill every moment. Yet how good it would be to really know what it means when we pray that response to the psalm, **'O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.'** The psalm today invites us to rejoice, to worship and praise God but also reminds us that we are not perfect. We are called to remain humble before God so that our celebration does not lead us to believe that we alone are God's people, that we alone have the inside track to God.

The authority with which Jesus taught people enabled them to be free in their lives. Through the ages, authority in church became something that overpowered the people and restricted the way in which they lived, keeping them under the thumb so to speak. Rules and laws were put in place that almost kept people at a distance from knowing God. Yet scripture called out and continues to do so – come, ring out our joy to the Lord, let us kneel before the God who made us, for he is our God and we are the flock that is led by his hand.

As people of the Gospel, belonging to Christ, let us pray that we resist the temptation to restrict others; let us lead others to freedom so that we may rejoice together in our praise and worship.



Priest on Duty 28th January 2024
Contact: Fr. Pat Malone 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Mary Arthur, Gort Road.
Finian Loughrey, Riverside. **1st Anniv.**
Raymond Molloy, McNamara Park.
Elizabeth Hanrahan & Hanrahan Family, Ennis.
Kitty & Paddy Hogan, 'Maryville', Alymers Cross.
Michael, Bridget, John, Paddy & Seán Moroney & Moroney Family, Erinagh, Fountain.
Anne McCullagh, Tulla Rd.,
Maureen & Francie O'Halloran, Collins Park.

Sun 28th 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: Richard Fitzpatrick, Kilkee.
Linda Woods, Kilbaha.
Kathleen Hassett, Toonagh, Fountain.
Josephine Forte, Belfast & Gallows Hill.

11.30am: Mary Keane, 'Grey Gables', Station Rd.
Frank Fitzpatrick, College Green.
John Fogarty, Fernhill.
Paul Dilleen, Shanaway Rd.
Fr. John Meehan & Fr. Francis Meehan, Summerhill.
George & Margaret McMahon, St. Michael's Villas.
Lily Cusack, Parnell St., & Mary Cleere, Tubber.
Marie Hogan, Shanaway Rd.
Sadie Cullinan, Kilmurray.

Mon: 7.40am: Holy Souls.
11am: Deceased Spaight Family, Sixmilebridge.
Bill & Liam O'Sullivan, Inisgrove, Lahinch Rd.
Austin O'Callaghan, Clancy Park.

7.30pm: No intention booked.
Tues 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: Patrick Toomey, McNamara Park.
Noreen & Mossie Joy, Cork & London.
Frances & Gerry Garvey, Roslevan.

7.30pm: No intention booked.
Wed 7.40am: Andrew McShea, Showgrounds Road.
11am: Catherine O'Sullivan, 'The Quay', Liscannor.
O'Sullivan & McDermott Family, The Quay, Liscannor.
Jim Kennedy, Gort Rd. & Shannon.

7.30pm: Michael Davoren, Ballyvaughan.
Thurs 7.40am: Nora Meaney, Cranny.
Stella Munby, Salisbury, England.

11am: Deceased Clune Family, Feakle.
Georgina & Joseph Moloney & Moloney Family, Old Mill St.

7.30pm: Larry Clohessy, Hermitage.
Fri 7.40am: Tom, Bridget & Kay McNamara & Maura Conway, Lahinch.

11am: Mass for the People.
7.30pm: Mary Vaughan, Cahercalla Rd. & Tulla. **MM**
Christy Hyland, Meadow Court. **1st Anniv.**

Sat: 11am: Denis Moloney, McNamara Park.
6.30pm: James Kelly, Clonroadmore.
Eva, Tom, Mary & Noel Ryan, Summerhill.
Trevor Hamman, South Africa & Gallows Hill.
Michéal O'Loinsigh, Claremount, Clarecastle.
Dr. Daniel Curtin, Cahercalla Drive.
Brian Pope, London & Doon, Co. Limerick.

Sun 4th 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: Virginia Donnellan, 'St. Joseph's', Hermitage.
Helen Griffin, Woodlawn, Loughville.
Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families, Ennis & Cork.

11.30am: Anna, **MM** & Paul Brassil, St. Michael's Villas.
Tony Meehan, Old Turnpike & Connolly. **1st Anniv.**
Jonathan O'Sullivan, London.
Pauline Saunderson, Rockmount.
James (Jim) O'Sullivan, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.
Frey Barry, Cooldarta, Boston.
Roger O'Donoghue, Ennis & Limerick.
Mary D'arcy, Scotland & Limerick.
Rita Hurley, Turnpike.
Billy Slattery, Cloughleigh.

Tiles for the Aisles

Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following contributions received over Christmas for the appeal €1,000, €800, €450, €100, €55 & €20. These once off contributions are very much appreciated and are helping to complete the renovation work at the Cathedral.

First Friday of February

Friday 2nd February is the first Friday of the month. 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.

Diocesan Needs' Appeal

The second collection this weekend at all masses is the appeal from Bishop Fintan for your support in helping him in the Diocese to provide support in safeguarding catechetical, lay ministry and administration.

Celebrating a Marriage Anniversary?

Save the Date! February Month of St. Valentine. Mass of Marriage anniversaries 10th, 25th, 50th, 60th - any year in between. Celebrated and Blessing by Bishop Fintan Saturday 10th February at 2.30pm at Church of Our Lady, Roslevan. To register, please contact the Ennis Parish Office
Tel: 065 6824043
email: info@ennisparish.com

Friary News

The Monthly Mass for the SFO will take place on Wednesday 7th February at 10:00am. We will pray the office after Mass. Evening Meeting will resume in the Friary Parlour at 7:30pm on Wednesday 7th February for those who are unable to attend in the morning. You will all be most welcome.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 21st January,
2024

Fund **€5,062.00**
Online **€519.50**



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:
Sat: 7pm: Deirdre Tynan, St. Senan's Rd.
Joe Moran, Corrovorrin Grove.
Sun 28th 10am: Susan Cosgrove, Fernhill, Gort Rd.
11.45am: Peter Burke, Lifford Rd.
Dympna Mullin, Woodlands, Kilrush Rd. **MM.**
Bill Hanrahan, Ashfield Park.
Joan Kelly, Corrovorrin Drive.
Mon 10.30am: PJ & Moira McMahon, Rosslare.
Tues 10.30am: Donor's Intentions.
Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.
Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.
Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.
Sat: 10.30am: Kathleen Sexton, Turnpike Rd. **MM.**
Patrick Barrett, Lifford.
7pm: Tony Strand, Shannon Park.
Paddy Rynne, Ballyalla.
Sun 4th 10am: No intention booked.
11.45am: Gretta (Margaret) Griffin, Lees Rd. **MM.**
Pat 1st Anniv. & Kathleen O'Malley, Cloverhill, Tulla Rd.
Teresa Howard, Kilrush Rd.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:
Sun 25th 11am: Fergal Landy, Considine Rd.
John Monahan, Cloughleigh.
Joe Kelly, Inagh.
Elizabeth & George Bradley, Carmody St.
Kathleen Hogan, Davitt Terrace.
Ann Earls, The Mews, Lifford Rd.
Mon: 9.30am: No intention booked.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: No intention booked.
Thu 9.30am: No intention booked.
Fri 9.30am: No intention booked.
Sun 4th 11am: No intention booked.

REST IN PEACE



Jeremiah Lynch, Douglas, Cork, father of Paul Lynch, Barntick, Clarecastle;

Bridie Wynne, Shannon & late McNamara Park;

Emer Fitzgibbon, Miltown Malbay & late Corrovorrin;

Lucy Leahy, Ruan, sister of Monica Farrell, Cahercalla Estate & Girlie Stembridge, Morrissey Avenue;

John Lynch, Tulla Rd.;

Geraldine McNamara, Scarriff, sister of Anne McGrath, Bishop's Court;

Michael Talty, Quilty, father of the late Eileen Kears, Brookville;

Maura Kirby, Tipperary Town, sister of Bishop Willie Walsh;

Francis Browne, Knockerra, father of Noel, Fountain;

Seán O'Shea, Ard na Greine;

Lourdes Novena

A novena in preparation for the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick will take place in the Cathedral Ennis from Saturday 3rd February to Sunday 11th February. Weekdays at 7.30pm, Saturday 11am and Sunday 11.30am.



Novena prayer cards are available in the Cathedral and Ennis Parish Office.

The Novena can be viewed online on the Ennis Cathedral webcam.

Petitions can be left at the shrine in the Cathedral by Tuesday 6th February, that will be brought to Lourdes by Fr. Tom for the feast day and World Day of Prayer for the Sick on Sunday 11th February.

This year our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes direct from Shannon Airport will be from Friday 21st June to Wednesday 26th June and our Autumn Pilgrimage from Monday 30th September to Saturday 5th October.

Day of Consecrated Life

The Feast of the Presentation of our Lord on Friday is also the Day of Consecrated Life. We pray for our Religious in the Parish, Franciscan Friars, Poor Clare Sisters, Sisters of Mercy and Christian Brothers who bear witness in our Community to Consecrated Life.

Pastoral Support for Migrants

Fr. Roman, a Redemptorist Priest from Ukraine will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the Ukraine Community in the Cathedral on Sunday at 1pm.

Fr. Jarek, a Polish Benedictine Monk at Glenstal will celebrate Mass in Polish for the Polish Community in the Cathedral on the first and third Sundays of the month, starting next Sunday 4th February at 7:30pm

Candlemas Day

Friday 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, known as Candlemas Day. Candles both for Church and home use will be blessed at all masses. We appreciate the gift of candles for all our churches.



MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE: Direct flights from Shannon to Mostar-Medjugorje, 28th August to 11th September. **Spiritual Director:** Fr. Martin Shanahan. €50 off for early bookings before 2nd February. Contact James on 085 738385

Feast of St. Blaise

Saturday 3rd February

The Blessing of throats will take place after all masses on Saturday. The Blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. Using two crossed and unlighted candles, the priest touches the throat of each person saying: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen".



Feast of St. Brigid—Thursday 1st February

Brigid was one of the first people to bring the light of faith to Kildare and the surrounding countryside. She was a woman who gave witness to her faith by her welcome, generosity and care for all with whom she came in contact.



Prayer to St. Brigid

You were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace
Cover those who are troubled and anxious,
And may peace be firmly rooted
in our hearts and in our world.
Inspire us to act justly
and to reverence all God has made.
Brigid, you were a voice
for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness
in mind, body and spirit.
Amen

Feast of St. Brigid

We celebrate St. Brigid's Day on Thursday 1st February. This year is the 1500th Anniversary of the death of St. Brigid.

In the past week parishioners have gathered to make St. Brigid's Crosses and to share the story of faith which St. Brigid and the cross symbolise. The crosses will be for sale for €4 each after all masses in the parish this weekend with the proceeds going to the Cathedral Floor Restoration Appeal.

A special word of thanks to all who gave of their time in making the crosses and to the farmers who supplied the rushes.



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Naomh Bríd.

Ceiliúrtar Lá Fhéile Bríde ar an Déardaoin seo chugainn an chéad lá de mhí Feabhra. Lá speisialta ar fud na hÉireann is ea é. Tá cáil ar Naomh Bríd mar gheall ar a féile, a carthanacht agus a cúram do na heasláin. Ba mhaith lena hathair cleamhnas a dhéanamh di ach theastaigh uathí a maighdeanas a choisreacan do Dhia. Mar a rinne Naomh Pádraig, bhain Bríd úsáid as an nádúr mórthimpeall uirthi le teagasc a thabhairt faoi Íosa. D'úsáid sí brobh luachra le cros a dhéanamh, agus tá an nós seo againn in Éirinn go dtí an lá atá inniu ann. Feictear na crosa i dtithe ar fud an domhain.

Is é seo a leanas an phaidir a deirtear ag beannú na gcros:

Go raibh beannacht an Athar, an Mhic agus an Spioraid Naoimh ar na crosa seo, ar na háiteanna ina bhfuil siad agus ar gach duine a fhéachann orthu.

The feast of Saint Brigid is celebrated next Thursday 1 February. A special day in Ireland. Saint Brigid was famous for her hospitality, charity, and care of the sick. Her father wanted her to marry but she wanted to consecrate her life to God. Like Saint Patrick, Brigid used nature to teach about Jesus. She made a cross from rushes and this custom has prevailed in Ireland. St. Brigid's crosses are to be seen in houses throughout the world.

This prayer can be said to Saint Brigid to bless The Crosses.

May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless these crosses, the places where they are kept and everyone who sees them. Amen.

Newly Baptised

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

Adrian Junior Kearns.



Date for your Diary

Ennis National School First Confession 13th February at 6pm in the Cathedral.

St. Brigid's Day event at Clare Haven Horizons Charity Superstore.

Clare Haven Horizons Charity Superstore is holding a special evening to mark St. Brigid's Day and to encourage sustainable retail. There'll be music and mingling, as well as expert tips on how to upcycle furniture and choose the clothes that suit you best. It's taking place on Thursday 1st February 7-9pm in the shop in the Gort Road Business Park V95 C8HN. Entry is free and all raffle proceeds go to Clare Haven Horizons.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise 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 book of Deuteronomy Dt 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will
raise up for you a prophet like myself, from
among yourselves, from your own brothers;
to him you must listen. This is what you
yourselves asked of the Lord your God at
Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not
let me hear again" you said "the voice of the
Lord my God, nor look any longer on this
great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to
me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will
raise up a prophet like yourself for them
from their own brothers; I will put my words
into his mouth and he shall tell them all I
command him. The man who does not listen
to my words that he speaks in my name,
shall be held answerable to me for it. But
the prophet who presumes to say in my
name a thing I have not commanded him to
say, or who speaks in the name of other
gods, that prophet shall die".

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:
*O that today you would listen to his
voice!*
Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work'. **R.**

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

1 Cor 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry.
An unmarried man can devote himself to
the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is
pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to
bother about the world's affairs and devote
himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two
ways. In the same way an unmarried
woman, like a young girl, can devote herself
to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry
about is being holy in body and spirit. The
married woman, on the other hand, has to
worry about the world's affairs and devote
herself to pleasing her husband. I say this
only to help you, not to put a halter round
your necks, but simply to make sure that
everything is as it should be, and that you
give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The people that lived in darkness
Has seen a great light;
On those who dwell in the land & shad-
ow of death a light has dawned.
Alleluia

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went as far as
Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath
came Jesus went to the synagogue and

began to teach. And his teaching made a
deep impression on them because, unlike
the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there
was a man possessed by an unclean spirit,
and it shouted, 'What do you want with us,
Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to
destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy
One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be
quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean
spirit threw the man into convulsions and
with a loud cry went out of him. The people
were so astonished that they started asking
each other what it all meant. 'Here is a
teaching that is new' they said 'and with
authority behind it: he gives orders even to
unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his
reputation rapidly spread everywhere,
through all the surrounding Galilean
countryside.

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 Fa-
ther. 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
forgiveness of sins and I look forward to
the resurrection of the dead and the life of
the world to come. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame,
for I call on you.