

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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The Baptism of the Lord (Year B) 7th January 2024

The word "augur" has interesting roots. It comes from the latin avis (a bird) and gerrio (chatter).

In ancient Rome officials called "augurs" were considered experts who could predict the future by interpreting patterns of bird flights when political appointments were being made.

Every Roman Emperor from Augustus onward claimed to have been singled out by the appearance of an eagle, the bird associated with Jupiter, the Supreme God.

In the Christian tradition we are told the spirit of God descended on Jesus like a dove. In the ancient world the dove was a universally recognised symbol of innocence, gentleness, nurture and humility, qualities that will be immeasurably needed in abundance by all of us in 2024 despite many challenges and uncertainties.

If this celebration of Jesus' Baptism in the river Jordan teaches us anything it assures us that people of faith can view every challenge in 2024 in a different light because the incarnation assures

us that the God of promise is actively engaged in human life and human history. Therefore our Baptism in Jesus Christ is indeed a wonderful gift from God, but a gift to be opened. These beautiful words could be addressed to all the Baptised.

"Little child, you belong to God, you always have and you always will and now the mark of Christ is upon you. Let us then live out our Baptism vows as faithfully as we are able".



Priest on Duty 7th January 2024
Fr. Martin Blake 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat. 6.30pm: Michael & Anne Tierney, Kilrush Rd.
Michael Lynch, Clare Rd.
Martin Shannon, Kilnaboy.
Bernard McNeill, Limerick Rd.
Michael McMahon, Gallows Hill.
Mary Considine, Hazlewood, Clonroadmore.
Joe & Tess Kerin & decd family, Clonroadmore.
Sun 7th 8am: Thomas & Kathleen Scanlon, Newcastlewest.
9.30am: Patrick Feeney, St. Michael's Villas.
Noel Bolger, New Rd. **1st Anniv.**
Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families, Ennis & Cork.
Brian McSweeney, Lissycasey.
11.30am: Luke Coote, Considine Rd. **1st Anniv.**
Paddy Loftus, Buttermarket. **1st Anniv.**
Austin Smith, Ballymacahill, Roslevan.
Liam & Eoin Madigan, St. Michael's Villas.
Seán & Mary Connolly, Lower Limerick Rd.
Peggy & Jim Casey, 'The White House', Shanaway.
PJ Malone, Beechpark.
Arunas Bandzevicius, Lithuania.
Mon: 7.40am: Deceased Doohan Family, Lissycasey.
Donor's Intention.
11am: John, Bridget & Laurence Byrne,
Hermitage & Donegal.
7.30pm: No intention booked.
Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: Kevin Keane, Connolly Villas.
7.30pm: Frances Arthur, Parnell St. & Station Court.
Patsy & Susan Cahill, Kilmaley.
Wed 7.40am: Special intention.
11am: Seamus Ganley, Lahinch.
7.30pm: Albert Mounsey, Marian Ave.
Gerry Fitzpatrick, Ballybrody, Fountain.
Thurs 7.40am: Stephen Cunningham, Aylrue,
Labasheeda.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Kathleen Considine, Hermitage.
Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Agnes & Sonny Hehir, Gortmore.
7.30pm: No intention booked.
Sat: 11am: John Cahir, St. Michael's Villas. **1st Anniv.**
Lucy Bradley, Showgrounds Rd.
Bartholow Torpey, Shragh & London.
Alice Brennan, O'Connell St.
Andrew Cunningham, Donegal & Florida.
Margaret Neylon, Gallows Hill.
Joe Coffey, Circular Rd.
6.30pm: Tom **1st Anniv** & Carmel Nestor, Golf Links Rd.
Michael & Billy Shanahan, Clonroadmore.
Mary English, Clonroad.
Tony Shannon, Clancy Park.
Sun 14th 8am: Mary Ann & Patrick Rynne, Lissycasey.
Bridie Rynne, Castlewood Park.
Nora, Joe & Joe Junior Mc Donagh, Galway.
9.30am: Christina Griffin, Parnell St.
Vincent Neylon, Parnell St.
Tom & Kitty Kelly, College Rd.
11.30am: Donny Martin, Morrissey Ave.
Mary Chesser, Glenina, Gort Rd.
Delia & James Armstrong, Cahercalla.
Paddy Guthrie, Ard na Greine.
Kasimir Bielasiewicz, Poland.
John Collins, Cahercalla Estate.
Louis Galvin, Honeywell, Limerick Rd.
Tony & Nora Sharkey, Cahercalla Estate.

Tiles for the Aisles

Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following contributions received over Christmas for the appeal, €100, €50, €20. These once off contributions are very much appreciated and are helping to complete the renovation work at the Cathedral.

Cathedral Floor Restoration Appeal

Work will resume on the restoration of the floor on this Monday January 8th. We do apologise for the inconvenience this work is causing and we look forward to the completion of the work in the coming weeks.

Minister of the Word

The 2024 missal is available for those who read in our churches. Please call and collect your copy in the sacristy of the church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration takes place Monday to Friday from 5pm to 7pm in the Cathedral.

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

This weekend is our final call for unwanted and unused Christmas Gifts that can be donated to our online auction for the Cathedral Restoration Appeal. Gifts unused and unopened can be left into the Cathedral and Parish Office.

Pastoral Council Meeting at Parish Centre this Wednesday at 7.30pm.



St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Pauline Gibbons, Kincora Park.
Sun 7th 10am: No intention booked.
11.45am: Toss O'Sullivan, New Rd.
Paddy & Mary Darcy, "Arbutus House", Glenoir.
Mon 10.30am: Patrick McMahon, Knockanroe, Dysart.
Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.
Thu 10.30am: Michael Moloney, Marian Ave.
Fri 10.30am: John & Maureen Arthur, Tulla Rd.
Phil Barrow, Drumcliffe.
Maud & Samuel Cutt, College Green.
Sat: 10.30am: Linda Lee Drennan, Claureen, Lahinch Rd.
7pm: No intention booked.
Sun 14th 10am: No intention booked.
11.45am: Anthony Dormer, Rosanore.
Mary O'Keeffe, Drumcliffe Rd.
Michael & Margaret Roche, Kincora Park.
Michael Vaughan, O'Callaghan's Mills.

Readers can collect their 2024 St Paul's Missals in the sacristy.

To facilitate the laying of new carpets in the church, there will not be any 10:30am mass from Mon 15th to Fri 19th January. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Help prepare for the new carpets. Help is needed to move church seating immediately after 11:45 Mass on Sunday 14th January. If you can spare half an hour we would be very grateful.

Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 7th 11am: May Molloy, nee McNamara, Ennis & Dublin & Carol Harrold, Dublin.
Barbara Smith, nee Daffy, York, England. MM.
John & Mary Hunt, Dublin & Kilkee.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 14th: Brigid Crosse Kinnane, Ennistymon.

REST IN PEACE

Dympna Mullin nee Considine, Woodlands, Kilrush Rd.;
Margaret (Gretta) Griffin nee O'Dea, Lees Rd., Drumcliffe & formerly Ballynacally;
Kathleen Sexton nee Woollam, Turnpike Rd. & formerly Quin;
Mary Vaughan, Cahercalla Rd. & formerly Ardboula, Tulla;
Twinkle Golding, Balla, Co. Mayo, mother of Tanya Melody, Shanaway Rd.;

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday 31st December 2023

Fund **€2,830.00**
Online **€452.50**

Sharing a Cup of Tea

Once again there were many people all over the world sharing a cup of tea at half past three on Christmas Day. This was made possible by a small group of parishioners who in recent years spent time sewing little pouches to hold a tea bag. This year the teabag project raised €2,704.00 for the Cathedral Renovation Appeal. Our thanks to all who sewed, sold and bought these teabags.

Welcome to Brian

This weekend we welcome Brian Tuohy to the parish. Brian, a Tulla man, is one of three young men on the journey to priesthood for the Diocese of Killaloe, currently discerning his vocation in Valladolid in Spain. For the month of January our students live and work in parishes and get a taste of priestly life on the ground. Please pray for Brian and our other students Mark and John in this very special year of praying for vocations.



Offertory Envelopes

This weekend we begin a new year for the box of envelopes distributed before Christmas. These envelopes enable us to plan and budget for the year, and for those who contribute €250 or more in a year, and who pay tax, to claim a rebate for the parish. This presents no additional cost to you as donor but can be an immense benefit to the finances of the parish. If you did not receive a box of envelopes and would like a box please contact the Parish Office and we will arrange this for you. Thanks to all who helped distribute the boxes and calendars for the parish.

Priests' Collection



The Bishop and Priests of the parish are very grateful to all who subscribed to the Christmas Collection. Your generosity is very much appreciated. If you were away or forgot your contribution, it would still be much appreciated. You can also donate on line on our website: www.ennisparish.com

Cathedral Junior Choir



New members welcome this January from 3rd to 6th class. Email: enniscathedralchoir@gmail.com for more information.

Newly Baptised

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

Maggie Cora Ryan
Caoimhe Nollaig Lynch
Aoife Clare Lynch



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Bliain Úr Nua.

Tá tréimhse na Nollag thart agus tá bliain úr nua thar tairseach isteach chugainn agus ag síneadh amach romhainn. Ag tús na bliana tagaimid os comhair Dé go humhail, ag gabháil buíochas leis as na grásta go léir a bhronn Sé orainn go fial sa bhliain atá imithe tharainn. Ní fios cad atá i ndán dúinn sa tothchaí ach ní gá dúinn bheith buartha mar beidh Dia linn. Is teaghlach Dé sinn go léir agus roinneann Sé gach beannacht go fial ar a chlann. Mar sin cuirimis fáilte mhór na taoide tuile roimh 2024 agus go lonraí solas do ghnúise orainn, a Thiarna, i rith na bliana. Tabhair aire dúinn ó inniu go bliain ó inniu agus inniu féin.

A New Year.

The Christmas period is over and a new year is here. At the beginning of the year we come before God with great gratitude, thanking him for all the graces he has bestowed on us so generously in the past year. We do not know what the future holds but let us not worry because God will be with us. We are all God's family and He generously shares His blessings on his family. So let us warmly welcome 2024 and may the light of your countenance, Lord, shine on us throughout the year. Take care of us from today and during the year.

Donations to Our Parish



[Donate to Our Parish / Ennis Parish](#)

Donations can now be made directly to the Cathedral Restoration Fund by using the donate button on Ennis Parish Website.

Parish Statistics

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Baptisms	210	118	175	234	187
Marriages	24	11	29	43	28
Deaths	155	128	162	168	173

It should be noted that a number of Funerals took place outside the parish due to the unavailability of the Cathedral because of the restoration work.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized,
the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased.

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 Isaiah

Is 55:1-11

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good
things to eat and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.
See, I have made of you a witness to the peo-
ples, a leader and a master of the nations.
See, you will summon a nation you never
knew,
those unknown will come hurrying to you,
for the sake of the Lord your God,
of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call
to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity
on him, to our god who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways

not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.
Yes, as the rain and the snow come down
from the heavens and do not return without
watering the earth, making it yield and giving
growth to provide seed for the sower and
bread for the eating, so the word that goes
from my mouth does not return to me empty,
without carrying out my will and succeeding in
what it was sent to do.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.*

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. *R*

Give thanks to the Lord,
give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. *R*

Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Isra-
el. *R*

A reading from the first letter of St. John

1 Jn 5:1-9

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.
We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has
commanded us;
this is what loving God is -
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by
God has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world— our faith.
Who can overcome the world?
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the
Son of God:
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness -
since the Spirit is the truth -
so that there are three witnesses,
the Spirit, the water and the blood,
and all three of them agree.
We accept the testimony of human witnesses,
but God's testimony is much greater,

given as evidence for his Son.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*John saw Jesus coming towards him,
and said:*

*This is the Lamb of God who takes away
the sin of the world. Alleluia!*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Mk 1:7-11

In the course of his preaching John the Bap-
tist said, 'Someone is following me, someone
who is more powerful than I am, and I am not
fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his
sandals. I have baptised you with water, but
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came
from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in
the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come
up out of the water than he saw the heavens
torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descend-
ing on him. And a voice came from heaven,
'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour
rests on you.'

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
resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come.

Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the
Son of God.