

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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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B) 11th February, 2024

Jesus and the Leper

The Gospel story is one of healing and touching. Strictly speaking, Jesus should not have touched a leper. Neither should the leper have approached Jesus, as lepers had to isolate themselves and call out "unclean, unclean" to anyone who approached. The Lord, he reached out with compassion and touched him, he shows that God cared and loved him. Jesus restored him to full health and brought him back as a full member of his family and community.

Jesus is obedient to the Jewish law in complying with the regulations surrounding the proof of a cure, and so tells the man to go to the priest and make the stipulated offering. Yet Jesus was there for the leper as he was for others despised by society. As we try to follow Jesus' way, we may ask ourselves who are the outcasts today?

In the gospel a leper begged for a cure. His desire met the desire of Jesus for him. Jesus

wanted to be known as more than a miracle worker, so he asked the man to be quiet. May we have the courage and humanity to bring our desire to the Lord and allow him to transform them so that they are more in harmony with his desire for us.



Who are the lepers in our life? *Is it the difficult neighbour who wants to greet us?, or the unpopular classmate who never agrees with anyone?, or the annoying co-worker who*

has his own way of doing things?, or the demanding relation who manages to burrow under our skin?

This week, may we identify the lepers in our lives, and reach out and touch them first, so God can heal them.

Priest on Duty 11th February, 2024
Contact: Fr. Ger Jones 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Deirdre Daly, Considine Rd. **1st Anniv.**
 Brid Flanagan, Loughville & Ruan. **1st Anniv.**
 Patrick & Bridget Cotter, Dysart, Maurice's Mills.
 Mary Mallon, Páirc na Coille.
 Bernadette (nee Dunne) & Alo Wrafter, Roslevan,
 Dublin & Tullamore.
 Tony McGlinchey, Dublin & Donegal.

Sun 11th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Margaret McMahon, Loughville.
 Mary, Mick & Kitty Connellan, Ard na Gréine.

11.30am: Bill Leacy, College Grove.
 Mai & Miko Glynn, Knockaderra, Tulla Rd.
 James & Mary McMahon, Summerhill.
 Patricia McInerney (nee Roche), Dalcassian Park.

Mon 7.40am: Jackie, Deborah & Bro. Niall McCarthy,
 Killarney.

11am: Jim, May & Michael O'Brien & Mary Sweeney,
 Midleton.

7.30pm: John & Mary Scanlan, Dalcassian Ave.
 Peggy Murphy, Nonie O'Neill & Maureen Tiller, Tulla.

Tues 7.40am: Book of Intentions.

11am: No intention booked.

6pm: First Confession—Ennis NS.

7.30pm: Michael O'Loughlin, Dalcassian Park. **MM.**
 Flora Herlihy, Coopers' Place.
 Monica Sheridan, Hermitage.

Wed 7.40am: Nora & James St. Leger,
 O'Callaghan's Mills.

11am: Lillian & James Rooney, Leitrim & New York.

7.30pm: Paddy & Mary Keane, Limerick Rd.
 Aggie Sexton, Hermitage.
 Bernadette & Joseph Keane, Summerhill.
 Patrick Kerin, Carron, Co. Clare.
 Olive & Tom Slattery, College Park.

Thurs 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: Jimmy McNamara, Golf Links Rd.
 Teresa McCormack, Hermitage.
 Jane & Felix O'Dwyer, Carrigaholt.

7.30pm: Yvonne O'Callaghan Moore,
 Cahercalla & Turnpike.
 Paddy & Maura Bugler & Deceased Bugler Family.
 Michael Dixon, Ennis & Inagh.
 Richard McInerney, New York & Tullassa.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Sat 11am: Michael & Mary Hogan, St. Flannan's Tce.
 Patrick Duggan, Turnpike.
 Susan & Pappy Downes, The Hand, Mullagh.
 Paddy Hutchinson, Ballaghboy, Quin Rd.

6.30pm: Freda Nihill (nee McCarthy) Francis St. **MM.**
 Cyril Lane, Tobartaoscáin.
 Lorraine & Sean Cooley, Dalcassian Ave.
 Noel Molloy, Turnpike Rd.

Sun 18th 8am: Gerard Keane, St. Anne's Tce.

9.30am: Gerry & Mary Moroney, Lr. Market St.
 Brian & Kevin Hallahan, Dublin.
 Mary Carroll, Tralee.

11.30am: Senan Sheehan, Clare Rd.
 Cillian O'Sullivan, The Glen, Ballinskelligs.
 Pat Jones, College Park.
 Michael Griffin, Woodlawn.
 Donal Ryan, Cusack Rd.
 Robert & Tony Meehan, Kent, UK.
 Sr. Mary Neylon, Inagh.

Tiles for the Aisles

Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following contributions received for the appeal, €100 x 2. These once off contributions are very much appreciated and are helping to complete the renovation work at the Cathedral.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes & World Day of Prayer for the Sick.



This Sunday we celebrate the 166th anniversary of Mary, God's mother appearing to St. Bernadette at Lourdes and inviting her to bring people to Lourdes on pilgrimage. This invitation is now issued to the Diocese of Killaloe to come on pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 21st June to Wednesday 26th June. €899 pp sharing. Booking can be made via joewalstours.ie or 01 2349816.

The Diocese will be able to bring 24 assisted pilgrims. For more info on this section, please contact Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director 087 2349816 or tfryan.ennis@gmail.com

The Cross of St. Brigid



This year we are celebrating the 1500th anniversary of St. Brigid. Our thanks to the volunteers who made the crosses, those who cut and supplied the rushes and the many people who bought the crosses. €8,420 was raised with all proceeds going to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal.

With St. Brigid's Crosses in so many homes this year, may she continue to bless and protect us all. St. Brigid pray for us.

Newly Baptised

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



Madeline Mary O'Donnell;
Art Thomas O'Sullivan Kennedy.

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: No intention booked.

Sun 11th 10am: James Keown, Corofin.

11.45am: Peadar & Marie O'Keefe, Drumcliffe Rd.
 Joan Stack, Lifford Rd.

Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions

Wed 10.30am: Paddy & Lena Lynch, Kilmaley.
 Nonie & Tony Malone, Newpark.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: Mary McMahon, Steele's Tce.

Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.

7pm: Patrick & Kyle Donovan,
 The Crescent & London

Sun 18th 10am: Maura Cavanagh, Pine Grove.

11.30am: Roger Forde, Woodside, Roslevan.
1st Anniv

Due to deliveries related to construction work in St Anne's school in the coming week, you are advised not to park on St Senan's Road.

Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11th 11am: Edward & Mary Hayes, Hermitage.
 Ellen Flynn, Honan's Tce. **MM.**
 P.J., Bridie, Gerard & Trevor Dilger,
 Hermitage & Kentucky.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

First Confession

Children from Ennis National School will celebrate the Sacrament in the Cathedral on Tuesday at 6pm. Please note there will be no Adoration on Tuesday.



Daily Lenten Messages

Brief (less than one minute) daily multi-media spiritual reflections from Bishop Fintan will be available on the various social media platforms every day for Lent, Holy Week and the Easter Octave. Subscribe (at no cost – just click on the subscribe button) to <https://www.youtube.com/@BishopFintanMonahan> to keep up to date with many events around the diocese and beyond.



Sunday 18th

February
at Cathedral
Ukrainian Liturgy 1pm



Polish Mass 7.30pm
Please let your Ukrainian & Polish Neighbours know.



Ennis Parish
 Development Fund
 for Sunday, 4th February, 2024
 Fund **€5,550**
 Online **€408.50**

Our Lenten Journey



Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday 7.30am Cathedral.

Daily Mass:

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

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday to Friday 5pm to 7pm - Cathedral.

Stations of the Cross: Friday 8pm Cathedral.

Lectio Divina:

Sacred Reading of the Scriptures.

Each Tuesday of Lent:

7pm to 8pm Parish Centre.

Trócaire: Responding to the cry of the poor. Your call.

Ash Wednesday & Lenten Season



This year Ash Wednesday falls on St. Valentine's Day. Lent comes from the word Lenten, the beginning of the new season of Spring, longer days.

In our Christian Tradition we are encouraged to reflect on the meaning of our Christian Calling and also to deal with personal obstacles that hinder our spiritual growth beginning with Ash Wednesday, and also in preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection when Christ conquers death.

The blessing and distribution of Ashes will take place at the 9.30am Mass in Cloughleigh, 10.30am Mass in St. Joseph's and 11am Mass in the Cathedral on Ash Wednesday.

A Day of Fast & Abstinence

There are two days each year in the Catholic Faith that we are asked to fast and abstain - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means that one full meatless meal can be eaten in the day. Two other meatless meals may be taken to maintain strength but together they should not exceed one full meal. Those in good health between the age of 18 and 59 are asked to observe the fast.

Join in us in Sacred Reading of the Scriptures for Lent beginning on Tuesday 20th February for five Tuesdays from 7pm to 8pm in the Maria Assumpta Hall, Ennis.



The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will return on Ash Wednesday, 14th February at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Bishop Fintan Monahan will open the Novena.

Trócaire



The annual Trocaire Lenten Campaign begins on Ash Wednesday. Trócaire is the Irish word for Mercy. For the past fifty-one years people have shown great Trócaire to people who are poor and suffering all over the world. Trócaire boxes are now available in all our churches. Remember that you cannot get to heaven without a letter of reference from the poor.

St. Anthony's Magazine

The latest edition of St. Anthony's magazine is now available in both the Friary and Cathedral. At €2 per copy it supports the work of the Franciscan Family.

Clare Roots' Society Talk

on Thursday 18 January 2024 at Clare Education Centre, Kilrush Road V95 F782 at 7.30p.m.

Lecture: "Preservation and Conservation for Libraries and Archives...and Your Collection."

A Moment of Silence

Pope Francis has spoken of how 'moments of silence in the Mass should be intentional times of prayer, recollection and communion with God, rather than being viewed as times to just be quiet or not speak; silence is not reduced to the absence of words, but is the availability to listen to other voices: that of our heart and, above all, the voice of the Holy Spirit.'

With this in mind, during Lent at mass in Cloughleigh and St Joseph's we will pause in silence for a few minutes after Communion; use the time as Pope Francis suggests, or use it to be thankful for a moment of silence in a noise-filled world



Temperance Sunday

As we embrace another Lenten Season, the Pioneer Association invites people to take a temporary pledge for Lent, to abstain from alcohol. For more details, visit the Pioneer Association website www.pioneers.ie

RIP

Willie Slattery, Moyriesk, Quin, brother of Pete, Corrovorrin Grove.

Packie Ryan, Tipperary Town & Tubber, brother of Patricia Ryan, Cloughleigh and Veronica Keane, Hermitage.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Taibhsiú na Maighdine Muire i Lourdes Ar an Domhnach seo an 11ú Feabhra, ceiliúrtar Taibhsiú na Maighdine Muire do Bhernadette Soubirous, sa bhliain 1858. Cailín bocht ceithre bliana déag d'aois ab ea í. Níl áit ar bith ar fud an domhain ina bhfuil Críostaithe, nach bhfuil cáil ar Lourdes de bharr na sluaite, a thugann cuairt ar an Scrín bheannaithe ag iarraidh leighis dá ngalair agus grásta dá n-anam.

Is paidir dheas í seo ón Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais ar féidir a rá in ómós don Mhaighdean Mhuire: A Mhuire ghlórmhar, mhómhar, mhaisiúil, is tú mo stór, mo lón, mo thaisce is tú mo réalta eolais ag dul romham i ngach bealach, agus ar shliabh na ndeor go mba tú mo chara. *Aiméan*

Today the 11th February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. In 1858 Our Lady appeared for the first time to Bernadette Soubirous a poor, fourteen old girl. Christians from all over the world come to the Sacred Shrine every year seeking healing from illness and seeking spiritual grace. The following prayer is taken from *Ar bPaidreacha Dúchais*. Virgin Mary, glorious, gentle, beautiful, you are my beloved, my sustenance, my treasure, you are my guiding star, leading me on my way, and in this valley of tears you are my friend. Amen. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

The Kiss of Spring



Such is the grip of winter,
we long to escape;
such is the darkness of winter,
we yearn for the sun.

Yet, in the grip of darkness
restless seeds struggle towards the light;
from the darkness of the earth
buds will burst forth
and dull landscapes
will be splashed with colour.

Spring invites us into expectation,
Kisses us in anticipation,
Awakens us from the quiet months.
And enlivens our yearning hearts.

As life breaks out from the earth
The Lord of Spring working in our hearts
calls us to new birth.

As life breaks out from the earth
The Lord of Spring, working in our church,
Calls us to new hope.

As life breaks out from the earth
the Lord of Spring, working in our world,
calls us to new vitality.

Author unknown.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your
name.

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 glo-
ry, 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 Leviticus.

Lv 13:1-2.44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a
swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a
man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is
to be suspected. The man must be taken to
Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests
who are his sons.'

'The man is leprous; he is unclean.
The priest must declare him unclean; he is
suffering from leprosy of the head.

A man infected with leprosy must wear his
clothing torn and his hair disordered; he
must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean,
unclean". As long as the disease lasts a
person must be unclean; and therefore he
must live apart; he must live outside the
camp.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*You are my refuge, O Lord;
You fill me with the joy of salvation*

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
Whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
Imputes no guilt,
In whose spirit is no guile.

R.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
My guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
My offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
The guilt of my sin.

R.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
Exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
All you upright of heart.

R.

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

1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink,
whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of
God. Never do anything offensive to
anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the
Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to
everyone at all times, not anxious for my
own advantage but for the advantage
of everybody else, so that they may be
saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

Enlighten the eyes of our mind,

*So that we can see what hope his call
holds for us.*

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his
knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can
cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus
stretched out his hand and touched him.
'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!'

And the leprosy left him at once and he
was cured. Jesus immediately sent him
away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you
say nothing to anyone, but go and show
yourself to the priest, and make the offering
for your healing prescribed by Moses as
evidence of your recovery.' The man went
away, but then started talking about it
freely and telling the story everywhere, so
that Jesus could no longer go openly into
any town, but had to stay outside in places
where nobody lived. Even so, people from
all around would come to him.

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

**They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved
the Lord gave them;
They were not disappointed
in what they craved.**