

# 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;

Email: [info@ennisparish.com](mailto:info@ennisparish.com)

St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Year B 25th February, 2024

### TRANSFIGURATION – MEETING OF THE HUMAN AND DIVINE.

The story of the Transfiguration unfolds on a mountain top. The significance of the mountain is a recurring motif in spiritual experiences throughout the Bible. Mountains often symbolise places of encounter with the divine, where individuals are called to draw closer to God and gain insight into His purposes. In this case, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, where a remarkable transformation occurs. This radiant alteration signifies a glimpse into Jesus' divine nature, a revelation of his true glory. The Transfiguration serves as a confirmation of Jesus' identity and mission, a revelation of his glory that strengthens the faith of his disciples for the challenges that lie ahead.

The Transfiguration invites us to contemplate the mystery of Christ's dual nature as fully human and fully divine. In his transfigured state, Jesus offers a glimpse of his heavenly glory, affirming his divine identity. Yet, he also remains fully human, sharing in our humanity and entering into our suffering. This union of the divine and the human in Jesus Christ is central to Christian theology and speaks to the depth of God's love and solidarity with humanity.

Like the disciples, we may experience moments of spiritual clarity and revelation, where God's presence feels palpable and undeniable. However,

these experiences are often fleeting, and we are called to continue following Jesus even when the mountain peaks give way to the valleys of hardship and doubt.

The Transfiguration reminds us that true faith is not built on fleeting experiences but on a steadfast commitment to follow Jesus wherever he may lead us.

Peter, James, and John came down the mountain again to resume normal living below in the plains of Galilee. Like them, we resume normal living after our spiritual experiences, but our contemplation of the words of Jesus and his light take us through each day as we remember, "it is good that we are here."



# Priest on Duty 25th February 2024

Contact: Fr. Joy 065 6869098



## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Seán O'Shea, Ard na Gréine. MM.  
Peter Walsh, Corrovorrin Grove, Ennis & Kilrush.  
Fiona Howard, Rockmount.  
Sr. Anne Houlihan & Bella Houlihan, Knock, Kilrush.  
Maura & Michael Frawley, Cahercalla.

**Sun 25th 8am:** Leo Whittaker, Cregaun,  
Tobartaoscain. **1st Anniv**  
Johnny Purcell, Ard na Gréine.

**9.30am:** No intention booked.

**11.30am:** David Seery, Davitt Tce. **1st Anniv.**  
Patricia Tuohy, Considine Rd.  
Tom Tuttle, Castlelawn, Tulla Rd.  
Phil & James Barrow, Drumcliffe.  
Jim Burke, Park Ave, Ennis & Athlone.  
Simon O'Donnell, Kilrush Rd.

**Mon:7.40am:** Holy Souls.

**11am:** Marian Sheill (nee Casey), Friars' Close  
& Jim Casey, Athlone.  
Patrick Hurson, Summerhill.  
Harry McTigue, Limerick.

**7.30pm:** Ailish O'Dwyer McNamara, Bodyke.

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

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Mary, Patrick & Patrick Joseph Jr. Quigley  
Ballinacarra, Kilfenora.

Mick, Marian & Michael Molloy, St. Michael's Villas.

**Wed 7.40am:** Frances & Joe Molony & Molony  
& O'Reilly Families, O'Connell St.

**11am:** Susie Mooney, Brosna, Co. Kerry.  
Kenneth Sherriff, Bruach na hAbhann, Quin Rd

**7.30pm:** Brid & Martin Moloney, Clare Rd.  
Tom Flynn, Golf Links Rd.

**Thurs 7.40am:** No intention booked.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Canon Pat Taaffe.  
Patrick Murphy, Circular Rd.

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

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Frank Lillis, Beechpark, Ennis.

**Sat 11am:** Mary & Stephen Meaney, Greenpark.  
Hannah (Annette) O'Brien, Ard Aoibhinn, Limerick Rd.  
Mike Archer, The Park, Quin.  
Patrick Hutchinson, Ballaghboy, Quin Rd.

**6.30pm:** Anne O'Flanagan (nee O'Donovan),  
Sunnyville, Cahercallabeg. MM  
Moirá Coffey, Laureen Drive.  
Jim Casey, Parnell St. & Athlone.  
John & Elizabeth Fleming & John Guion, Marian Ave.  
Michael Kelly, Beechpark.  
Michael McGuane, Corofin.  
Nuala & Con Ryan, St. Michael's Villas.

**Sun 3rd 8am:** Mannix Berry, Cappamore, Barefield.

**9.30am:** Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families,  
Ennis & Cork.  
Philip Smyth, Roscommon.

**11.30am:** Patricia & Margaret Graham, Cusack Rd.  
Des & Peggy Carroll, Corrovorrin Drive.  
Christina Lynch, Clare Rd.  
Peter Wilkie, Hermitage & Kearney Family,  
O'Callaghan's Mills.  
Ciara Fox & Deceased Fox Family, Hermitage.

## Tiles for the Aisles

Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following contributions received for the appeal, €300 x2, €50 & €15. These once off contributions are very much appreciated and are helping to complete the renovation work at the Cathedral.

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## First Friday of March

**Friday 1st March** 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.

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## Labhair Gaeilge Linn



During the month of March we are embracing the Irish Language in our Liturgies.

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**Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG seeking marriage preparation facilitators.**

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church; if you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicant will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally.



Contact:  
Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [marriage\\_preparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriage_preparation@accord.ie) or Martina Ennis/Nenagh branch on 065 6824297 or by email to [ennis@accord.ie](mailto:ennis@accord.ie) or [nenagh@accord.ie](mailto:nenagh@accord.ie) [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie).



## St. Joseph's

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**7pm:** Thomas Gooney, Kincora Park . MM.  
**Sun 25th 10am:** Anna & Eddie Casey, Marian Ave.  
Willie Moloney, Boston, USA.  
**11.45am:** Brendan Armstrong, Mountain View.  
**Mon 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Tues 10.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Wed 10.30am:** Monica Howard, Lifford.  
Kathleen Reilly, Corrovorrin Crescent.  
**Thu 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Fri 10.30am:** Bridget Rooney, London & Charlestown.  
**Sat:** **No 10.30am Mass.**  
**11am:** **CBS Confirmation.**  
**7pm:** No intention booked.  
**Sun 3rd 10am:** Matthew & Catherine Clune,  
Ballymacahill.  
**11.45am:** Mary Curtin, Willow Park.  
Michael Gavin, Cloughleigh.  
Maureen Fox, Hazelgrove, Roslevan.



## Cloughleigh



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 25th 11am:** Lucille Hayes, Bridge Court & Pearse Ave.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Sun 3rd 11am:** Kitty McDermott, Cloughleigh.

## O'Connell Street

The work currently taking place in O'Connell Street will, in the coming week move in front of the Cathedral.

Cars will not be able to turn left at the top of Station Road. Access to the Cathedral will remain open at all times and these restrictions will not impact on funerals.

## Matt Talbot Novena

Praying each Wednesday of Lent in SS Peter & Paul Church, Tulla at 7pm for all suffering or sharing in the life of addiction.

This week Bishop Willie Walsh will be speaking on ageing.



## Newly Baptised

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

Osheanna Bernadette Mongans;

Tadhg Seán Doody;

Odhrán Eli Daly;

Jamie Mixie Harte;

Pablo Fitzgerald Jurado

Francis Kelly.



### Lectio Divina

The sacred reading of scriptures each Tuesday night for Lent from 7pm to 8pm in the Maria Assumpta Hall. You are invited to spend some time reflecting and praying on the Sunday Readings.



This year's Trocaire's Lenten campaign focuses on the country of Malawi, Africa. Malawi is one of the least developed countries in the world and has been badly affected by climate change.

In the Machinga district, Marita and her family must make a one hour trip up to five times a day to collect water.

Please support Trocaire in helping communities develop sustainable access to clean, safe and reliable water supplies by taking home a Trocaire box today or going to [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org).

### Our Prayer / Fasting / Almsgiving (PEA) programme continues this Lent.

If you want a real purpose-driven Lent, the prayer / fasting / almsgiving programme is made for you.

- ◆ Prayer - commit to a daily prayer.
- ◆ Fast - commit to eating three meals a day.
- ◆ Almsgiving - commit to donating to Trocaire.

Each day you will help yourself, help others and help your relationship with God. This programme involves making sacrifice, but there is no doubt that the benefits we will receive at Easter will be immense.

### Confirmation

The children from Ennis Christian Brothers School will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday next at 11am in St. Joseph's Church.

We congratulate the children on this very special occasion on their faith journey. Please pray for them as they prepare to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



**Arline Ryan (nee Prendergast),**  
Boston, USA & formerly St. Anne's,  
Limerick Rd.

### Join us on our Lenten Journey Week 2



**Morning Prayer:** Monday to Friday 7.30am  
Cathedral.

<b>Daily Mass:</b>	
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:**  
**Reflections on the Word of God (Sunday Readings)**  
**Sacred Reading of the Scriptures.**

Each Tuesday of Lent: 7pm to 8pm Maria Assumpta Hall.

### Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes



Bishop Fintan will lead the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon Airport on Friday 21st June to Wednesday 26th June, costing €899 pps, including flight, airport transfers, airport & sanctuary taxes, full board with three meals. For more information & booking please contact Joe Walsh tours 01 2410800 or email [joewalshstours.ie](mailto:joewalshstours.ie)

There will be 24 places reserved for assisted pilgrims who will be cared for in the Accueil Notre Dame with medical and caring assistance, cost €750. To reserve a place on this section please contact Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director 087 2349816

**Are you looking for a new hobby or to make new friends?** A new Samba Band is being established by Cllr Mary Howard & Kevin Corrigan at the Community Centre in Cloughleigh this Monday February 26th at 7:30pm (V95K31X)

Everyone is welcome to come along to this free taster of samba drumming. It is suitable for all ages so come along and join in the fun!

## Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

### An Dara Domhnach den Charghas

Ar an dara Domhnach den Charghas, feicimid Íosa ag cur an bháis ar ceal agus an bheatha shiorraí chun solais. Cuirtear dhá mhór eachtra i scéal Íosa os ár gcomhair sna léachtaí inniu. Chuir Dia in iúl d' Abrahám go mbeadh beannacht ar a shliocht. Aithníonn formhór na gCríostaithe, Abrahám mar a nathair. Bhí Dia dílis do gach ar gheall Sé agus sheol Sé an pobal tofa go talamh Íosrael. Feicimid fis eile chomh héachtach céanna. Bhí dóchas ag teastáil ó na deisceabail sular thosaigh Íosa Turas na Croise agus a Pháis. Sheol Sé Peadar, Séamas agus Eoin suas Cnoc Tabor. Chonaic siad Íosa agus é faoi chló nua Ionrach agus Maois agus Éilias in éineacht leis. Tar éis Claochlathie ar an sliabh thuig na deisceabail nár ghnáthdhuine a bhí in Íosa. Labhair Peadar: "A Thiarna," ar seisean le Íosa, "is maith mar tharla anseo sinn: más maith leat é, déanfaidh mé trí bhoth san áit seo, ceann duit féin, ceann do Mhaois agus ceann d'Éilias." Ní raibh siad ag súil le seo. Chuala siad glór as na scamail "Is é seo mo Mhac mhuirneach dár thug mé gnaoi : éistigí leis. (Matha 17:1- 5) Bhí eagla an domhain ar na deisceabail ach labhair Íosa leo. "Éirígí," ar seisean; "ná bíodh eagla oraibh." Ar dhearcadh suas dóibh, ní raibh neach ar bith le feiceáil acu ach Íosa féin amháin. Go raibh an creideamh ina údar dóchais agus síochána dúinn. A Thiarna éist linn. Áiméan.

### Second Sunday of Lent

On the second Sunday of Lent we see Jesus triumph over death and promising eternal life. In the readings today, we see two major events in the life of Jesus. God makes known to Abraham that his descendants will be blessed. Most Christians recognise recognised Abraham as father. God was faithful to all he promised and he sent the chosen people into the land of Israel. We see another vision. The disciples needed hope from Jesus before his Passion and Death. He took Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor. He was transfigured before them in the presence of Moses and Elijah. After the Transfiguration the disciples realised that Jesus was not an ordinary person .Peter said "Lord it is good for us to be here .let us make three tabernacles ,one for you ,one for Moses and one for Elijah.' Suddenly they heard a voice "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, listen to him', (Matthew 17:1- 5).The disciples were afraid and Jesus spoke to them "Arise" he said "and do not be afraid" On looking up they saw nobody only Jesus. May our faith be a source of hope and peace in our lives. Lord hear us. Amen.

Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday 19th February

Fund **€5,578.00**  
Online **€404.50**

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken:

Seek his face.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;

Hide not your face from me.

## 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 book of Genesis

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am he replied'. 'Take your son, God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. Do not raise your hand against the boy the angel said. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

*Response:*

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

I trusted, even when I said:

"I am sorely afflicted."

O precious in the eyes of the Lord

is the death of his faithful.

*R.*

Your servant, Lord. Your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:

I will call on the Lord's name.

*R.*

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil

before all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord

in your midst, O Jerusalem.

*R.*

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Rm 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

*From the bright clouds the father's voice was heard:*

*"This is my Son, the Beloved, Listen to Him!"*

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ.*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves.

There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is

wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him'. Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

## 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

**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.**