

# 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

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St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B) 4th February, 2024

### He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up.

The Lord went to the house of Simon Peter and Andrew and found Peter's mother-in-law sick with a fever. He took her by the hand and raised her, the fever left her, and she served them.

Jesus' entire mission is symbolically portrayed in this episode. Jesus, sent by the Father, visited peoples' homes on our earth and found a humanity that was sick, sick with fever, not just physical illness but also the fever of hatred, greed, selfishness and the forgetfulness of God. The Lord gives us his hand, lifts us up and heals us. He does so in all ages; he takes us by the hand with his Word. He takes us by the hand in the sacraments.

Jesus stayed at Peter's house, but he rose before dawn while it was still dark and went out to find a deserted place to pray. And here we see a vital aspect of Jesus life and ministry.

Jesus prayed to God the Father. Jesus comes down from heaven to bring us up to God. In the Mass Jesus prays with us, we pray with Jesus, and so we

enter into real contact with God, we enter into the mystery of eternal love of the Most Holy Trinity.

Jesus speaks to the Father: this is the source and centre of all Jesus' activities; we see his preaching, his cures, his miracles and they spring from his union with God the Father, manifest in prayer. Prayer fuelled his ministry. Prayer helps us to put God first and to grow in faith.

In this way this Gospel teaches us that the centre of our faith and our lives should be the primacy of God. If we genuinely put God first, then that faith in God should express itself by loving, respecting and caring for our neighbour.

Through Jesus, God reaches out to us, to raise us up, to bring us healing and to bring us closer to Him. We too are called to extend our hand to our sisters and brothers in need, to raise others up. Immediately after her healing, Peter's mother-in-law began to serve. The best way we can thank God for the graces and blessings he has given to us, is by serving others who are in need.



**Priest on Duty 4th February 2024**  
**Contact: Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**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.  
 Bridget O'Connor, Rooska, Lisdoonvarna.

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

**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, Coolarta, Boston.  
 Roger O'Donoghue, Ennis & Limerick.  
 Mary D'arcy, Scotland & Limerick.  
 Rita Hurley, Turnpike.

Billy Slattery, Cloughleigh.  
 Ann & Keith Morris, Liscannor & Thurles.  
**Mon 7.40am: Bank Holiday—No. 7.40am Mass.**  
**11am:** Barry Fitzgerald, Cusack Rd. **1st Anniv.**  
 Michael Casey, Clonroadbeg.  
**7.30pm: Matt Talbot Prayer Society.**  
**Tues: 7.40am** Book of Intentions.  
**11am:** Tony Meehan, Old Turnpike & Connolly.  
**1st Anniv.**

Michael Sheedy, College View & Ogonnelloe.  
 Pat McGuane, Carron & Bert Cassidy, Ballina, Killaloe.  
 Brian, Joseph & Caroline Ensko, Connolly Villas.

**7.30pm:** Kathleen Doran, Tulla.  
 Charlie O'Grady, McNamara Park.  
 Willie Burke, Mill Rd.  
 Peggy Coote, Gallows Hill.  
 Ann Greene, Lanesboro. Co. Longford.  
 James Nolan, Barntick.  
**Wed 7.40am:** Maura Garvey, Dublin.  
 Fr. James McInerney, Doora & Birr, Co. Offaly.  
**11am:** Special intention.  
**7.30pm:** Eileen & Willie O'Carroll, Ennis.  
 Deceased Crowley Family, Clonakilla, Kilmihil.  
 Callinan Family, Cooraclare & Tullabrack.  
 Special Intention.

**Thurs 7.40am:** Dan Greene & Mary Pyne, Kilmaley.  
 Fergus, Mary & Gus Clair, Ennistymon.  
**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Bernie Dilger, Connolly Villas.  
 Marie & Paddy Duddy, Donegal.  
**Fri 7.40am:** Mass for the People.  
**11am:** Joe, Margaret & Thomas Earlie, Limerick Rd.  
 Maureen Murphy, Hermitage.

**7.30pm:** Lil Gleeson, McNamara Park.MM  
 Pauline Pender, Riverside, Clonroad.  
**Sat: 11am:** Fintan Ryan, Fergus Manor.  
**6.30pm:** Deirdre Daly, Considine Rd. **1st Anniv.**  
 Brid Flanagan, Loughville, Ennis & Ruan. **1st Anniv.**  
 Patrick & Bridget Cotter, Dysart, Maurice's Mills.  
 Mary Mallon, Pairc na Coille.  
 Bernadette nee Dunne & Alo Wrafter, Roslevan, Dublin  
 & Tullamore.  
 Tony McGlinchy, Dublin & Donegal.

**Sun 11th 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** Margaret McMahon, Loughville.  
 Mary, Mick & Kitty Connellan, Ard na Greine.  
**11.30am:** Ellen Flynn, Honan's Terrace. MM  
 William (Bill) Leacy, College Grove.  
 Mai & Miko Glynn, Knockaderra, Tulla Rd.  
 James & Mary McMahon, Summerhill.  
 Patricia McInerney nee Roche, Dalcassian Park.

**Tiles for the Aisles**

We thank the African Catholic Community of Cloughleigh who donated €1,000 to the Cathedral Floor Restoration appeal. We are also grateful for donations of €100, €55, €50, €20, & €10. received in the past week.

**Online Auction.** €5,598.50 was raised in this year's auction. Our thanks to Joanne & Margaret Lynch, Maureen Mortell and their team for organising the auction. Our thanks also to all who donated items and those who took part in the auction.

**Newly Baptised**

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

**Kimberley Mae Bailey**  
**Adda Kimberley Souza**  
 Lima



**Bank Holiday Monday Masses**

8:30am Poor Clare's  
 10am Friary  
 11am Cathedral  
 7.30pm Cathedral

**Lost:** Eternity Ring, in the vicinity of Ennis. Contact Margaret 087 6733529

**Clare Older People's Volunteer of the Year Award 2024**

The search is on again to recognise those who give their time, energy and skills to help others in the local community. For a nomination form please email: agefriendlyclare@clareco.co.ie or telephone (065) 6846240 or visit: [www.clarecoco.ie/services/community/age-friendly-programme/age-friendly-county/](http://www.clarecoco.ie/services/community/age-friendly-programme/age-friendly-county/) Nomination forms must be submitted by **Friday 1st March 2024.**

**Ennis Town F.C** are having a family Fun Bingo Night at The West County Hotel on 11th February. Doors open at 6pm

Fr. Jarek O.S.B. will celebrate Mass for the Polish Community on this Sunday at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

**St. Joseph's**



**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**7pm:** Tony Strand, Shannon Park.  
 Paddy Rynne, Ballyalla.

**Sun 4th 10am:** Pat Cox, Marian Avenue. **1st Anniv.**  
**11.45am:** Gretta Griffin, Lees Rd. MM.

**Pat 1st Anniv.** & Kathleen O'Malley, Cloverhill, Tulla Rd.  
 Teresa Howard, Kilrush Rd.

**Mon 10.30am: Bank Holiday—No Mass.**

**Tues 10.30am:** Susan Brohan, Considine Rd.

**Wed 10.30am:** Book of Intentions.

**Thu 10.30am:** Griffin family, Kilmaley.

**Fri 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**Sat: 10.30am:** Michael O'Connor, Oak Park. MM.  
 Cahill & Walsh Family, Mallow, Co. Cork.

**7pm:** No intention booked.

**Sun 26th 10am:** James Keown, Corofin.

**11.45am:** Peadar & Marie O'Keefe, Drumcliffe Rd.

If you're attending weekday mass in St Joseph's in the coming weeks, keep in mind that planned roadworks on Lifford Road will affect traffic.

And in the week beginning 12th February residents on St. Senan's Road are advised that due to construction work at St Anne's, parking on the road is to be avoided.

**Cloughleigh**



**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sun 4th 11am:** No intention booked.

**Mon: 9.30am: Bank Holiday — No Mass.**

**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.

**Sun 11th 11am:** Edward & Mary Hayes, Hermitage.

P.J., Bridie, Gerard & Trevor Dilger, Hermitage & Kentucky.

**REST IN PEACE**

**Tom Gooney,** Kincora Park,

**Michael Gavin,** Cloughleigh;

**Tony McGlinchey,** Dublin & Donegal, brother of Mgt Hurson, Phoenix Court;

**Anne O'Flanagan (née O'Donovan),** "Sunny Ville", Cahercalla Beg & late of Turnpike Road;

**Marian Roche,** Kilrush, mother of John, Riverside & Seamus, Glenina;

**Kevin O'Reilly,** Limerick, brother of Rose Kelleher, Ballybeg;

**Mary Downey,** Fergus Park.

Ennis Parish  
 Development Fund  
 for Sunday, 28th January 2024

Fund **€5,742.00**

Online **€545.50**

**Diocesan Needs Appeal €5,480**

## Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes



The novena will continue all of this week in the Cathedral in preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick on Sunday 11th February

### Sunday 4th at 11:30am

Claire Murray, Youth Leader on the Diocesan Pilgrimage.

### Monday at 7:30pm

Fr. Des Hillery, Corofin.  
Mass of Reconciliation, Confessions available before and after mass.

### Tuesday at 7:30pm

Fr. Liam Kelly O.F.M.  
Mass and prayers for the sick with Blessing of the sick.

### Wednesday at 7:30pm

Fr. Brendan Quinlivan, Tulla  
Mass of St. Bernadette with the Marian Torchlight Procession.

### Thursday at 7:30pm

Fr. Michael Geraghty, Shannon, Director of Youth on Lourdes Pilgrimage.  
Mass of the Immaculate Conception and Blessing of Water.

### Friday at 7:30pm

Michael Daly, Pastoral Minister & Director of Nursing on Diocesan Pilgrimage.  
Mass of the Apparition of Our Lady & Blessing of Carers with the Stations of the Cross.

### Saturday at 11am

Fr. James Michael, Castleconnell.  
Mass of Our Lady and the Anointing of the Sick.

### Sunday 11th February at 11:30am

Bishop Fintan Monahan.  
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick.

Petitions left at the Shrine or in the Parish Office by Tuesday will be brought to Lourdes by Fr. Tom for the World Day of the Sick next Sunday.

## St. Brigid's Crosses

As we celebrate St. Brigid's weekend St. Brigid's Crosses will be for sale after all masses €4 each or 3 for €10

The cross brings blessings and the presence of God to homes and people as we are reminded of God with us.

Our thanks to all who over the past two weeks have met and made the crosses and to those who have helped sell them in aid of the Cathedral Renovation Appeal.

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**Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries and Blessing of Marriage** by Bishop Fintan on Saturday 10th February at 2:30 pm Church of Our Lady, Roslevan. Cake and coffee reception after. Family and friends are welcome.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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This year our pilgrimage to Lourdes direct from Shannon Airport will be from Friday 21st June to Wednesday 26th June.

The Autumn Pilgrimage will be from Monday 30th September to Saturday 5th October.

### Cathedral Floor

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Work has been completed on the restoration of the floor in recent days. Our thanks to Martins' Construction and to Martin & Louise Loughnane and Pat Meaney and their team for bringing the work to completion.

To Richie Robinson of Paddy Colemans and Associates & David McLaughlin, Quantity Surveyor who formed the project team with Fr. Tom for the many hours and research that have gone into the project.

We also want to thank so many people who generously contributed to the appeal which still remains open to help finance the project. A little bit of our past has been restored!

### Ennis Blood Donation Clinic



West County Hotel  
Tuesday 6th February 2024  
4.50 pm – 8.10 pm  
Phone 1800 222 111 for appointment.  
New Donors welcome

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### Mí Feabhra.

Mí Feabhra, mí na Féile Bríde, mí na n-uan, mí an Charghais, mí na dTrí Shíon – báisteach, gaoth agus sneachta. Tá laethanta gruama an Gheimhridh thart. Seo í tréimhse na bliana ina mbíonn borradh agus fás faoi na plandaí agus cheana féin, tá na plúiríní sneachta, na crócas agus lus an chromchinn os cionn talún.

*I mí Feabhra, bí linn a Thiarna agus go dtugaimis moladh agus glóir duit de shior. Áiméan*

Ar an Déardaoin comórfar Lá Fhéile Bríde, lá speisialta ar fud na hÉireann. 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 uaithe a maighdeanas a choisreacan do Dhia. Mar a rinne Naomh Pádraig, bhain Bríd úsáid as an nádúr mórhimpeall 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."*

February, St Brigid's month, the beginning of Spring, month of the lambs, month of three kinds of weather: rain wind and snow. The gloomy days of Winter are over. This is the time of year when the plants thrive and grow and already the snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils are above ground. *Lord, be with us during the month of February and may we praise and glorify you forever. Amen*

The feast of Saint Bridget is celebrated on Thursday. A special day in Ireland. Saint Bridget 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, Bridget 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 Bridget: *May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless these crosses, the places where they are kept and everyone who sees them and praises Him. Amen*

### Dates for Your Diary

Holy Family School First Confession 8th February 6pm in the Cathedral.

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

**No Eucharistic Adoration on Feb 8th & Feb 13th in the Cathedral**

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God

### 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 book of Job.

Jb 7:1-4.6-7

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing  
more than pressed service,  
his time no better than hired drudgery?  
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,  
or the workman with no thought but his  
wages, months of delusion I have  
assigned to me, nothing for my own but  
nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, "When will it be  
day?"

Risen I think, "How slowly evening  
comes!"

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days  
have passed, and vanished,  
leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath,  
and that my eyes will never again see  
joy.

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

*Praise the Lord who heals the  
broken-hearted.*

Praise the Lord for he is good;  
sing to our God for he is loving:  
to him our praise is due. **R**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and brings back Israel's exiles,  
he heals the broken-hearted,  
he binds up all their wounds.  
He fixes the number of the stars;  
he calls each one by its name. **R**

Our Lord is great and almighty;  
his wisdom can never be measured.  
The Lord raises the lowly;  
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R**

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

1 Cor 9:16-19.22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel,  
since it is a duty which has been laid on  
me; I should be punished if I did not preach  
it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might  
have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is  
a responsibility which has been put into my  
hands. Do you know what my reward is? It  
is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer  
the Good News free, and not insist on the  
rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any  
man I have made myself the slave of  
everyone so as to win as many as I could.  
For the weak I made myself weak. I made  
myself all things to all men in order to save  
some at any cost; and I still do this, for the  
sake of the gospel, to have a share in its  
blessing.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the light of the world, says the  
Lord, anyone who follows me  
will have the light of life.*

*Alleluia!*

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

Mk 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with  
James and John straight to the house of  
Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-  
-law had gone to bed with fever, and they  
told him about her straightaway. He went to  
her, took her by the hand and helped her  
up. And the fever left her and she began to  
wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to  
him all who were sick and those who were

possessed by devils. The whole town came  
crowding round the door, and he cured  
many who were suffering from diseases of  
one kind or another; he also cast out many  
devils, but he would not allow them to  
speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got  
up and left the house, and went off to a  
lonely place and prayed there. Simon and  
his companions set out in search of him,  
and when they found him they said,  
'Everybody is looking for you.' He  
answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the  
neighbouring country towns, so that I can  
preach there too, because that is why I  
came.' And he went all through Galilee,  
preaching in their synagogues and  
casting out devils.

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

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.