

# 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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Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B) 10th March, 2024

## HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

On this fourth Sunday of Lent, (*Laetare Sunday*), we make special remembrance of mothers, grandmothers and godmothers. Our earthly mothers and our heavenly mother Mary too. Historically it was a day when people were encouraged to visit the Church of their Baptism reminding us of our mother the Church.

There is a beautiful Spanish proverb that says; "An ounce of mother is better than a pound of clergy." The word "Mother" is synonymous with sacrificial love in its purest form as commanded by Jesus in his farewell speech: "Love one another as I have loved you." On this Mother's Day, let us gratefully admit the fact that we cannot return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us.

The Little Flower, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, once said; "The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." It serves us well in these times to have such an image of the heart of God and to take time to acknowledge and give thanks for the blessings of motherhood which have graced our lives.

As Pope Francis reminds us; "A world that looks to the future without a mother's gaze is short-sighted. It may well increase its profits, but it will no longer see others as children. It will make money, but not for everyone. We will all dwell in the same house, but not as brothers and sisters. The human family is built upon mothers. A world in which maternal tenderness is dismissed as mere sentiment may be rich materially, but poor where the future is concerned. Mother of God, teach us to see life as you do."



**Priest on Duty 10th March 2024**  
**Fr. Tom Ryan 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**6.30pm:** Brassil Family, Ennis & Kilrush.  
 Frank McMahon, Drumcaranmore, Loughville.  
 John O'Sullivan, Fountain.  
 Margaret **1st Anniv.** & Joe O'Sullivan, Hermitage.  
 Tom Sheehan, Brookville & Beara, Co. Cork.  
 Joan Moloney, Considine Rd.  
 Mary Frances Pickford, Drumbiggle Rd.  
**Sun 10th 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** Denis & Mary Frances Torpey, Patrick St.,  
 Clarecastle.  
**11.30am:** Margaret Hayes, Clonroad.  
 John Neylon, Kilmorane, Darragh.  
 Thomas Neylon, U.K.  
 Senan Sheehan, Clare Rd.  
 Cillian O'Sullivan, Ballinskelligs, Co. Kerry.  
**1pm:** Mass for the Ukranian Community.  
**Mon: 7.40am:** John & Mary O'Rourke, Tulla.  
**11am:** Nell Foster Smyth, Corrovorrin Crescent.  
**7.30pm:** Tony & Rita Kenny, Hermitage.  
**Tues: 7.40am** Book of Intentions.  
**11am:** Ann Moroney, Cornmarket.  
**7.30pm:** Matt, Mary & Harry Hogan, Tobertaoscain.  
 Mary Anne McNamara, Bodyke.  
**Wed 7.40am:** Holy Souls.  
**11am:** Ellen Kears, St. Michael's Villas.  
 Jack, Annie & John Barry, Limerick.  
**7.30pm:** Bridget O'Brien, Bunratty.  
**Thurs 7.40am:** No intention booked.  
**11am:** Jack Davoren, Kilmaley & decd Davoren Family.  
**7.30pm:** Marie Lynch, 'Rosewood', Cloughleigh Rd. **MM**  
**Fri 7.40am:** Mass for the People.  
**11am:** Frances Cosgrove, Ard na Gréine.  
 Joe & Mary Murphy, Hermitage & Childers' Rd..  
 Carmel Burke, Ennis & London.  
 Peggy & Dan Fleming, Tipperary.  
 Hal & Eva Frazer, Considine Tce.  
**7.30pm:** Michael O'Neill, Carmody St. **1st Anniv.**  
 Richard Crotty, Willow Park.  
**Sat: 11am:** Dan & Marian McNamara, College Green.  
**6.30pm:** P.J. Finucane, Shanaway Rd.  
 James Vaughan, The Market.  
 Patrick O'Donoghue, Ennis & Limerick.  
**Sun 17th 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** No intention booked.  
**11.30am:** Kevin Banville, Wexford.  
 Martin Bradley, Clonroadbeg.  
 John Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.

**Tiles for the Aisles**

Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following contributions received for the appeal, €500, €450, €60 & €42.50. These once off contributions are very much appreciated and are helping to complete the renovation work at the Cathedral.

**Newly Baptised**

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

**Séamus Gearárd Kelly.**  
**Dylan John Morris.**  
**Ally Addison Ipsaryanos**



**Chicks for Easter**



Our latest Fund Raiser for the Cathedral Renovation Appeal is the very attractive Easter Chick with a Cadbury's Crème Egg. €3 each of 4 for €10.

Available in both the Parish and Friary Offices. The eggs will be available for sale after masses this weekend to celebrate Mothers' Day.

**The Clare Branch**

**of the Alzheimer Society** are delighted to have our Ennis Information Cafe returning on the third Wednesday of each Month, in our Ennis Centre from 11.30-13.30. Guest speaker on the 20th of March is Sharon Cahir, Solicitor, covering Planning ahead, including Enduring Power of Attorney. Join us for tea and a chat. For more information contact Linda Murphy 0879152151, e-mail : linda.murphy@alzheimer.ie  
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**Pub Quiz In aid of Clarecastle Daycare Centre, Powers' Lounge Clarecastle, Friday March 15th 2024 at 8p.m.** Teams of 4 €20. Great Prizes on the Night. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**St. Joseph's**



**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat 7pm:** Mary Markham, New Rd. MM.  
 Jim O'Driscoll, Ennis & Deceased  
 O'Driscoll Family, Castleconnell.  
**Sun 10th 10am:** Mary, James & John Sexton,  
 Ballard, Miltown Malbay.  
 John Burke, Carlow.  
**11.45am:** No intention booked.  
**Mon 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Tues 10.30am:** **Book of Intentions.**  
**Wed 10.30am:** Maureen & James O'Keefe,  
 Lifford Rd.  
**Thurs 10.30am:** Josephine Craig, Meadow Court.  
**Fri 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Sat: 10.30am:** Pat Quinn & Nora Armstrong,  
 Sligo & Eastleigh.  
**7pm:** Pat O'Brien, Shannon Park.  
**Sun 17th 10am:** Michael & Jenny Carmody, Kincora Park.  
 Mary & Malty McDonagh, Ennis Rd., Miltown Malbay.  
**11.45am:** Teresa Browne, Tulla Rd.

**St. Patrick's Day**



Next weekend we celebrate the feast of our National Apostle, St. Patrick. Mass times are as usual for the weekend. Rice College will lead us in the celebrations of the 9:30am mass at which Bishop Fintan will bless the shamrock.

**Diamond Jubilee**

We congratulate Fr. Liam McCarthy O.F.M. who on Thursday celebrates 60 years of Ordination. Fr. Liam a native of Dublin was ordained in Rome on 14th March 1964 and served in many Friaries in Ireland as well as in Rome and in Africa. Last year, following the closure of Clonmel Friary Fr. Liam returned to Ennis for the second time in his ministry. We wish him every blessing at this time of celebration and thanksgiving. We also congratulate Fr. Feargus Mc Eveney O.F.M. who also celebrates his Diamond Jubilee with Fr. Liam on Thursday. Fr. Feargus previously served in Ennis and is now stationed in Rossnowlagh Friary, Donegal.

**Congratulations**

We congratulate Sr. Gabrielle of the Poor Clares who on Sunday last was elected President of the Irish Poor Clare Federation. We assure Sr. Gabrielle of our prayers and support her in her new calling to leadership of the Poor Clares.

**Cloughleigh**



**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sun 10th 11am:** Derek Purtill, Cloughleigh.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Thurs 11am:** Confirmation - Scoil Christ Rí.  
**Sun 17th 11am:** No intention booked.

Ennis Parish  
 Development Fund  
 for Sunday 3rd March 2024  
 Fund: €6,774  
 Online: €333.50  
 Education Fund: €4,130

## Ennis Parish Development Fund

### Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	€	€
Restoration Fund Income received in Year	100,846	82,609
<b><u>DEVELOPMENT FUND INCOME</u></b>		
Fund Contributions	258,974	236,764
Shrines	70,658	65,118
Wedding Contributions	1,330	2,610
P.E.A.		
Special Collections	16,424	12,497
Halls Income	25,781	31,059
	373,167	348,048
Income Tax and Vat Refunds	62,517	52,458
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>435,684</b>	<b>400,506</b>
<b><u>DEVELOPMENT FUND EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Wages & Salaries	148,080	133,955
Maintenance Parish Churches/Buildings	36,348	41,723
Office Supplies	20,191	20,836
Contributions to Diocesan Levy & Collections	69,968	69,261
Light & Heat	41,571	35,449
Capitation/Contribution to Schools	650	3,000
Insurance	19,819	22,083
Donations and Gifts	9,065	6,900
Sundries	6,714	1,087
Shrine Candles	22,407	21,903
Church/Liturgical Requisites	6,693	7,123
IT/Office Equipment Costs	7,295	4,980
Poor Clare/Friary Heating Fund	15,000	12,000
Telephone	3,918	3,659
Pastoral Care	2,175	19,925
Meetings/Functions	3,209	3,481
Courses	8,873	2,030
Choir	2,945	2,047
Accountancy Fees	3,000	3,000
Bank Charges	2,340	1,761
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>430,260</b>	<b>416,202</b>
<b>DEVELOPMENT FUND EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>5,425</b>	<b>(15,697)</b>

As we publish our annual financial statement this weekend, we take the opportunity to thank you for your very loyal and generous support for the parish. We thank all who use the box of envelopes each week and those who contribute online. The weekly collection is the main source of income that allows the parish to function and support people on their faith journey. One of the great blessings to parishes in recent years has been the tax back rebate scheme. This enables parish to claim back tax for parishioners who contribute a total of €250 or over in their donations to the parish. The generosity of people to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal has helped us make progress in improving our parish church. The work on the floor is not yet complete and final accounts are not yet available. Our thanks to all who help with the distribution of the envelopes each year, those who count the money each week but above all, you as parishioners for your generosity and support of your parish.

## ***Sr. Eileen's Cuinne***

Domhnach Laetare

Inniu an Ceathrú Domhnach den Charghas. Tugtar *Laetare* ar an Domhnach seo mar de réir an traidisiúin ba lá ceiliúradh é san Eaglais i lár an Charghais. Is éard is brí le *Laetara* ná Gairdígí. Meabhraíonn an Scríptúr dúinn go bhfuil cúis ghairdis sa Tiarna againn. Caitheann an sagart éide rósach agus an tAifreann á léamh aige inniu. De ghnáth ní bhíonn aon bhláthanna ar an altóir le linn an Charghais ach is féidir iad a bheith ann inniu. Fadó ní bhíodh an t- orgán le clos sa Charghas ach amháin ar Dhomhnach *Laetara*. Ceiliúrtar Lá na Máthar ar an gceathrú Domhnach den Charghas gach bliain. Go raibh lá sona, saor ó bhuaire ag gach máthair inniu. *A Dhia grámhar, guimíd ar son ár máithreacha beo nó marbh a tháinig i gcabhair orainn nuair a bhíomar gan neart, a thug sólas dúinn nuair a bhíomar gortaithe agus uaireanta nár thugamar dóthain aitheanta di. Áiméan*

Today the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration midway through the season of Lent. *Laetare* means Rejoice. The Scriptures tell us that we have good reason to rejoice in the Lord. The priest wears rose coloured vestments today. There are usually no flowers on the altar during Lent but today is an exception. Long ago the organ was silent during Lent but played on Laetare Sunday. Mothers' Day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent each year. May every mother have a happy and joy filled day. We can say the following prayer: *Today, loving God, we pray for mothers, those who are with us and those who have died. They cared for us when we were helpless, comforted us when we were hurt. May we never take their love and care for granted. Amen.*

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, 13th March at 7:00PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr Tom Ryan from Ennis Cathedral will lead us in prayer and reflection for the gift of reconciliation. Priests will be available for the celebration of the sacrament of Confession for Easter.

### Confirmation

We congratulate the children of Scoil Chríost Rí, Cloughleigh who will celebrate Confirmation on Thursday at 11am in Cloughleigh.

### Rest in Peace

**Joan Daly**, Kiltiernan, Co. Dublin, sister of Tess Drudy, Pine Grove;

**Kitty Tierney**, Cahercalla Rd.;

**John (Brudsie) O'Halloran**, Quin & late Corrovorrin;

**Noel O'Grady**, Oak Park;

**Angela**, sister of Fr. John Molloy, Roscrea & Bernard Molloy, Ashline.

**Bridie Bigley**, Athlone, Co. Roscommon Mother of Kathy Lynch, Barntick, Clarecastle.

**Rose Marie Cooke, (nee Micks)** Athlone & Ennis, sister of Eddie Micks, The Crescent.

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
Exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

### 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 second Book of Chronicles

2 Ch 36:14-16.19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation'.

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up".'

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

*O let my tongue cleave to my mouth  
If I remember you not!*

By the rivers of Babylon  
there we sat and wept,

remembering Zion;  
on the poplars that grew there  
we hung our harps. *R.*

For it was there that they asked us,  
our captors, for songs,  
our oppressors for joy  
'sing to us', they said  
'one of Zion's song'. *R.*

O how could we sing  
the song of the Lord  
on alien soil?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither! *R.*

O let my tongue  
cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem  
above all my joys! *R.*

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

Eph 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, He brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he has meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ,  
God loved the world so much that he gave  
his only Son;*

*Everyone who believes in Him has eternal  
life*

*Glory & Praise to you, O Christ!*

## A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jn 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:  
'The Son of Man must be lifted up  
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the  
desert,  
so that everyone who believes may have  
eternal life in him.  
Yes, God loved the world so much  
that he gave his only Son,

For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that through him the world might be  
saved.

No-one who believes in him will be  
condemned;

But whoever refuses to believe is  
condemned already,  
because he has refused to believe  
in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced:  
that though the light has come into the  
world

men have shown they prefer  
darkness to the light because their deeds  
were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong  
hates the light and avoids it,

for fear his actions should be exposed;  
but the man who lives by the truth  
comes out into the light,

so that it may be plainly seen that what he  
does is done in God.'

The Gospel of our 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

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one  
together.

It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord,  
to praise the name of the Lord.