

# 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. Patrick's Day (Year B) 17th March, 2024

### St. Patrick Apostle of Ireland

In this month's Africa magazine John Cullen gives a very moving reflection on St. Patrick, "he was kidnapped, he was trafficked, he was a migrant, he was a slave shepherd, he was held against his will and denied his freedom".

Patrick encounters physical hardship, hostility, criticism and rejection. John tells us St Patrick was a presence of inclusion, generosity, right relationship with creation as well as people, even those with different outlook, tradition, cultures values and religion.

St Patrick would be a welcome presence in the world today. So much of the life of the apostle is shrouded in myth and legend. Details of his life are uncertain.

Patrick was born into a Roman - British family somewhere on the west coast of Britain in a village called Bannavem Taburaie. His father Calpornius, a government official was a Deacon, his grandfather, Potitus was a priest.

As a boy belonging to the upper-class he was educated in the Roman fashion. As a Christian

Patrick would have heard sacred scripture. He introduced himself in the "Confessio" as a "sinner" "very uncultured and unlettered".

When he was sixteen he was captured by Irish pirates and taken as a slave to herd sheep in the woods and the mountains, exposed to the elements night and day, he turned to God with all his heart and soul "**God watched over me before I knew him, he kept me safe comforted me as a father would his son**".

Patrick's years of captivity brought about a spiritual conversion. After six years he finally escaped and made his way home. After discerning God's call he returned to the land of his captors to share the Gospel message with the people who held him captive.





**Priest on Duty 17th March 2024**  
**Contact: Fr. Pat Malone 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**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.  
 Kathy Lees, Newport, Tipperary.

**Mon: 7.40am: No Mass - Bank Holiday.**

**11am:** Peter Fox, Clareabbey, Clarecastle & High St.  
 Leo Guy, Circular Rd.  
 Michael & Mary McInerney, Killimer & Kilkenny.

**7.30pm:** Hugh Ferrigan, Gallows Hill.

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

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Frank & Amby O'Connell, Upper Market St.  
 Bridget Rafferty, Galway.  
 Don & Jenny Ryan, Summerhill.

**Wed 7.40am:** Murphy & Keating family, Cross & Newmarket.

**11am:** McNamara Family, Ard na Gréine.  
 Michael & Esther O'Loughlin, Hermitage.  
 Eamon Cronin, & Mary Larkin, USA & Ennis.  
 Tom Collins, Carron.

**7.30pm:** Gerard O'Loughlin, Old Gort Rd.  
 & San Francisco.  
 Billy & Theresa Fitzgerald, "St. Joseph's", Clare Rd.  
 John & Delia McMahon & Family, Lisheencrona, Killee.

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

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Jim Flanagan, Roslevan & Tuam.

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

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Terry O'Donoghue, Edenvale, Kilrush Rd. MM.  
 Tom West 1st Anniv. & Josie West, Childers' Rd.  
 James Brohan, Cloughleigh Rd.  
 Pat Hanrahan, Ard Aoibhinn, Limerick Rd.  
 Gerry Browne, College Rd.  
 Danny & Marie Moran, Shanaway Rd.

**Sat: 11am: Confirmation—Ennis National School.**

**6.30pm:** Michael O'Callaghan, Hermitage. 1st Anniv.  
 Paddy Kennedy, Market St.  
 Albert Hanberry, Roslevan.  
 Mary Hynes, Clare Rd.  
 Marty Browne, Cahercalla Estate.  
 O'Brien Family, Golf Links Rd.  
 Maisie, John, Jim & Martin Bradley, Limerick Rd.  
 Susanne & Vincent Crowley, Ennis Rd., Kilrush.  
 Donagh Fitzpatrick, Cahercalla Rd.

**Sun 24th 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** No intention booked.

**11.30am:** Gary Kelly & Delia Keary, Golf Links Rd.  
 William & Martha Costin, Hospital, Co. Limerick.  
 Patrick Howard. St. Michael's Villas.  
 Frank Kelly, Miltown Malbay.  
 Breda McMahon, Clonroadbeg.  
 Ann O'Sullivan, Swords, Co. Dublin.  
 Kathleen Brennan, Co. Kildare.

**Newly Baptised**

*We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:*  
**Patrick Expedite McDonagh; Robyn-Mae Eyres**

**Tiles for the Aisles**

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

**Bank Holiday Monday  
 Mass times in Ennis**

8:30am	Poor Clares
10am	Friary
11:00am	Cathedral
7:30pm	Cathedral

**Acies of the  
 Legion of Mary**

The annual ceremony of commitment and dedication for all Legion members will take place on Thursday at 7:30pm mass in the Cathedral. Cup of tea in the parish centre. All welcome.

**Clare Roots' Society Talk**

Thursday March 21st at the Clare Education Centre, Kilrush Road, Ennis V95 F782 at 7.30p.m. Lecture: The life of Sir Cornelius Moloney (Tulla links) by Dermot Deering.

**The Annual Matt Talbot Novena** will continue on Wednesday, 20th March at 7:00pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr Martin Blake will reflect with us on the gift of prayer and offer us opportunities to deepen our sense of communion with God. St Joseph's Secondary School will participate with us on the evening.

**Confirmation**



Bishop Fintan will confirm children from **Ennis National School** Saturday at 11am in the Cathedral. We congratulate the children and ask you to keep them in your prayers.



**St. Joseph's**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**7pm:** Pat O'Brien, Shannon Park.  
 Mary & Marcel Cornu, O'Connell Square & Park Row.

**Sun 17th 10am:** Michael & Jenny Carmody, Kincora Park.  
 Mary & Malty McDonagh, Ennis Rd., Miltown Malbay.

**11.45am:** Theresa Browne, Tulla Rd.

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

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

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

**Thu 10.30am:** Bridget, Michael & Marie Clune, Ballymacahill.

**Fri 10.30am:** Harry Ballinger, Gort Rd.  
 Mary Coleman, Dublin.

**Sat: 10.30am:** Patrick & Marian Watson, Fergus Park.

**7pm:** No intention booked.  
 Brid McMahon, Kevin Barry Avenue.  
 Seamus MacMathúna, Cooraclare & Dublin.

**Sun 24th 10am:** Joe & Mary Moroney, Corrovorrin.  
 Frank O'Connor, Oak Park & Kilnamona.  
 Fergus Curran, Ballinasloe.  
 Joan & Tristan Crowe, Willow Park.  
 Paul Glynn, Corrovorrin.



**Cloughleigh**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sun 17th 11am:** No intention booked.

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

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

**Sun 24th 11am:** Austin Connole, Lahinch Rd.  
 Patrick, Mary Ann, & JJ Fitzpatrick, Circular Rd.  
 Paddy, Kitty, Martin & Agnes Kennedy, Fountain.

**Cleaning Tender**

A request for tender for the provision of contract cleaning services at SS Peter & Paul Cathedral and Ennis Parish Centre (including Maria Assumpta Hall) has been published on the Etenders, website [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie). Full details are available on tender notice reference number 3190112



**Ennis Blood Donation Clinic**

West County Hotel, Tuesday 19th & Thursday 20th March,  
 16:50 - 20:10  
 Please phone 1800 222 111 for appointment  
**New Donors welcome**



**Rest in Peace**

**Jim Tobin**, Knockaderry, Tulla Road & formerly of Culleen, Kilmaley;

**Eddie Micks**, The Crescent;

**Angela Reidy**, Gort na mBláth, Tulla Road;

**Audrey Woods Keogh**, Newmarket on Fergus, daughter of Ann & Gerry Woods, Iniscarraig;

**Victor Tsvetkov**, Dromard, Lahinch Road;

**Teresa Campbell**, Birr, mother of Anne O'Hanlon, Shanaway Rd.

# Abbey Pastoral Area Service of Reconciliation



Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm  
Ennis Cathedral  
All Welcome, Priests available for individual  
confession.  
**Journeying In The Shelter Of Each Other**

## *Sr. Eileen's Cúinne*

Naomh Pádraig

Ceiliúraimid Lá Fhéile Naomh Pádraig Éarlaimh na hÉireann ar an Domhnach seo, ní hamháin in Éirinn ach ar fud an domhain mhóir. Tógadh mar sclábháí é go hAontroim áit ar chaith sé, sé bliana ag aoireacht muc. Bhí sé mar nós aige guí chun Dé céad uair sa lá agus céad uair san oíche. D'éalaigh sé go dtí an Fhrainc agus oirníodh ina shagart é agus ina dhiaidh sin rinneadh easpag de. D'fhill sé ar Éirinn agus chraobhscaoil sé Soiscéal na Críostaíochta. Tugann an fhéile deis dúinn buíochas a ghabháil le Dia as an tseoid luachmhar seo, a bhronn Naomh Pádraig orainn. Gabhaimid buíochas chomh maith dóibh siúd idir chléir agus tuath a scaip an Creideamh ar fud an domhain. Bhí Pádraig umhal de shíor i láthair Dé. Sa *Confessio* cuireann sé é féin in aithne dúinn mar seo "Mise Pádraig, peacach róthútach, an té is lú de na fíréin go léir agus an té is mó a bhfuil dímhéas ag a lán." Tugaimis ómós dó mar ba chóir.

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig ar chlann mhór dhomhanda na nGael, sa bhaile agus ar fud na cruinne, ar ár lá náisiúnta ceiliúrtha féin. Guímis Lúireach Phádraig go minic:

Críost liom, Críost romham,  
Críost i mo dhiaidh, Críost ionam,  
Críost ar mo lámh dheas, Críost ar mo lámh chlé,  
Críost i mo chuideachta is cuma cá dtéim,  
Críost mar chara agam, anois is go buan.

This Sunday we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, the Patron Saint of Ireland. He will be honoured not only here but throughout the world. Saint Patrick was brought as a slave to Antrim where he spent six years tending pigs. He tells us he prayed to God a hundred times a day and the same at night. He escaped to France and was ordained a priest and later a bishop. He returned to Ireland and preached the Gospel of Christ to the Irish people. We remember to thank God for this precious gift on St. Patrick's feast day. We also thank God for all those who brought and still bring the Christian message to people throughout the world. Patrick was humble in the presence of God. In the *Confessio* he introduces himself "I Patrick, wretched sinner, least among men, despised by many....". Let us honour him appropriately.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to Irish people everywhere in the world, on this our national feast day. Let us recite '*Lúireach Phádraig*' often:

**"Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me.**

Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday, 10th March

Fund **€5,663**  
Online **€192.50**

### Holy Week Palm Sunday

Next weekend is the beginning of Holy Week. Palm will be blessed at all masses.



### Chrism Mass

This year the Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Killaloe will take place in St. Mary's Church, Nenagh on Wednesday 27th March at 7:30pm.

At this mass Bishop Fintan will bless the oils used in Sacraments and the priests will renew their commitment at ordination.

### Feast of St. Joseph Tuesday 19th March we celebrate St. Joseph's Day



### 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.

### Lent 2024

In these final days of Lent, using the tools of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, we continue to respond to the call of the Gospel.



Here are some ideas in the Parish to deepen your Prayer Life.

### Morning Prayer

Tuesday to Friday Cathedral 7:30am.

### Daily Mass

Seven to choose from each day.

### Eucharistic Adoration

5pm to 7pm in Cathedral  
Monday to Friday

### Confession

Daily in the Cathedral & Friary

### Cathedral:

Monday to Friday 7pm– 7.25pm

Saturday after Vigil Mass

### Friary:

Tuesday to Saturday 11am –12noon  
4pm-5pm

### Trócaire

Responding to the cry of the poor.

### Daffodil Day 22nd March



More people in Ireland are being diagnosed with cancer than ever before. One in two of us will get cancer in our lifetimes. But more people are surviving than ever before—thanks to the help of people like you.

Please join us with a special donation today. [www.cancer.ie/daffodilday.ie](http://www.cancer.ie/daffodilday.ie) Donate online at [cancer.ie/TakeBack](http://cancer.ie/TakeBack) or call 0818102030

During the current work on O'Connell Street and in front of the Cathedral.

A reminder that the Cathedral and the Parish Office remains open at all times. Parking is limited in the Cathedral grounds but the Station Road entrance remains open at this time.

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Go from your country and your kindred  
and your father's house to the land  
that I will show you.

I will make of you a great nation,  
and I will bless you,  
and make your name great,  
so that you will be a blessing.

## 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 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 prophet Jeremiah.

Jer 1:1, 4-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me,  
saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb

I knew you,

before you came to birth I consecrated  
you;

I have appointed you as a prophet to the  
nations."

I said, 'Ah Lord God, look, I do not know how  
to speak: I am a child!

But the Lord replied:

'Do not say, 'I am a child.'

Go now to those to whom I send you  
and say whatever I command you.

Do not be afraid of them,

For I am with you to protect you -

It is the Lord who speaks!'

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched  
my mouth and said to me:

'There! I am putting my words into your  
mouth.'

The word of the Lord.

**R sponsorial Psalm:**

**Response:**

**Go out to the whole world:**

O Praise the Lord, all you nations;

Acclaim him all you peoples. **R.**

Strong is his love for us;

He is faithful forever. **R.**

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

Rm 10:9-18

If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord, and  
if you believe in your heart that God raised  
him from the dead, then you will be saved.

By believing from the heart you are made  
righteous; by confessing with your lips you  
are saved. When scripture says: those  
who believe in him will have no cause for  
shame, it makes no distinction between  
the Jews and Greek: all belong to the  
same Lord who is rich enough, however  
many ask his help, for everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.

But they will not ask his help unless they  
believe in him, they will not believe in him  
unless they have heard of him, and they  
will not hear of him unless they get a  
preacher, and they will never have a  
preacher unless one is sent, but as  
scripture says: The footsteps of those who  
bring good news are a welcome sound.  
Not everyone, of course, listens to the  
Good News. As Isaiah says: Lord, how  
many believed what we proclaimed? So  
faith comes from what is preached, and  
what is preached comes from the word of  
Christ.

Let me put the question: is it possible that  
they did not hear? Indeed they did; in the  
words of the psalm, their voice has gone  
out through all the earth, and their  
message to the ends of the world.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Glorify to you, O Christ,**

**you are the word of God!**

**Go, make disciples of all nations,**

**says the Lord;**

**I am with you always, yes,**

**to the end of time.**

**Glorify to you, O Christ,**

**you are the word of God!**

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

Mk 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and  
he said to them, 'Go out to the whole  
world; proclaim the Good News to all  
creation. He who believes and is baptised

will be saved; he who does not believe will  
be condemned. These are the signs that  
will be associated with believers: in my  
name they will cast out devils; they will  
have the gift of tongues; they will pick up  
snakes in their hands, and be unharmed  
should they drink deadly poison; they will  
lay their hands on the sick, who will  
recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had  
spoken to them, was taken up into heaven:  
there at the right hand of God, he took his  
place, while they, going out, preached  
everywhere, the Lord working with them  
and confirming the word by the signs that  
accompanied it.

## 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 as-  
cended 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 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

**Many will come from the east and west  
and sit down with Abraham,  
Isaac and Jacob  
at the feast in the kingdom of heaven,  
says the Lord.**