

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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Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B) 3rd March, 2024



After listening to today's gospel, we could well imagine hearing the people who were selling cattle and sheep and pigeons in the Temple singing the famous Civil Rights song 'We shall not be moved'.

**We shall not, we shall not be moved,
Just like a tree that's planted by the
water we shall not be moved.**

They felt every right to be in the Temple doing what their families had been doing for generations. They were making a living, providing a service and maintaining the status quo. Then along comes this out-of-town preacher who smashes their livelihoods and causes a rumpus. What right had he to act in such a manner?

Jesus shouts aloud for change. For Jesus the Temple is a place of prayer. A sacred space. What he finds in the Temple of his day is a marketplace. A space defiled by human greed.

**What sacred places have we
turned into marketplaces today?**

At the beginning of Lent we were asked to give alms, pray and fast. As we reflect on today's readings we might spend some time chewing over what they are putting before us;

Book of Exodus:

'You shall have no gods except me'.

Corinthians:

'We are preaching a crucified Christ'.

John:

'He could tell what a person had in them'

Returning to the Civil Rights song 'We shall not be moved' maybe some time reflecting on the line;

**'Just like a tree that's planted by the
water we shall not be moved'.**

Through the waters of baptism may we persist in our Lenten pilgrimage to give alms, pray and fast.

Priest on Duty 3rd March, 2024
Contact: Fr. Martin Blake - 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Anne O'Flanagan (nee O'Donovan), Sunnyville, Cahercallabeg. **MM.**
 Moira Coffey, Claureen 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.
 Ciss & Brudsy McCarthy, Hermitage.

11.30am: Patricia **1st Anniv.** & 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.
 Joan Petty, Dublin.

Annie Moloney, Hermitage.

7.30pm: Mass for the Polish Community.

Mon: 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Albert & Bridie Stephens, Clonroad.

Sr. Marie Stephens, Convent of Mercy.
 Tom & Ena Hogan, Ballymaley, Gort Rd.
 Matt Talbot Prayer Society.

Tues:7.40am: Book of Intentions.

11am: Paddy Brennan, O'Connell St.

7.30pm: **Do This in Memory—Ennis N.S.**

Wed 7.40am: Deceased Doohan Family, Lissycasey.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: **Confirmation Service of Light—Ennis N.S.**

John, Mary & Martin Healy, Loughrea..

Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Seán Dinan, St. Michael's Villas.

Frances Shannon, Connolly Villas.
 P.J. Cleary, Nora Fogarty & Sr. Lelia, Ennis.

Michael, Margaret, Michael Jr. & James McMahon, Drumcaran, Fountain.

Tony Coffey, Clancy Park.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Hugh McCannon, Market St. **MM.**

Sat:11am: Susan Meaney, Victoria Court.

6.30pm: Brassil Family, Ennis & Kiltrush.

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.

Sun 10th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: No intention booked.

11.30am: Margaret Hayes, Clonroad.

1pm: Mass for the Ukranian Community.

Newly Baptised

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

Mack John Moynihan McNamara



Tiles for the Aisles

Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following contributions received for the appeal, €2,000, €1,000 & €100. These once off contributions are very much appreciated and are helping to complete the renovation work at the Cathedral.

Labhair Gaeilge Linn



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

Matt Talbot Prayer Society

The monthly Mass and Prayers for all suffering or sharing in the life of addiction takes place this Monday at 7.30pm Mass.

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.

Ennis Book Club Festival



We welcome visitors to our town this weekend celebrating the 18th Ennis Book Club Festival.

Easter Chicks

Cadbury Crème Eggs available for sale in the Parish Office. €3 each or 4 for €10. All proceeds to the Cathedral Restoration Fund.



Congratulations to everyone who made their confirmation on Saturday and best wishes to those making their First Reconciliation during the week.

St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Mary Hartney, Mountain View.
 John Sheridan, Marian Avenue.

Sun 3rd 10am: Matthew & Catherine Clune, Ballymacahill.

11.45am: Mary Curtin, Willow Park.
 Michael Gavin, Cloughleigh **MM.**
 Maureen Fox, Hazelgrove, Roslevan
 No intention booked.

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

Tues 10.30am: No intention booked.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: Pat Fitzpatrick, Coraveen, Lifford Rd.

Sat: 10.30am: Michael O'Gorman, St. Senan's Rd.

1st Anniv.

Matt O'Connor, New Rd.
 Gerry Woods, Knockaderry, Tulla Rd.
 Mary Markham, New Rd. **MM.**
 Jim O'Driscoll, Ennis & Deceased O'Driscoll Family, Castleconnell.

Sun 10th 10am: Mary, James & John Sexton, Ballard, Miltown Malbay.

Paddy Greene, Corrovorrin Ave. & Vincent Greene, Bedfordshire, UK & Corrovorrin.
 John Burke, Carlow.

11.45am: No intention booked.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 3rd 11am: Kitty McDermott, Cloughleigh.

Mon: 9.30am: James & Mary McNamara, Crusheen.

Tues: Book of Intentions.

Sun 10th 11am: Derek Purtill, Cloughleigh.

'Attende, Domine' is a traditional chant from the season of Lent. Sung in Latin, this is a translation.

'Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.'

To thee, Redeemer, King of highest heaven,
 Lift we our eyes in grief and deep abasement:
 Listen, O Saviour, to our supplications.

Head of the Corner, right hand of the Father,
 Way of salvation, gate of life eternal,
 Wash thou away the stain of our offences.

Lord, we beseech thee, from thy throne of glory
 Bow down thine ear to hear our cry of sorrow,
 Look down in mercy on our sore transgressions.

All our misdoings now we lay before thee,
 Unveil with contrite heart each guilty secret:
 Saviour, in pity grant us thy forgiveness.

Guiltless, a captive taken unresisting,
 By false accusers brought to condemnation,
 Save, Lord, and help the souls thou hast redeemed.

Sacramental Preparation

Tuesday	7.30pm:	Preparation Mass Ennis National School
Wednesday	7.30pm:	Ceremony of Light Ennis National School
Wednesday	7.30pm:	St. Joseph's Church First Confession CBS
Thursday	7pm:	Cloughleigh Ceremony of Light.



The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, 6th March at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr Ger Jones who is our Diocesan Secretary based in Cloughleigh will lead us in prayer and reflections. We would love if you joined us in this pilgrimage through Lent.

Friary News - The Monthly Mass for the SFO will take place on Wednesday 6th March at 10 a.m. We will pray the office after Mass. Evening Meeting will resume in the Friary Parlour at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 6th March for those who are unable to attend in the morning. You will all be most welcome.

TRÓCAIRE

Working for a Just World

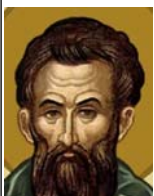
Fetching water is a daily struggle. The time it takes for children in Malawi Africa to gather water for the family means being late for school or sometimes missing it altogether. You can help Trocaire change lives for the better this Lent.



Ennis Blood Donation Clinic at West County Hotel Monday 4th March 4.50pm – 8.10 pm Phone 1800 222 111 for appointment. The hospitals, requirement for blood is now 6% higher than for the corresponding period last year. New Donors welcome.

Killaloe Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes
Bishop Fintan will lead the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon Airport on Friday 21st June to Wednesday 26th June, costing €899p.p.s. including flight, airport transfers, airport and sanctuary taxes, full board with three meals each day. For more information and booking please contact Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800 or email joewalsh@tours.ie

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



St. Senan

The feast of St. Senan takes place on Friday 8th March. St. Senan is associated with Scattery Island off the Clare Coast and is one of the Patron Saints of the Diocese of

Killaloe. St. Senan offers the light of hope to our world at this difficult time.

St. Senan, pray for us.

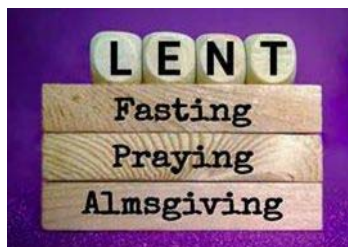
Lenten Prayer

Jesus in the wilderness in those moments when I am choosing to do without and find it difficult, help me, strengthen me with thoughts of others who do without and have no choice.
Amen.

Education Fund Appeal

Each year on the First Sunday of March, we ask for your support in the education of students to the priesthood for our Diocese. The good news is that we have three students in formation, discerning their vocations. The Second Collection at all Masses this weekend is to help support their formation. The white envelope in your box can be used for this appeal and please continue to pray for vocations.

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 Trócaire.

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.

REST IN PEACE

Thomas Connole, Old Military Barracks, Kilrush Road, Ennis & Kilcorney, Kilfenora.

Teresa (Terry) O'Donohue, Sanborn House, Edenvale;

Carmel Queally, Dalcassian Drive;

Fr. Seamus Nohilly, SMA who served in the Imeall Boirne Pastoral Area, residing in Tubber.

Maureen Lennon, Knock, Co. Mayo, Mother of Maria & Siobhán Lennon, Glenina.

Fr. Des Reid, Longford, brother of Joan Duggan, Roslevan.

Gerry McNamara, Corrovorrin Crescent.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí an Mhárta

D'fhágamar slán le Mí Feabhra an Déardaoin seo caite agus cuirimid fáilte roimh mhí an Mhárta, mí an fheirmeora, mí na sailchuaiche, mí na hathbheochana, mí na Féile Pádraig. I mí an Mhárta bí linn a Thiarna.

Dul faoi Lámh Easpaig.

Ag an am seo den bhliain bíonn an tEaspag Fiontán an-ghnóthach mar tá daltaí bunscóile i Rang V1 cóineartaithe nó ag ullmhú le dul faoi lámh Easpaig. Is mór an ócáid é seo i saol an duine óig agus tá sé de dhualgas orainn cabhrú leo lenár bpaidreacha

Leagann an tEaspag a lámha ar na hiarrthóirí go léir mar chomhartha an Spiorad Naomh ag teacht chucu. Guíonn sé

'A Dhia uilechumhachtaigh, Athair ár dTiarna Íosa Críost, shaor tú do chlann anseo ón pheaca, le huisce agus leis an Spiorad Naomh, agus bhronn tú beatha nua orthu. Tabhair dóibh an Spiorad Naomh, a Thiarna, mar threoraí agus mar shólásáí. Tabhair dóibh spiorad na heagna agus na tuisceana, spiorad an bhreithiúnais agus an nirt, spiorad an eolais agus an ghrá, spiorad na hurraime duit féin. Sin é ár nguí chugat trí Chríost ár dTiarna. Go bhfana na daltaí dílis do Chríost le linn a saol agus go dtaga bláth orthu ina gcreideamh go háirithe ina ndílseacht d'Aifreann an Domhnaigh agus do na sacraimintí. Áiméan

We said good bye to the month of February on Thursday and we greet the month of March; month busy for the farmer, of the violets, mí na sailchuaiche, mí na hathbheochana, mí na Féile Pádraig. i mí an Mhárta bí linn a Thiarna.

At this time of the year Bishop Fintan is very busy as pupils in primary schools receive the sacrament of Confirmation. This is a wonderful occasion for children and we ought to support them with our prayers.

The Bishop extends his hands over the candidates as a sign of the sending down of the Holy Spirit and then he prays:

'All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.' May they remain faithful to Christ during their lives and grow in faith and be faithful to attending Sunday Mass and the reception of the sacraments. Amen.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 25th February, 2024

Fund €5,454
Online €294.50

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

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 Exodus

Ex 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.'

'You shall have no Gods except me.'

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.'

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.'

'Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the Sabbath day and made it sacred'.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you'.

'You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house.

You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or

his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his'.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
It revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
It gives wisdom to the simple. *R*

The precepts of the Lord are right,
They gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
It gives light to the eyes. *R*

The fear of the Lord is holy,
Abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
And all of them just. *R*

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. *R*

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. 1 Cor 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ,

king of eternal glory!

I am the resurrection and the life,

says the Lord,

Whoever believes in me will never die.

Praise to you, O Christ,

king of eternal glory!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jn 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews

intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in 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 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

**The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King
and my God.**

Blessed are they who dwell in your