

# 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;

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St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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Vocations Sunday Year B 21st April, 2024

## Pope Francis reflection for Vocation Sunday 2024

Dear brothers and sisters!

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness.

Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves.

This Day, then, is always a good occasion to recall with gratitude to the Lord the faithful, persevering and frequently hidden efforts of all those who have responded to a call that embraces their entire existence. I think of mothers and fathers who do not think first of themselves or follow fleeting fads of the moment, but shape their lives through relationships marked by love and graciousness, openness to the gift of life and commitment to their children and their growth in maturity. I think of all those who carry out their work



in a spirit of cooperation with others, and those who strive in various ways to build a more just world, a more solidary economy, a more equitable social policy and a more humane society. In a word, of all those men and women of good will who devote their lives to working for the common good. I think too of all those consecrated men and women who offer their lives to the Lord in the silence of prayer and in apostolic activity, sometimes on the fringes of society, tirelessly and creatively exercising their charism by serving those around them. And I think of all those who have accepted God's call to the ordained priesthood, devoting themselves to the preaching of the Gospel, breaking open their own lives, together with the bread of the Eucharist, for their brothers and sisters, sowing seeds of hope and revealing to all the beauty of God's kingdom.

To young people, and especially those who feel distant or uncertain about the Church, I want to say this:

Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis. More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose, but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him. And, should he ask it of you, by giving yourself.



**Priest on Duty 21st April 2024**  
**Contact: Fr. Martin Blake**

**Vocations Sunday**  
**065 6869098**



### Cathedral

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**6.30pm:** Seán McCarthy, Hermitage. MM.  
 Josephine & Denis Rice, Maureen McAllister,  
 & Malone Family.  
 Jim Ball, Connolly Villas.  
 Dermot & Mary O'Donoghue, Kilfenora.  
 Lily Cleary, Ennis.  
 Norah & Daniel O'Neill, Fiach Rua, Connolly.  
 Gertie Byrnes, Newcastle, Athenry & Dublin.  
**Sun 21st 8am:** Seamus Purcell, Ennis & Kildare.  
**9.30am:** Lizzie Neylon, Parnell St.  
 John Feeney, St. Michael's Villas & Stockport, UK  
 Marie Deegan, 'Ashfield', Cusack Rd.  
 Bernard Mahoney, Kilkee.  
**11.30am:** Eddie Daly, Hermitage.  
 William McGovern, 'St. Martins,' College View.  
 Enid O'Loughlin, Corrovorrin Grove.  
 Tony Lillis, Edenvale.  
 Dolly & Patrick Lillis, O'Connell St.  
 Mary Forde, Caherbana, Fountain.  
 Bunny & Paschal Moloney, Steele's Tce.  
 John Fitzpatrick, Linnanes Tce & Tulassa.  
 Michael Sheedy, College View & Ogonnelloe.  
**Mon: 7.40am:** Patrick Callery &  
 Deceased Callery Family, Roscommon.  
**11am:** Special Intention.  
**7.30pm:** Stephen & Maria Flaherty, Lisdoonvarna.  
 Greene Family, Kilshanny.  
**Tues: 7.40am** Book of Intentions.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** Maura Brooks, College Park.  
 Rita Kenny, Hermitage & Kenny & Enright Family.  
 John & Maureen Duddy, Donegal & U.K.  
**Wed 7.40am:** Holy Souls.  
**11am:** Simon & Margaret McCarthy  
 & Sr. Pius McCarthy, Clohanes, Doonbeg.  
**7.30pm:** Veronica Fenton, Ard na Greíne.  
**Thurs 7.40am:** Mary & Luke Conway, Mullagh.  
**11am:** Paddy & Jane Coffey, McNamara Park.  
**7.30pm:** Ned Collins, St. Flannan's Tce.  
 Nancy Ward, Turnpike.  
**Fri 7.40am: Mass for People.**  
**11am:** Dolly Barron, Ard Kyle.  
 Patsy Byrne, Tottenham, London.  
**7.30pm:** Ita & Paddy Real, Francis St.  
 Kathleen & Vincent Banks, Scotland.  
**Sat: 11am:** Dwain Walzer, USA.  
 James & Norah O'Halloran, Dalcassian Ave.  
**6.30pm:** Jerome, Bridget & Francis Greene,  
 Cahercalla Estate.  
 Mary Finlay, Cahercalla.  
 O'Rourke Family, Whitegate.  
 Tim McGrath, Scarriff.  
 Gerry Devitt, St. Michael's Villas.  
 Delia & Jim Collins, Ard na Greíne.  
 McNamara family, O'Connell St  
**Sun 28th 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** Teresa & William Clohessy, Drumcliffe.  
 Monsignor Ignatius Murphy, Kilkee.  
 Eleanor Murphy, Inch.  
 Michael & Carmel Collins, Parnell St.  
**11.30am:** Monica Ensko, Turnpike Rd. MM.  
 John David Jennings, Tyreda, Beechpark. MM.  
 Mary Carroll, Kilrush Rd.  
 Bridie & Michael O'Donoghue, Limerick Rd.  
 Danny McDonagh, Ennis & U.K.  
 Michael & Kitty Kenneally, Fergus Park.

### Cathedral Renovation Appeal

Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following contributions received for the appeal; €300, €100; €50, €10. These once off contributions are very much appreciated and are helping to complete the renovation work at the Cathedral.

### Special Dawn Chorus event at Ballyalla Lake

April 27th from 5:30am till 7am with Tom & Nuala Lynch in association with Ennis Tidy Towns. Meet at the carpark on Ruan Road opposite the lake at 5:30am. This is a free event, bring binoculars as we hope to view wren, chaffinch, willow warbler, black cap and many more. See you on 27th.



### Cantare Choir with Orchestra Summer Concert

featuring Vivaldi's Gloria, Summer from The Four Seasons and lots more classic string pieces - May 11th, 8pm, SS Peter and Paul Cathedral, Ennis, a glorious start to your summer! Tickets available online at [www.glor.ie](http://www.glor.ie) or from Glór box office 065 6843103. In support of Pieta House and Sláinte an Chláir. See you there!



### Match Parking

On Sunday the Holy Family School will be operating a match day carpark for the Munster Championship game between Clare and Limerick We will be operating this carpark from 10.30am for all match-day patrons. This is to raise funds for school sporting projects.

### Grow Mental Health

Friendly Community based groups for anyone experiencing mental health issue through 12 Step Programme. Ennis Meeting, Maria Assumpta Hall. Monday 8 to 10pm. Contact Celia 086 1526966 [www.grow.ie](http://www.grow.ie)

### Newly Baptised

*We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:*  
**Adam Conor O'Donoghue**



### St. Joseph's

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**7pm:** Joe & Patrick Conway, Corrovorrin & Theresa Kalkhof, Mullagh & New York.  
 Kevin Lynch, Ennis.  
 Kevin & Cissie Lynch, Kilrush.  
 Gerald & Sheila Murray, Newmarket-on-Fergus.  
**Sun 21st 10am:** No intention booked.  
**11.45am:** Paddy Power, Castlelawn, Tulla Rd.  
 Joe, Kitty & Sheila Glynn, Lifford Rd.  
 Nancy Tubridy, Doonbeg.  
**Mon 10.30am:** Noel Galvin, Barntick.  
**Tues 10.30am:** Val Hogan, Morrissey Ave.  
 Margaret McMahon, Dysart & SMA, Cork.  
 Book of Intentions.  
**Wed:** No 10.30am Mass.  
**11.30am:** Confirmation—St. Anne's School.  
**Thu 10.30am:** Nuala Gallagher, Sligo.  
 Christina O'Loughlin, Corrovorrin Grove.  
**Fri 10.30am:** Patrick & Michael Cleary, Clancy Park.  
**Sat 10.30am:** Eddie Warrell, London.  
**7pm:** Barry Coughlan, Corrovorrin Grove.  
 John Delee, The Crescent.  
 Nora Ryan, Old Gort Rd.  
**Sun 28th 10am:** No intention booked.  
**11.45am:** John Frawley, Corrovorrin Ave. MM.  
 (Followed by internment of ashes).  
 Eileen & PJ O'Loughin, Kevin Barry Ave.

### Cloughleigh

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**  
**Sun 21st 11am:** Fr. Frank & Flan Cassidy & Decd. Cassidy Family, Cusack Rd.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Thu 9.30am:** Michael, Mary & Michael Costelloe, Cranny.  
**Sun 28th 11am:** Michael Hoare, Morrissey Ave.

### Clare Garden Festival 2024 Sunday, 28th April Ennis Showgrounds 10th Year Anniversary



Clare Garden Festival is a treat for Gardeners and a great day out for all the family, featuring Jim Cronin, Master Organic gardener, Michael Kelly, GIY, Kitty Scully, Master Organic Gardener, Jo Newton, Host & Master Organic Gardener, Carl Wright, Caherbridge Garden. Over 70 Quality Garden & Food stalls come from all over Ireland to join the popular festival every year. The festival offers a great series of garden expert talks from an accessible stage and has much to offer and discover for young and older gardeners from demonstrations to show gardens. Demonstration and workshops running in dedicated areas inside and out. Children's entertainment will include Upcycling workshop, Kids Rides, Archery, Face painting and there is much to discover for young and old at garden, food and craft stalls. [www.claregardenfestival.com](http://www.claregardenfestival.com) [facebook.com/claregardenfestival](https://facebook.com/claregardenfestival)

## Altar Servers



A recruitment drive to re-introduce the Ministry of Altar Serving in our churches is now taking place.

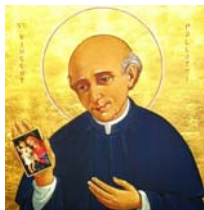
Any boy or girl from 3rd Class up is invited to consider the ministry of Altar Serving. We ask parents or grandparents to talk and explain to their child/grandchild the role of an Altar Girl/Boy.

### Ten Reasons to be an Altar Server

- \* Opportunity to serve God;
- \* Grow in respect and understanding of the Mass;
- \* Make great friends;
- \* Strengthen your relationship with Jesus;
- \* Learn valuable life skills;
- \* Opportunity for leadership;
- \* Learn more about Vocations.

Application Forms are available from any of the priests or from your school. Training will be provided by all who apply.

## Welcome to the Pallottines



Next weekend we welcome Fathers Liam and Martin and Brother Stephen Buckley from the Pallottine Fathers' Mission who will speak at all masses to promote their mission work. There will be a retiring collection to support the appeal.

The Pallottines were founded by Saint Vincent Pallotti, who was born in Rome in 1795. From his childhood he offered his life to the service of the poor, and founded the Union of Catholic Apostolate. At that time the laity were not actively involved in the ministry of the Church and Saint Vincent wanted to inspire people of all walks of life to work for God's kingdom. Saint Vincent wanted people to treat those in need "with care and with a loving concern". He died in 1850, leaving a legacy that continues to inspire people worldwide today.

The Pallottine Fathers & Brothers are located here in Ireland in Thurles & Dublin.

Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday 14th April 2024

Fund **€5,407.00**  
Online **€618.50**

## Vocations Sunday

This weekend we pray especially for Vocations for all who are called to Ministry.



We need Ministers who will minister to us and bring Jesus into our lives. There are a variety of Ministries in the Church, Priesthood, Diaconate, Religious Sisters or Brothers, Lay Ministry. Prayer cards are available at all masses this weekend.

### An hour of prayer

All Cathedrals in Ireland are hosting a time of prayer for Vocations this weekend. Here in the Cathedral in Ennis we will have an hour of prayer from 6-7pm this Sunday Evening to pray for vocations.

**All are welcome to spend time in prayer.**

### Polish Mass

Fr. Jarek O.S.B. will celebrate mass in Polish on this Sunday evening at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

### Canon Brendan O'Donoghue

Canon Brendan who died on 4th April and served in this Parish for 22 years will be recalled on Clare FM this Sunday Evening at 9pm.

Last summer on his last visit to Lourdes, Canon Brendan spoke with Fr. Brendan Quinlivan about his 68 years of Priesthood. A lovely story of Priesthood for Vocations' Sunday.

### Confirmation



The children from St. Anne's School will celebrate the Sacrament with Bishop Fintan in St. Joseph's Church on Wednesday at 11:30am.

The children from the After Schools' Programme will celebrate the Sacrament on Saturday at 12:30 in the Cathedral.

### Holy Communion



The children of the After Schools' Programme will celebrate First Holy Communion in the Cathedral on Saturday 12:30pm

### Championship Hurling

We welcome all visitors to Ennis this Sunday as we wish our Clare Team the very best when they meet Limerick in the Hurling Championships in Cusack Park at 2pm this Sunday.



## *Sr. Eileen's Cuinne*

Lá na nGairmeacha/ An tAoire Fóna.

Lá faoi leith san Eaglais is ea an Ceathrú Domhnach den Cháisc ina n-iarrtar orainn machnamh a dhéanamh ar an ngairm a thugann Dia do gach duine. Ag ár mBaisteadh glaonn fosa ar gach duine againn é a leanúint. Is cuma an duine a bheith óg nó aosta, saibhir nó daibhir, tuath nó cléir, tá gairm tugtha ag Dia do gach uile dhuine nach féidir le haon duine eile a chomhlíonadh. Déanaimis gach iarracht bheith dílis dár ngairm go laethúil. Iarrtar orainn freisin guí go dtiocfaidh méadú ar ghairmeacha chun na Sagartachta agus an Bheatha Reiligiúnach. Is é fosa féin a dúirt linn: "Tá an fómhar fairsing ach níl ann ach meitheal bheag. Dá bhrí sin guí Máistir an Fhómhair go gcuirfeadh sé meitheal uaidh isteach ina fhómhair" (Matha 9:37-38). Tá páirt lárnach ag saol na clainne chun gairmeacha a spreagadh agus a chothú. Is ann a chuirtear síol le haghaidh gairme saoil. Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá go rialta ar son gairmeacha chuig an saol sagartúil agus chuig an bheatha reiligiúnach. A Thiarna fosa Críost, Slánaitheoir an domhain, go n-éirí linn ár mbeatha a chaitheamh de réir do dhílse. Go dtreoraí an Spiorad Naomh sagairt agus lucht craobhscaoilte an dea-scéil agus go gcuire fosa meitheal uaidh isteach ina fhómhair. Áiméan.

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

On the fourth Sunday of Easter we are invited to reflect on the vocation given to each of us. In our Baptism each is called personally to follow Jesus whether we are young or old, a parent or individual, rich or poor, or in Religious Life, God has called each to fulfil a special role in life which cannot be done by any other. Let us make every effort to be faithful always to this calling. We are asked to pray for an increase of vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life today. Jesus said, "The harvest is great but the labourers are few. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send labourers into His harvest". (Matthew 9: 37-38) Family life plays a key role in motivating and nurturing careers. It is where vocations and career choices are nurtured. We can say this prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, may we spend our lives faithful to You. May the Holy Spirit guide priests and all who preach the gospel and may the Lord of the harvest send labourers to work on His behalf Amen

### REST IN PEACE

*IN LOVING  
Memory*

**Catherine Kavanagh nee Kennedy**,  
Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny and formerly Parnell Street, Ennis;  
**Kathleen Flanagan**, Doonbeg, mother of Mary Flanagan, Gort na Rí, Gort Road;

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

## 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 Acts of the Apostles Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the key-stone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

## The word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

*The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **R**

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.  
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R**

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **R**

## A reading from the first letter of St. John 1 Jn 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

## The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!*

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

Jn 10:11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.  
The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

## 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 Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**