

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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Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday Year B 7th April, 2024

We are an Easter People! Praised be the Risen Jesus! Alleluia!

This is our Easter hymn of praise, hope and light.

It is always good to celebrate the Good News and certainly in this time of Easter Joy, this is where our heart, mind and soul find nourishment and life. We can in some way identify with the person of Peter at the moment of Transfiguration – let's build three tents and keep everything here, just exactly this way. But the story from the Acts of the Apostles today gives us much food for thought as a way of being Easter people, as a way of being the Church of God, of the Risen Jesus.

Everyone was united, heart and soul. Everything was held in common and no one was ever in want, no one was in any need. This might seem at first glance to be an impossible standard.

Would I give away my possessions for the common good? It's fair to assume that this would stop a few in their tracks of singing Alleluia and celebrating the Risen Jesus.

But this passage is calling for further reflection than just a vow of poverty and communal sharing.



The grace of God is to be at the centre of all that is going on for us. This grace calls us to respond to the needs of others before first thinking of ourselves. And if we only see the actions of this group rather than their motivations, we will miss the point that all our needs are met by responding to the grace of God that we encounter in the Risen Jesus.

We are to share not simply out of a sense of duty but out of a sense of community and with grace. It is a type of community that can transform our world because it is calling us to listen, see and act from the heart and soul rather than just from the mind. We are called to live in a way that gives good example to others, to show indeed that what we proclaim as Christians really is Good News and is not

just something that we keep to church and prayer. It transforms us so that we are living in the world in a very different way. Which also seems to be the message of the Resurrection.

Priest on Duty 7th April, 2024
Fr. David Carroll 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Noel O'Grady, Oak Park. **MM.**
 Angela O'Loughlin (nee Skerritt), Lissane East, Clarecastle & Hermitage. **1st Anniv.**
 Bridie Butler, Marian Ave.
 Brigid, Seán & Fr. Michael O'Keefe, Ard na Gréine.
 Harriet Damalie Nakibuuka, London.

Sun 7th 8am: John Frawley, Corrovorrin Ave.
9.30am: Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families, Ennis & Cork.

11.30am: Catherine (Kitty) Tierney, Woodbrook, Cahercalla Rd. **MM.**
 Jim Kitson, Claireen Drive.
 Kathleen & Christy O'Donovan, Clonroadmore.
 John Staunton, Gallows Hill.
 John & Darragh O'Halloran, Ard na Gréine.
 Frances & Bobby O'Rourke, Dalcassian Ave.

Mon 7.40am: Joan O'Neill, Sixmilebridge.
11am: John & Mary O'Looney, Kilfenora.
 Teresa, John & Katherine Flanagan, Market St. & Connolly Villas.

7.30pm: Pakie & Frances Eustace, Kilrush Rd.
Tues 7.40am: Book of Intentions.
11am: Deceased Sheehan Family, Kerry.
 Patricia Ryan, Ardlea Rd.
7.30pm: Doris, Gerry Sr. & Gerry Jr. Molloy, Hermitage.
 Thomas McGann, Belharbour
 Louis Treanor, Co. Monaghan.

Wed 7.40am: Michael Kelly, Summerhill.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Sarah Williams Rynne, Fergus View, Cusack Rd.
 Maureen & Linda Rynne, Cusack Rd.
 Louis Clune, Lissycasey.

Thurs 7.40am: Mary Ellen McNerney, Doora.
 Tom, Bridget & Kay McNamara & Maura Conway, Lahinch.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Martin, Teresa & Phyllis O'Grady, McNamara Park.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Jean O'Donoghue, Ennis & Limerick.
 Thomas & Annie Hynes, Limerick Rd.

7.30pm: Joe Moloney, Hermitage. **1st Anniv.**
Sat: 11am: Confirmation - Holy Family School.
6.30pm: Thomas Connole, Old Military Barracks. **MM.**
 Nell & Mary Ryan, Stonepark, Barefield.
 James McNamara, Greendale, Clonroad.

Sun 14th 8am: Michael Meaney, Lissycasey.
9.30am: Norrie Power, Considine Tce.
 Caroline, Joseph & Brian Ensko, Connolly Villas.
 PJ Meaney, Cranny, Kilrush.

11.30am: Christy, Breda & Deceased Carpenter Family, Hermitage Rd.
 Patrick, Christina & Stephen Malone, Jr., Dalcassian Drive.
 Monica Brooks, Drumcaurin.
 Sylvester Keane, Garraunakilla, Upper Market St.
 Joseph Boland, Clonroad.
 Frank Roche, Dalcassian Park.
 Martin Higgins, Drumbiggle Rd.

Tiles for the Aisles

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

Chicks for Easter

Our thanks to the many people who supported the sale of our Chicks for Easter. €6,926 was raised for the Cathedral Renovation Appeal. We thank the many people who bought the Chicks for Easter, those who knitted and the many businesses who donated the eggs. We acknowledge the support of: Aldi; Donie O'Keefe, Butcher; Matt Waters Fruit & Veg, Turnpike; Lidl; Lynch's Centra, Gort Rd.; MF Casey, The Square; Value Centre C&C, O'Reilly Oil; Ryan's Centra, Clonroadmore; The Sherwood Inn; The Snack Shack.

We thank both the staff and volunteers of the Friary and Parish Offices and to Geraldine Cummins who co-ordinated the project.

National Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood.



May the Spirit of the Risen Christ bless and guide our Seminarians and those discerning a call to serve the people and parishes of this Diocese as priests and move the hearts of many more men to consider a priestly vocations.

Newly Baptised

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

Agatha Cruz Slowetzky;
Cáitlín Maria Fahy;
Emilie Louise
 McCarthy;
Méabh Margaret
 Lynch.



St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Christopher Gammell McCarthy, Ennis & Limerick **1st Anniv.**
 Bridie Butler, Marian Ave.
 Michael Devitt, St. Senan's Rd.
 Martin Heaney, Corrovorrin Drive.
 Martin Cotter, St. Senan's Rd.

Sun 7th 10am: Mary Cornu, Tullassa, Ennis. **1st Anniv.**
 Denis & Bridie Greer, Shannon Park.
 Flan Roberts, Kincora Park.

11.45am: Eddie Micks, The Crescent. **MM.**
 John McCabe, Newpark, Roslevan.

Mon 10.30am: Gerald Rooney, London & Roslea.
 Jim McLoughlin, Ard na Gréine.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.
Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.
Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.
Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.

7pm: James Tobin, Knockaderry, Tulla Rd. **MM.**
 Angela Reidy, Gort na mBláth, Tulla Rd. **MM.**
 Noel O'Regan, Corrovorrin Grove. **1st Anniv.**
 Tom & Mae Minitier, Kincora Park.
 Peadar O'Brien, St. Senan's Rd.

Sun 14th 10am: Martin & Kathleen Kelly, Old Gort Rd. & Baby Emma, Toonagh.
11.45am: John English, St. Senan's Rd. **1st Anniv.**
 Joe Daly, Lifford Rd.

A Word of Thanks



We would like to sincerely thank all those who helped with the Holy Week Ceremonies - our Sacristans, Choirs, Organists, Musicians, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Basket Collectors, Stewards, those who took part in the Washing of the Feet.

A special word of appreciation to the parishioners in Quin Clooney Maghera Parish who hosted a most beautiful Dawn Mass in Quin Abbey on Easter Sunday.

To our Pastoral Ministers and the team who organised the Reconciliation Service, we express our gratitude.

Holy Places

On Good Friday, the annual appeal to support the Christian Community in the Holy Land raised €2,195. The Christian community very much depends on this generosity as they strive to keep a Christian Presence in the Holy places associated with the life of Christ.

Trócaire



The hardest part of the Trócaire Lenten Campaign is getting the Trócaire Box from the kitchen table to the church. We ask for your help in returning all Trócaire Boxes and offerings as soon as possible and we thank all those who have done so already.

Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Thu 9.30am: Pakie Murrhly, Mullagh.
Sun 14th 11am: Kevin Maxwell, Shallee Drive.

Confirmation



Bishop Fintan will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the children from Holy Family School on Saturday next at 11am in the Cathedral.

Ceremony of Light for the candidates will take place on Tuesday at 8pm in the Cathedral.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocese of Killaloe will be travelling to Lourdes on 21st to 26th June with the help of 24 young people from the different Pastoral Areas of the Diocese.

The Abbey Pastoral Area invites young people between the age of 16 and under 18 on the 26th June to apply in writing to their local priest for consideration for one of two places available to our Pastoral Area. In the event of more than two applicants a draw will take place. Closing date is Sunday 7th April.

Volunteering at Carrigoran House.

Both our Nursing Home & Day Centre have opportunities for people looking to make an impact within their community. We are seeking volunteers who are willing to give their time and experience to enhance the lives of our residents and clients through social interaction and emotional support.

Talent is not rare and everyone has a skill that can benefit the lives of people in their community. If you would like to share that skill with us and think you are a suitable fit for this role, please contact Karina from Carrigoran House on 061 368100 or karina.mccarthy@carrigoranhouse.ie OR Sugitha from the Health & Wellness Centre on 061 476434 or health@carrigoranhouse.ie.

REST IN PEACE

Monica Ensko nee Duggan, Turnpike Rd;

Maureen Griffey nee O'Loughlin,
St. Flannan's Tce;

Bernadette Smith, Wallington,
Surrey, England, sister of Helen Kelly,
Corrovorrin Grove;

Betty Roche, Tournafula, Co. Limerick, mother
of Bro. Liam De Róiste,
Christian Brothers' Monastery, Ennis.

Eleanor Harwood, Ivy Hill & Nottingham & Bo-
hermore, Galway.

Harriet Damalie, London, mother of Saphina
Keogh, Lahinch Rd.

Canon Brendan O'Donoghue, Shannon, who
served in Ennis Parish from 1966 to 1988.

Br. Michael Muiris Cunningham (1930 – 2024)



The death occurred of Br. Muiris Cunningham on Sunday 24th March at Carrigoran House Nursing Home, Newmarket-on-Fergus. Br. Muiris was a native of Doon, Co. Limerick. He was a member of the Christian Brothers' Community in Ennis from 1996 to 2009, when he moved to Limerick.

During his time in Ennis Br. Muiris worked with the members of the Travelling Community in conjunction with the Sisters of Mercy. He also had a keen interest in local GAA affairs. He was a valued member of the Doora Barefield Hurling Club.

Born on the 2nd November, 1930, Br. Muiris grew up in Croughafoile, Doon, Co. Limerick. Having studied at Doon CBS, Baldoyle, Dublin and Coláiste Chiaráin, Wicklow, Br. Muiris entered the Christian Brothers' Novitiate, St. Helen's, Booterstown in 1947. He commenced his teacher training in 1948 at St. Mary's Training College, Dublin. Br. Muiris taught in a number of schools. His first mission was Blarney St., Cork City. He also taught in Dun Laoghaire, Portlaoise, Templemore and Crumlin.

In 1976 Br. Muiris was appointed Principal to Midleton CBS. On his retirement in 1996 Br. Muiris joined the Ennis Christian Brothers' Community, where he continued the good work of Blessed Edmund Rice.

He was interred in his native Doon on Wednesday 27th March after Requiem Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Ennis Road, Limerick.

Priests' Easter Collection

Our thanks to all who supported the Easter Appeal last weekend. If you were away or forgot, your contribution will still be very much appreciated. Envelopes are available.

Triest Community Employment Scheme

(sponsored by Brothers of Charity Clare Services) are currently recruiting Support Workers, Cleaners, General Maintenance Assistants, Sports & Recreational Roles and Art & Craft Assistants. Please contact the local Department of Social Protection Employment Services/Intreo Office to check your eligibility and to apply for this vacancy or contact - Thomas Gilligan at 065-6823123.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach na Trócaire Diaga An Dara Domhnach den Cháisc

Inniu ceiliúrtar Domhnach Thrócaire Dé. Is é Naomh Eoin Pól II a bhunaigh an fhéile seo i mí na Bealtaine 2000. Spreagadh deabhóid Trócaire Dé trí scríbhinní Siúr Faustina, bean rialta ón bPolainn a fuair bás sa bhliain 1938 agus í in aois tríocha trí bhliain. Ní aon rud nua an teachtaireacht maidir le Trócaire Dé. Ach meabhraíonn sé dúinn gur mhúin an Eaglais i gcónaí sa Scriptúir agus sa traidisiún go bhfuil Dia trócaireach agus go bhfuil maithiúnas ar fáil do gach peaca. Tá a thrócaire i bhfad níos mó ná aon pheaca. Níl le déanamh againn ach teacht os comhair Dé go humhail agus muinín a bheith againn as a thrócaire. Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá inniu: *A Thobair na Beatha, Trócaire Dé glanrúnda, imchluadaigh an domhan uile agus doirt Tú féin anuas orainn. Áiméan.*

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. It was instituted by St John Paul II in May 2000. The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina, a Polish nun who died in 1938 aged thirty three years. The message of God's Divine Mercy is nothing new. The Church has always taught through Scripture and through tradition that God is merciful, and that forgiveness is available for all sins. His mercy is much greater than any sin. We ought to come before God humbly and with confidence in his Divine Mercy. *We can say this prayer today; O fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. Amen.*

Burren Outdoor Retreat: Saturday 4th to Monday 6th May

Would you like to come on a guided journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of the amazing Burren landscape renew you in body and soul. Information: Mary 087 970 1130. Booking: Noirin 087 447 9115

Divine Mercy Sunday



Divine Mercy celebrations will take place in the Cathedral this Sunday beginning at 2pm with Mass at 3.30pm.

*'Spring is far more than just
a changing of seasons;
It's a rebirth of the spirit.'*



Toni Sorenson

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, 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 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul. No-one claimed for his own use anything that he had as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: .

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

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The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
His right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
And recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
But not doomed to die. R

The stone which the builder's rejected
Has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
A marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
We rejoice and are glad. R

A reading from the first letter of St. John

1 Jn 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.'

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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

Bring your hand

and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing,
Alleluia