

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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Email: info@ennisparish.com

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Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

11th August 2024

St. Clare of Assisi 1194 - 1253



A Poor Clare Nun once said to me that we are all living off prayer; either our own or someone else's. On 11th August we celebrate the feast of St. Clare of Assisi and rejoice that we are blessed to have a community of her sisters carrying on that great ministry of prayer for us and all our needs in a monastery in our county town.

On our spiritual journey, we often need guides. Although the events of Clare's life took place centuries ago, her example is timeless and invites us to examine our lives today: she speaks to those of us who are dissatisfied with the pursuits of modern life and running on empty trying to quench our insatiable thirst for worldly ambition and

possessions. While not many of us are called to live radically like Clare, we could try to look beyond our materialism and strive, like she did, for the true spiritual wealth of a relationship with God.

Clare teaches us how to remain faithful to our personal vocation even in the face of opposition and challenges. While choosing to forge her own path, Clare faced and overcame numerous challenges. St. Clare teaches us faithfulness and courage in the face of opposition. In a world that treats religion and God with scepticism, do we bow to pressure, or do we courageously defend our faith? Clare also teaches us that boldness in prayer is key to withstanding opposition; the Lord is as eager to assist us as he was during Clare's life.

Independent, passionate and determined, Clare was a woman well ahead of her time, and she continues to serve as a wonderful role model for us today.

"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become."

Priest on Duty:
Fr. Pat Malone - 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Mary & Dermot O'Donoghue, Kilfenora.
Sun 11th 8am: Paul Cahill, Inisfree, Roslevan.
9.30am: Brendan Wall, Inchbeg.
11.30am: Michael & Frances McLoughlin, Mayo;
 Gerry Leyden, Steele's Terrace.
 James Guilfoyle, Woodlands, Cahercalla. **1st Anniv**
 Seán & Frances Brodie, Killeen, Corofin & Ennis.
 Evelyn Sheehan, Knockalough & Dooradoyle.
Mon: 7.40am: Josephine Slattery, Knockadoon, Tulla Rd.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: John Madden, Corrovorrin Ave.
 Chrissie Molloy, Cloughleigh Rd. **1st Anniv**
Tues: 7.40am: Sr. Carmel O'Rourke &
 Paddy O'Rourke, Dublin.
11am: Frank Cosgrove, Dalcassian Park &
 Coughlan family, Steele's Terrace.
 Mary, James & Willie Cooney, Limerick.
7.30pm: Book of Intentions.
Wed 7.40am: Special Intention.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Michael Fitzgerald, Corrovorrin Drive.
 Bridget & Crowe Family, Ruan.
Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: Christy Meaney, Kilkee.
 T. Kenny, Rathflynn, Corofin.
 Martin Mongans, Clancy Park.
7.30pm: Sean Mounsey, Marian Avenue.
 Pickford Family, Durmbiggie Road.
Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Kathleen, Ann & Nora McCarthy, Ennis.
7.30pm: Raymond Casey, Collins Park. **1st Anniv**
 Sr. Eithel Normoyle, Lissycasey & South Africa.
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Sat: 11am: Bernadette Power, Shanaway Rd.
 Jane & Kevin McKeon, Clonroad,
 Alice & Francie Tierney.
6.30pm: Seán Shannon, Connolly Villas. **1st Anniv**
 Patrick & Brigid Woods & family, Circular Rd.
 Patrick McNamara, Mullagh & London.
Sun 18th 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: Paddy Forde, "St. Martin's", Ardlea Rd.
 Eddie & Maura Cotter, Cusack Rd.
 Marie Mulqueen, Fountain.
11.30am: Pat & Mary Neylon, &
 PJ & Michael Palmer, Connolly Villas.
 Tom Pilkington, Loughville.
 Maureen Mahony, Doonane, Tulla. **MM**

Please pray for Fr. John Quinn
 40 years ordained & his 90th Birthday on
 Sunday 18th August 9.30am

Thursday 15th August
Feast of the Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin Mary
(A Holy Day)

Mass times in Ennis:

Wednesday 14th:

Vigil Mass 7.30pm
 Cathedral

Thursday 15th:

7.40am Cathedral
 9.30am Cloughleigh
 10am Friary
 10.30am St Joseph's
 11am & 7.30pm
 Cathedral

Newly Baptised



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

Leah Mgt Dempsey;
Sophie Jane O'Connor;
Ada Murphy;
James Seán Ward;
Fiadh Walsh;
Tadhg Patrick Howard

Cathedral Update

In recent weeks, work was completed on the Floor Project which began this time last year. Work was also completed on the Entrance of the main aisle of the Cathedral and automatic doors were installed for ease of access by everyone.

The works of the floor exposed a previously uncovered grave. Despite the near illegible nature of the headstone's script in places, a reading and translation of the original Latin has been established:

Dean Terence O'Shaughnessy
Dean of Killaloe
Whose soul on 4th October 1884
In his 85th year
The 60th of his pastoral office
His decanoate of 28 years
Departed this life.
May he rest in Peace.
 Amen.

St. Joseph's
Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Brendan Ryan, Kincora Park.
 Caroline Walsh, Elm Park. **1st Anniv**
Sun 11th 10am: Padraic Barrett, Elm Park.
 Patrick Carmody, Kincora Park.
11.45am: Eileen Downes, Steele's Terrace.
 Ronnie O'Brien, late St. Michael's Villas.
 Tom & Margaret Crowe, Lahinch.
Mon 10.30am: Special Intention.
Tues 10.30am: Book of intentions.
Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.
Thu 10.30am: Bridget, James & Michael Murphy,
 Kilkerrin, Labasheeda.
 Paddy & Tony O'Hara, Antrim.
Fri 10.30am: Donor Intention.
 John & Mary McMahon, Marian Avenue.
 Tommy & Nora Carroll, Gort Rd &
 Jack Carroll, Harmony Row.
Sat: 10.30am: Bridie O'Connor, New Rd.
7pm: Holy Souls.
Sun 18th 10am: Teresa Butler, Lifford.
 11.45am: Gerry Jones, Orchard Lane.
 Patrick Healy, St. Senan's Rd.

Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's
Well, Gort Road. On 15th August at 7pm.
Celebrant: Fr. Martin Blake

Feast of St. Clare

This Sunday 11th August is the feast of St Clare, founder of the Poor Clares. We are privileged to have a Poor Clare Community in our Parish which is a powerhouse of prayer for all of us in our time of need. Today we keep the Poor Clare Sisters in our prayers on this their special day. We thank Mother Abbess, Sr. Bernadine; Srs.: Catherine; Regina; Leo; Gabrielle; Frances; Gertrude; Catherine; Veronica; Mary; Clare (PG); and Regina (PG) for their daily prayers for all of us.

Prayer for Vocations

That those the Lord is calling to serve the church as priests, deacons, religious or in lay ministry will be renewed in the ways of God, in goodness, holiness and truth and nourished every day in the Eucharist, in Jesus who is "the bread of life".

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Ennis Parish
 Development Fund
 for Sunday: 4th August, 2024

Fund **€4,803**
 Online **€222.50**

Rest in Peace

Theresa Long, (née Howley), Hazel Lane,
 Gort Rd., Ennis, & Swinford, Co. Mayo;
Martin Linnane, Considine Rd.;
Patrick Connellan, Gallows Hill;



Youth Ministry

Members of the youth ministry group which meets in Church of Our Lady Roslevan, Ennis on the last Sunday of every month recently went on Pilgrimage to Taizé. 24 Pilgrims led by Fr. Donagh O' Meara, Myriam Black, Joanne O' Brien and Youth leaders Arlene O' Sullivan, Saoirse Boyce & Joanna Lacka spent a week in Taizé from 30th June - 7th July. All the young people loved the experience of meeting Christians from all over the world while exploring their faith and participating in the very beautiful Taizé style of prayer three times daily. The group loved the experience and all hope to return again next year. If you are a young person and are senior cycle in Secondary School or College age and would like to be part of this group, you are welcome to join us. Please contact Fr. Donagh O'Meara (087) 232 2140 Myriam Black(087) 234 1831 Joanne O'Brien (086) 600 9682



Relics of St Bernadette



In the autumn this year the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to Ireland for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them. We are delighted to announce that the Relics will visit the Diocese of Killaloe on Monday 9th September in the Cathedral Ennis and on Tuesday 10th September in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes Silvermines Co Tipperary. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

See www.stbernadette.ie

National Novena

This year's National Novena at Knock shrine begins at Knock Shrine on Wednesday 14th August and concludes on Thursday 22nd August. The theme this year is, "Whispering with God" How do You Pray? Two sessions daily, 3pm and 8pm See www.knockshrine.ie for the full programme.



Burren Weekend Retreat Co Clare 6-8 September

Would you like to come on a guided journey through the Burren? Experience the silence and beauty of this unique landscape through walking mindfully on ancient pathways or limestone pavements. Get to know some of the rare flora and appreciate our rich faith heritage in one of the many ancient sacred sites. Further information: Mary 087 970 1130. Booking: Des 085 161 4951.

Volunteer Ministries in the Killaloe Diocese

Have you ever thought of enriching your faith or of equipping yourself to be able to give something to your parish or pastoral area? The Diocese of Killaloe is hoping to build on the success of our initial lay ministry training programme by offering training to those who feel called to give time as Catechist and as Ministers of Pastoral Care. It is hoped to begin journeying with those interested in the Autumn. These ministries will be of interest to those already involved in their parish or pastoral area or those wishing to be more involved in the life of their local Church community. This programme involves lay people working side by side with priests in key ministries in our parishes and pastoral areas. Brochures are available on the Diocesan Webpage. Further information and application forms can be found at: <https://www.killaloediocese.ie/our-diocese/lay-ministries/>

This weekend Gerard Lynch a Pastoral Minister in the Abbey Pastoral Area will speak at all masses in the Cathedral.

A Word of Appreciation

Our thanks to Martins Construction for carrying out this very complicated work on the floor. To Martin and Louise Loughnane; Pat Meehan, Forman and all the team our deep appreciation for the time patience and skill that ensured the original was restored as much as possible.

To Richie Robinson of P. Coleman & Associates who guided and supported this project. Richie's knowledge and passion for faithfulness to the original is very much appreciated as is his eye for colour on the Porch of the Church. To the many parishioners and friends of the Cathedral who through your donations and contributions made it possible to carry out the work. *Mile Buiochas.*

Next Phase

At present preparations are ongoing for the heating system in the Cathedral to be upgraded. This involves replacing the boiler and radiators and connecting to natural gas. All our buildings on the grounds of the Cathedral, Parish Office; Marian Assumpta Hall and Cathedral house are connected to natural gas.

It is hoped to have this system up and running by winter; with your continued generosity and support, we will have a warm and welcoming Cathedral where everyone can pray and worship.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Deascabháil na Maighdine Beannaithe

Fógraíodh deastógáil chorpartha na Maighdine Muire ar neamh mar dhogma creidimh ag an bPápa Pius XII 1 Samhain 1, 1950. Tá brí an ailt creidimh seo curtha mar seo ag *Caiticiosma na hEaglaise Caitlicí* (alt 966), i dtéacs atá tógtha ar iasacht ó dhoiciméid de chuid na Comhairle Vatacáin II, téacs atá faoi thionchar théacs an Phápa a d'fhógair an dogma. Ag deireadh, a saoil rinneadh an Mhaighdean gan Smál, a chaomhnaigh Dia ó lorg ar bith de pheaca an tsinsir, a thógáil suas, idir chorp agus anam go glóir na bhflaithis agus í á mhóradh ag an Tiarna mar Bhanríon na cruinne, sa chaoi gurbh amhlaidh í leis an Té a rug an bua ar an bpeaca agus ar an mbás.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven was proclaimed as a religious dogma by Pope Pius XII on 1 November 1950. The Catholic Church's Catechism (section 966), in a text borrowed from Vatican Council II documents, influenced by the text of the Pope announcing the dogma, has thus added: "At the end of her life, the Immaculate Virgin, who was preserved by God from any trace of sin, was taken both body and soul to the glory of heaven and be glorified by the Lord as Queen of the universe, so that it was similar to, he who bore victory over sin and death.

Rev. Dean Terence O'Shaughnessy Parish Priest Ennis 1820-1848

Rev. Dean Terence O'Shaughnessy, Born in 1761, he was a man of remarkable dedication and vision; despite the challenges posed by Ireland's penal laws, he tenaciously pursued education in Paris, a testament to his unwavering faith and determination.

Enrolling at the University of Louis le Grand in Paris in 1786, he embraced learning and was ordained a priest in 1792. Returning to Clare in 1793, he was appointed PP of Broadford and remained there for several years before being appointed PP of Kilrush in 1806.

In 1820, he was Elevated to the esteemed position of Dean of the Diocese and Parish Priest of Ennis. Dean O'Shaughnessy dedicated the next 28 years to his pastoral duties to the people of Ennis. His compassionate response to the 1832 Cholera outbreak in Ennis earned him widespread admiration.

He passionately worked to build a new church in Ennis, aspiring for it to become the diocese's cathedral. His dream was realized posthumously, 162 years after work began, on the 18th November, 1990. Bishop Harty dedicated the church a Cathedral. The Church of SS. Peter and Paul now stands proudly as the Cathedral of the Diocese of Killaloe, fulfilling Dean O'Shaughnessy's aspirations, and remains his enduring legacy.

Dean O'Shaughnessy died 4th October 1848, leaving a deep legacy of faith. He rests eternally before the main altar of the cathedral he helped envision and built a testament to his unwavering faith and profound determination.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
And forget not the life of your poor ones
for ever.

Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
And forget not the cries of those who
seek you.

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 first book of Kings. 1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went into the wilderness, a days
journey, and sitting under a furze bush
wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have
had enough. Take my life: I am no better
than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and
went to sleep. But an angel touched him
and said, 'Get up and eat'. He looked round,
and there at his head was a scone baked on
hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and
drank and then lay down again. But the
angel of the Lord came back a second time
and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat,
or the journey will be too long for you'. So
he got up and ate and drank, and
strengthened by that food he walked for
forty days and forty nights until he reached
Horeb, the mountain of God.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
His praise always on my lips;
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. R.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
From all my terrors he set me free R.

Look towards him and be radiant;
Let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
And rescued him from all his distress. R.

The angel of the Lord is encamped around
those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. R.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians. Ep 4:30 - 5:2

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who
has marked you with his seal for you to be
set free when the day comes. Never have
grudges against others, or lose your
temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or
call each other names, or allow any sort of
spitefulness. Be friends with one another,
and kind, forgiving each other as readily as
God forgave you in Christ.
Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his
that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as
he loved you, giving himself up in our place
as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to
God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
And my Father will love him,
And we shall come to him,
Alleluia!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jn 6:41-51.

The Jews were complaining to each other
about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am
the bread that came down from heaven.'
'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they
said. 'We know his father and mother. How
can he now say, "I have come down from
heaven"'? Jesus said in reply, 'Stop
complaining to each other.'

'No one can come to me unless he is
drawn by the Father who sent me, and I
will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

They will all be taught by God, and to
hear the teaching of the Father, and
learn from it, is to come to me. Not that
anybody has seen the Father, except the
one who comes from God:
he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly, everybody who
believes has eternal life.

I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert
and they are dead; but this is the bread
that comes down from heaven, so that a
man may eat it and not die. I am the
living bread which has come down from
heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will
live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give is my
flesh, for the life of the world.'

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 bread that I will give,
says the Lord,
Is my flesh for the life of the world.