

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

St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 15th September 2024

Our faith in Jesus has to transform our life and relationships.



One of the most popular Evangelical Preachers of our times is Benny Hinn. Sometime back he made a confession that for years he had been preaching a 'prosperity Gospel'. It meant, the more you contributed financially, the greater would be the blessings that you would inherit. But he acknowledged that it was a deviation from Jesus of the

Gospel and the Gospel of Jesus. He publicly confessed this error and expressed his desire to correct this deviation.

In the Gospel of today, Jesus poses two questions before his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' and 'Who do you say I am?' The place and the time of these questions are of great significance in the Gospel of Mark, as it is a real turning point in his public ministry, on the way to Jerusalem, before the ultimate accomplishment of the Paschal mystery.

Peter dared to confess openly that Jesus is the Christ. It meant you are the messiah, the saviour spoken of by the prophets of the past and awaited by the people for centuries. The disciples rejoiced to know that Jesus is the promised Messiah, but failed to accept the suffering servant kind of Messiah that Jesus actually was.

What kind of Messiah do we worship? Do we worship a Messiah of our imagination and fantasy or the one that Jesus really is? Because it is easy to worship the kind of Jesus who

will heal us when we are sick, save us when we are in danger, but difficult to accept a Jesus who expects us to take up our cross daily and follow him. It is easy to worship Jesus who would strike our enemies down when we cry out to him, but not the one who would say to us to "forgive, pray for our enemies, if someone strikes you on one cheek show the other". It is easy to worship the all-powerful, victorious, mighty Lord who sits on the throne with a crown and sceptre but not so of the Lord who hangs on a cross helpless and lifeless, who invites us to participate in his pain and suffering. It is easy to worship the Messiah of our imagination and fantasy but not the true one, as He is, who challenges us daily, pushes us beyond our comfort zone, and call us to live a life of sacrifice and self-giving.

Now it is up to us, to join Jesus and continue what Jesus initiated. For this, it is very important, who is Jesus for us? What did he do for me? What does it mean to be his disciples today? Like Peter, we too may say, Jesus is the Christ, but expect him to follow our plans and programs- to be a superman, to help us, and to destroy all our enemies. Then, as he said to peter, today Jesus will say to us too, "Get behind me Satan, because the way you think is not God's way but man's". Let us pray that we may live our faith not just in words but in action, as faithful disciples of the true messiah.

Priest on Duty: 15th September 2024
Contact: Fr Martin Blake - 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Frances & Brian Tuohy, Cloughleigh.
 Seán & Bridie McMahon, Knockanoura, Tulla Rd.
 Patrick Mulconry, Kildysart.
 Marian Kelly, Cahercalla Heights & Knock, Kilrush.
 Jimmy George Murphy 1st, Philippines.

Sun 15th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Kevin & Mary Bleach, Scarriff.

P.J. & Rita Keane, Loughville.

11.30am: Mary Daffy, Ballymacooda, Darragh. **MM**

Kathleen McGovern, "St. Martin's", College View.

Eileen Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.

Tony Mulrennan, Westfields.

Finbarr O'Toole, Friars' Close, Ennis.

Michael Tierney, Cahercalla.

Michael Mongans, Old Hill Rd. Clarecastle.

Seán McDonnell, Gallows Hill.

Mon: 7.40am: Special Intention.

11am: Holy Family National School New Year Mass.

7.30pm: Margaret & Andy Woods, Hermitage.

Frank Moloney, O'Connell St.

John McGann, Ard na Greine.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Sean, Anna & Thomas Leahy, St. Michael's Vls.

7.30pm: Ollie & Kathleen Cullinan, Kilrush Rd.

Wed 7.40am: Mary & Patrick Lafferty, Lahinch.

11am: Michael Lafferty, Lahinch.

7.30pm: Kathleen Lane, Hermitage. **MM**

Thurs 7.40am: Patrick Lafferty, Lahinch.

James & Mary Shalloo, O'Callaghans Mills.

11am: Brigid Slattery, Lahinch.

7.30pm: P.J. & Mary Neylon, Lahinch.

Kay McNamara, Roslevan.

Eugene Ryan, Shanaway Rd.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the people.

11am: Paddy Reidy, Golf Links Rd.

Anne Smyth, Roscommon.

Marisa McDonnell, Cathedral Court.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Sat: 11am: Joan Dargan, Limerick Rd.

John, Pete & Mary Finn, Golf Links Rd.

6.30pm: Brigid Haran, Cahercallamore, Kilrush Rd. **MM**

Anne Coffey nee Browne, Hermitage.

Dan & Mary O'Keefe, "Prague", Ardlea Rd.

Michael McInerney, London & Ayle, Feakle &

Astrid Flynn, Corrovorrin.

Pat Hynes, Clare Rd.

Nancy Shannon, Hermitage &

Deceased Shannon & Hewitt family.

Mary O'Mahony, Phoenix Court.

Sun 22nd 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Jackie Browne, Ardlea Rd.

11.30am: John Joe Keane, College Park. **MM**

Mary Burke, Park Avenue & Athlone.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following contributions of €10,000; €20 x 2: received for the appeal; these once off contributions are very much appreciated and are helping to complete the renovation work at the Cathedral.

Newly Baptised

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

Romy Patricia McGann;

Rex Vincent Peek;



Do you want to get to know Jesus? Why not try an ALPHA course. Commencing 18th Sept. Contact: 087 9566425 for details.

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Chris & John Joe Hogan, Kilfenora.

Sun 15th 10am: Noel Carmody, Kincora Park.

11.45am: Con & Johnny Butler, late Clonroad & Marian Avenue.

John & Margaret McNamara, St. Senan's Rd.

Cahir & Quinn families, Kilfenora & Corofin.

Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: Sr. Teresa Hogan, Kilrush.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: Paddy & Mary Kate Lynch, Kilmaley.

Sat: 10.30am: Mary & Bernard Woods, Summerhill.

Teresa Moloney, Marian Avenue.

Carl Quinn, London.

7pm: Anne Fox & Pat McInerney, Corrovorrin Green.

Maureen Scahill, Dublin & Roscommon.

Sun 22nd 10am: Bridie & Desmond O'Toole, Mayo.

11.45am: David Browne, Tulla Rd.

The Relics of St Bernadette

Our Parish was truly blessed for three days last week with the presence of the Relics of St. Bernadette.

That journey began when the Poor Clare Sisters received the Relics on Sunday Evening and kept vigil and prayer in their Monastery with the Saint. That prayerful preparation set the scene for the arrival of the Relics in the Cathedral on Monday Morning and the Blessings and Prayers that have flowed since.

Thousands of people passed through the Cathedral over 26 hours to pray, reflect and give thanks. People of all ages from: children brought by parents, to students from our Secondary Schools; to adults of all ages. They came from Nursing homes and work places, tourists passing through Ennis to 25 elderly Capuchin Friars from all over Ireland spending a few days in Ennis. The experience is difficult to put into words, it had to be experienced. Lourdes has often been described as "a little bit of Heaven, here on Earth". Those words would be a good description of these few memorable days.

For this to happen, gratitude and thanks are due to so many people who volunteered their time and talents and gave freely so that all of us would have this wonderful experience of tasting "a little bit of Heaven here on Earth" and whetting our appetite to continue life's journey.



Bernadette Soubirous

- Born at Boly Mill in Lourdes in 1844, the eldest of 9 in a very poor family.
- In 1858 while gathering sticks near the old grotto beside the Gave River Our Lady appeared to Bernadette.
- There were 18 times between February 11th and July 16th that year during which Mary asked Bernadette to pray for sinners, to urge the world to penance, and ask clergy to build a chapel and to invite pilgrims.
- 1860 Bernadette went to live at the convent in Lourdes.
- In 1866 she left Lourdes to join the Sister of Nevers 400 miles away devoting her life to the care of the Sick, she never returned to Lourdes.
- She died in 1879 from tuberculosis, aged 35 years and was canonised in 1933.
- Her body lies incorrupt in a shrine in Nevers.
- The relic that visited the Cathedral last week is part of a bone of Bernadette's body.

*Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us.
 St. Bernadette, Pray for us.*

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 15th 11am: No intention booked.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 22nd 11am:

Paddy & Josie McMahon, Shanaway Rd.

Thomas, Esther & John O'Brien, Hermitage.



Prayer for Vocations

The Lord still calls, for he would never leave his flock without Good Shepherds. He calls today as he did in the past. His call is gentle, an invitation. Let us pray that the call will still be heard and bravely responded to in 2024. We pray for our three students who began their journey in St Patrick's College Maynooth las Sunday.

Season Of Creation

The month of September is the Season of Creation. God our Father you formed us from the dust of the earth and placed us in a garden, your created world. Remind us of our place as your creatures at home in your creation.

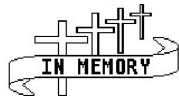
St. Michael's Holy Well Mass



This year the mass will be concelebrated by Bishop Fintan Monahan and Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick on Friday the 27th Sept at 6.30pm. Pilgrims will gather at 6pm. at the top of the farmers' access road next to N18 By-Pass Bridge, Quin Road, for onward pilgrim walk to St. Michael's Holy Well, Kilbreckan. Join us in the footsteps of our ancestors on this ancient pilgrim path. All welcome.

Rest in Peace

John J. Halpin, Chicago & late O'Connell St.;
Anne McLoughlin, Westfields, Clare Rd;
Mary Finnegan, St. Senan's Rd & Galway
Patricia Guilfoyle, Circular Road, Hermitage.
Noel Moroney, Mullagh, brother of Phil Hehir,
Corrovorrin & Maieve White, Ennis.



Cathedral Choirs

Senior Choir:

Auditions this September. Mondays
7.30pm - 9pm.

Junior Choir 3rd - 6th Class:

Mondays 5.15 - 6.30pm.

Contact: Fiona 087 6886378



Altar Servers: Boys and girls from 3rd to 6th Classes are invited to consider the ministry of Altar Serving. Application forms available from local School Chaplains or the Parish Office.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday 8th September
Fund €5,350.00 .Online €363.50

Friary News

Third Order of St Francis

"Follow Jesus in the footsteps of St Francis"

Open Meeting: Sunday 15th September
2024 @ 3pm

In the Friary: In order to elect a council to look after the running of the fraternity for the next 3 years

St Pio Mass in the Friary on Monday 23rd
September @ 7.30pm

Feast of St. Padre Pio. Everyone welcome.

Clare Roots Society Talk: Thursday
September 19th; 7.30pm. In Clare Education
Centre, Kilrush Road, Ennis V95 F782.

Lecture: "Mrs Fancy Tart is coming to Tea"
Things to remember when listening to and
interpreting family stories by Eileen O'Duill.

Ennis Flower and Garden Club present Mary
McKee, Feakle, on Tuesday September 17th
at Treacy's West County Hotel Ennis, doors
open at 7.30pm and demonstration
commences at 8.15pm sharp, €10 non
members, all are welcome, demonstrators'
arrangements raffled on the night, further
enquiries to:

Ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

**A series of talks and reflections on Saint
Faustina Kowalska's diary** 'Divine mercy in
my soul' will commence with holy mass and an
introduction to the programme on Saturday
28th September, 10am Church of Our Lady
(V95 A253), Roslevan. All are most welcome.
Co-hosted by Fr. Jarek and Séamus Enright.

The Climate Crisis – what can we do?

In response to the Climate Crisis, you are
invited to a Webinar facilitated by Jane Mellett
of Trócaire on Thursday 19th September at
7.30 pm. To register for this webinar, click the
following link <https://bit.ly/3XDKJct> and enter
your name and address.

Who Is Jesus?

Already in Jesus' lifetime people asked themselves many questions about him. Some, although they were astonished by the authority of his words, said: "It is the carpenter's son." Others saw in him a traitor, a rebel, even one possessed by a demon. Still others considered him a prophet. For Peter, it is clear.

Jesus is the Messiah. He will be the liberator, the saviour of Israel.

Even acknowledging him as Messiah, they misunderstood the type of liberation brought.

When Jesus reveals to his disciples that his destiny leads to the cross, Peter rebels, immediately drawing down upon himself a severe reprimand: "Your idea of the Messiah is that of human beings, not that of God!" Jesus is not the political Messiah they are awaiting.

One cannot contain him in human ideologies.

Today, what are they saying about Jesus? Is he a sort of Gandhi, a Martin Luther King Jr., a Che Guevara, the first of the Marxists, a "superstar"? To limit ourselves to what "they" are saying about Jesus is to condemn ourselves to constant confusion.

To touch the truth of his mystery, we must accept the personal question he asks us: "Who do you say that I am?"

An accumulation of facts about him will never replace a personal knowledge of Jesus and his cross. The cross is the moment of truth for the Christian. It is the test which verifies whether we are truly disciples of the Messiah, unexpectedly hidden behind the features of a suffering servant.

To share life with the one we love, is the logic of friendship. It is to this vocation of friendship that Jesus summons us.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Críost sa Chruthaíocht

Níl lus ar lár

Nach bhfuil lán dá thoradh

Níl cruth ar thrá nach bhfuil lán dá shonas

íos ba chomhair a mholadh.

Níl beatha i bhfarraige níl airc in abhainn

Níl cáil i bhfoilmhe

Nach bhfuil dearbh do mhaitheas

íos ba chomhair a mholadh

Níl éan ar sceith

Níl réalta in aer

Níl sian faoin ngrian

Nach dtóg scéal dá mhaitheas

íos ba chomhair a mholadh. Áiméan

Christ in Creation

No flower in field

No fish in stream

No bird on wing

No shape on shore

No star in sky

No living thing

But is rich in Him

And blessed in Him

And sings of Him

Jesus praise to you. Amen.

Beginner Bridge lessons starting Tuesday
2nd October; 7.30pm in Springfield House.

Contact Maureen Pattinson: 0851370180

Cost €150 for 8 lessons.

**Next week is Sustainable Development
Goals Week 2024.** The Sustainable
Development Goals (SDGs) are 17 global
goals set by the UN in 2015 to achieve a
more sustainable and equitable future by
2030. As part of SDG Week 2024, Clare
Libraries will host events encouraging us to
live more sustainably through practical tips
and resources. Check the free events taking
place in DeValera Library, Ennis on 065
6824207 or ennislibrary@clarecoco.ie for
more information.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, And of your people Israel.

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 prophet Isaiah.

Is 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.
My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone
start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
In the land of the living.*

I love the Lord for He has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for He turned His ear to me
in the day when I called Him.
R.

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me!
R.

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so He saved me!
R.

He has kept my soul from death
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
In the land of the living **R.**

A reading from the letter of St. James.

Jm 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, "I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty", without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: "You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show."

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,
says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father
except through me.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Mk 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him, 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he

asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save 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 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

**How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the
shadow of your wings.**