

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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Twenty fifth Sunday in Ordinary

Time year B 22nd September 2024

Service

"If any one would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all". If you want to be first, you need to get in line, be last, and serve everyone. Through this shocking phrase, the Lord inaugurates a reversal: he overturns the criteria about what truly matters. The value of a person does not depend any more on the role they have, the work they do, the money they have in the bank. No, no, no, it does not depend on this. Greatness and success in God's eyes are measured differently: they are measured by *service*. Not on what someone *has*, but on what someone *gives*. Do you want to be first? Serve. This is the way.

Today, the word "service" appears a bit hackneyed, worn out by use. But it has a precise and concrete meaning in the Gospel. To serve is not a courteous expression: it means *to act like Jesus*, who, summing up his life in a few words, said he had come "not to be served, but to serve" (Mk 10:45). This is what the Lord said. Therefore, if we want to follow Jesus, we must follow the path he himself traced out, the path of service.

After having spoken of the *primacy of service*, Jesus does something precisely to illustrate this. We have seen that Jesus' actions are stronger than the words he uses. And what is that action? He takes a child and puts him in the midst of the disciples, at the center, in the most important place. In the Gospel, the child does not symbolize innocence

so much as littleness. For like children, the little ones depend on others, on adults, they need to receive. Jesus embraces those children and says that those who welcome a little one, a child, welcome him. The ones who are to be served above all are: those in need of receiving who cannot give anything in return. To serve those who need to receive and cannot give anything in return. In welcoming those on the margins, the neglected, we welcome Jesus because *He is there*. And in the little one, in the poor person we serve, we also receive God's tender embrace.



Dear brothers and sisters, challenged by the Gospel, let us ask ourselves: Am I, who follow Jesus, interested in the one who is neglected? Do I understand life in terms of competing to make room for myself at others' expense, or do I believe that being first means serving? And, concretely: do I dedicate time to a "little one", to a person who has no means to pay me back? Am I concerned about someone who cannot give me anything in return, or only with my relatives and friends? These are the questions we need to ask ourselves.

May the Virgin Mary, the humble servant of the Lord, help us understand that to serve does not belittle us, but helps us grow. And that there is more joy in giving than in receiving.

(Pope Francis)

Priest on Duty: 22nd September 2024

Contact: Fr Tom Ryan - 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

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

Anne Coffey nee Browne, Hermitage.

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

Michael McNerney, 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.

Mon: 7.40am: Margaret Foudy, Kilrush Rd &

Bridget O'Connor, Inagh.

11am: Deceased McEnery family Circular Rd.

Deceased Spaight Family, Sixmilebridge.

7.30pm: Jimmy Lafferty, Lahinch Rd.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Ralph Morgan, USA & Ennis.

2pm: Colaiste Mhuire Opening Year Mass.

7.30pm: Ann Lafferty, Lahinch.

Wed 7.40am: Mary Lafferty, Lahinch.

11am: John McDonagh, Westbourne, Watery Rd.

7.30pm: Patrick, Elizabeth & Amelia Cahill, Cahercalla Est.

Nancy & Tom Deloughery, Moveen, Kilkee.

Thurs 7.40am: Michael & Mai Whelan, Toonagh.

11am: Eugene & Seamus Curley, Limerick Rd.

Ann Hickey, Tralee.

7.30pm: Assumpta Sheehan, Coopers Place &

Turnpike. **1st Anniv**

Wayne Tucker, Neath, South Wales. **1st Anniv**

Nicholas Grant, Lees Rd.

Michael, Mena, Catherine & Susan McMullin, Killarney.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Jennifer Louise Sherlock, Toormore, Ruan.

Paulene Clune, Quin &

Margaret, JJ & Seamus O'Connell, St. Michael's Villas.

7.30pm: Susan Feore, Kilrush Rd. **1st Anniv**

Joseph & Bernadette Keane, Summerhill.

Sat: 11am: No Intention Booked.

6.30pm: Shane Magnier, Avalon, Francis St.

Pakie & Mary Ryan, Dalcassian Ave.

Eugene & deceased Quinn Family, Corrovorrin Dr.

Anthony Summerly, Considine Rd. **1st Anniv**

James Cahill, Lisheen Ballynacally.

Sun 8am: No Intention Booked.

9.30am: No Intention Booked.

11.30am: Rita Nolan, Gallows Hill.

Paul Hurson, Roslea.

Melinda Moloney, Hermitage & Clarecastle. **MM**

Newly Baptised



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

Dan Keenan.

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.

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place Monday to Friday in the Cathedral from 5pm to 7pm. You are welcome to come and spend some time in the company of the Lord.



Eucharistic Adoration

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

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

Maureen Scahill, Dublin & Roscommon.

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

11.45am: David Browne, Tulla Rd.

Mon 10.30am: Mary McMahon &

Anne Mullen Ennis & UK.

Paddy O'Doherty, St. Senan's Rd.

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: Aiden & Suzanne Reilly,

Corrovorrin Crescent. **1st Anniv**

Mary McNamara nee McMahon, Banner Lodge,

Golf Links Rd. **MM**

7pm: No Intention Booked.

Sun 26th 10am: Helen, Edward & Linda Cuddihy, St. Senan's Rd.

Rest in Peace

Lubova Ibraqimova, Hermitage;

Anthony Nolan, Páirc na Coille, Showgrounds' Rd.;

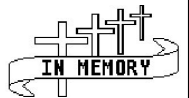
Nancy Crimmins, Clonroad.

Paddy Ryan, St. Michael's Villas.

P.J. Kelly, Lissycasey, brother of Loretto O'Regan,

Beechpark;

Fr. Martin O'Brien P.E., Tulla;



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 22nd 11am:

Paddy & Josie McMahon, Shanaway Rd.

Thomas, Esther & John O'Brien, Hermitage.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Michael & Ita Ayres.

John & Gerry Lynch.

Intention.

Michael John Hayes.

Sun 28th 11am:

Michael & Patrick O'Brien, Cloughleigh Rd.

Sheila & David Clohessy, Childers Rd.

Mercy Day—170 Years of Mercy Presence

On Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy, a day of special significance for the Sisters of Mercy. Our Parish owes a great debt of gratitude to the Sisters for laying the foundations for education and health care in this town, the fruit of which we benefit from today.

The story began on 24th September 1827 when Catherine McAuley opened a house in Baggot Street, Dublin to provide healthcare and education for the poor.

On 29th May 1854 the first Sisters arrived here in Ennis and for the past 170 years the Sisters have endeavoured to follow the example of their foundress venerable Catherine McAuley in living their lives in the service of others in need of healing and love.

We ask God's Blessing on the Sisters of Mercy and their associates and on all who collaborate with them as they proclaim the Gospel Message to a very fragile world, very much in need of God's Mercy.

As we celebrate 170 years of a Mercy presence in our Parish, we Congratulate the Sisters who on Tuesday will celebrate 50 years of a presence in the Parish of Shannon.

*Venerable Catherine McAuley,
Pray for us.*



Lourdes Pilgrimage

Our Autumn Pilgrimage will leave on Monday 30th September. If you would like to send a petition to the Grotto at Lourdes please leave it in to the Parish Office by 5pm on Friday.

Petitions received during the recent visit of the Relics of St Bernadette will be brought to the Grotto on this Pilgrimage.



Would you or someone you know like to become a Catholic?

Shortly we will be beginning our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Classes for Adults who wish to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know has an interest, please contact the Parish Office.

St Flannan's College Night Classes and Saturday Workshops for Adults will resume on Wednesday October 2nd. Classes include: Collage, French, Beekeeping, Irish Storytelling, Wine Tasting, Cross-stitching, Yoga, Mindfulness, Creative Writing, Felting, Hand-built Ceramics, Mosaic, Paper-Making and Stained Glass. Text/phone 083 1090039 for further details and bookings.



St. Pio Mass in the Friary; Monday 23rd September; 7.30pm Feast of St. Padre Pio. Everyone welcome

Hospice Coffee Morning

Thursday 26th September; 10am to 2pm Cloughleigh, Community Centre, Davitt Tec.

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service

(IBTS) is emerging from a very challenging Summer period when we were challenged to maintain the critical blood supplies needed by Irish Hospitals. This year, the challenge is even greater as hospitals across Ireland are requiring 6% more blood than this time last year. To meet this increased demand we need another 15,000 new blood donors come forward and give blood this year. We are calling on the community to support our blood donation clinic at: West County Hotel Ennis; Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th September from 4.50pm – 8.10pm.; New donors are welcome and just one contribution can make a difference. Appointments can be booked at 1800 222 111. We urge anyone who is able to donate to take this opportunity to help.



Fr. Martin O'Brien



Tulla Parish & Ceanntar na Lochanna Pastoral Area

There was a palpable sense of shock and sadness on Tuesday last as news broke of the sudden and unexpected death of Fr. Martin O'Brien.

Martin was born on 19th November 1944 in the parish of Crusheen. He studied for the Priesthood in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and was ordained in St. Tola's Church, Dysart on 21st June 1970. His appointments included serving in St. Flannan's College; The Seminary in Maynooth and the Staff of St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon.

In July 1975 he became Director of Catechetics in Primary Schools in the Killaloe Diocese a post he held until 1991 when he became a curate in Ruan going on to serve in Kinnitty and Borrisokane, where in 1997 he became Parish Priest of Borrisokane. In 2004 he became Parish Priest in Tulla where he remained until he retired in 2017.

Martin was a great champion of handing on the faith and worked for many years endearing himself to pupils, teachers and families as he travelled the length and breadth of our vast Diocese. Sharing the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. He carried the same enthusiasm into his parish ministry. He had a listening ear and infinite patience making him a great builder of consensus and unity. Fr. Martin was laid to rest in Tulla on Saturday.

Leaba I measc na naomh go raibh aige.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Lá Fhéile Muire na Trócaire

Ceiliúrtar Lá Fhéile Muire na Trócaire ar an Mháirt 24 Meán Fómhair. Lá mór comóraidh is ea é do Shiúrach na Trócaire in Éirinn agus ar fud an domhain. Guímis ar a son agus iad ag saothrú agus ag moladh Dé lá i ndiaidh lae. Guímis freisin ar son a gcomhpháirtithe agus aon duine a bhí bainteach riamh le Siúrach na Trócaire. *Go raibh siad dilis dá ngairm.*

Aiméan

*A Mhaighdean ghlórmhar, a Mháthair Dé,
A bhean ab uaisle de gach cine
Is atá diombháilte i ngach moladh,
Déan idirghuí ar ár son
I bhfianaise do Mhic ghrámhar féin,
Le súil go bhfaighimis an ghlóir shioraí i d'aice. Aiméan.*

The feast of Our Lady of Mercy is celebrated on Tuesday the 24 September. It is a great day of celebration for Sisters of Mercy in Ireland and all over the world. We pray for them and for all those associated with them that they may be faithful to their calling.

*Glorious Virgin, Mother of God,
Noble woman of every race
Please intercede on our behalf
Given your own loving Son,
With the hope to obtain eternal glory.
Amen.*

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.

Health & Wellbeing Age Expo

The Clare Older People's Council and the Clare Age Friendly Programme are hosting a Health & Wellbeing Age Expo during Positive Ageing Week to showcase the supports and services available for older people living in County Clare. The Expo will be taking place on Thursday 3rd October from 11am to 4pm in Treacy's West County Hotel. All are welcome.

The Cathedral Folk Group are looking for musicians to join them. If interested please phone Sean: 087 63888795.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 15th September

Fund €5,413.00
Online €254.50

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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 book of Wisdom Ws 2:12.17-20

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *The Lord upholds my life.*

O God, save me by your name;
By your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
Listen to the words of my mouth. **R**

For proud men have risen against me,
Ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **R**

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
And praise your name for it is good. **R**

A reading from the letter of St. James. Jm 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
Anyone who follows me
Will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Mk 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will

be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.