



ENNIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Luke 4:1-13

9th March 2025

As our journey of Lent begins, we are reminded, as always, of Jesus' own journey of forty days in the desert where he was 'led by the Spirit' ... in the middle of his time of fasting, while hungry and alone, we are reminded that the temptations were close at hand to disrupt what Jesus set out to achieve in this time of preparation and reflection into how he must fulfil the purpose of his life and mission.

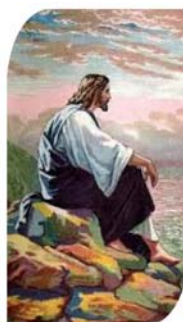
While Jesus falls back on the words of scripture by way of answer to his tempter who teases him about his powers to turn stones to bread to satisfy his hunger, and indeed suggestive words that all the kingdoms of the world could be his if he were to SIMPLY 'worship him' the tempter.

Jesus in his resilience retorts with conviction, the words from scripture, "Man does not live on bread alone" and "You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone".

For us it's the next interaction between Jesus and his tempter that may qualify as our take home moment as we take on this Lenten season and reflect on 'My life and Mission' ... The tempter tries to provoke Jesus into a moment of abandonment assuring him that if he was to throw himself from the parapet of the temple and so PROVE himself as the Son of God "He will put his angels in charge of you to guard youthey will hold you up on their hands in case you strike your foot against a stone" While Jesus by way of response,

"You must not put the Lord your God to the test". At this the tempter gives up, at least for now.

Our possible 'take home' as we set out on our journey this Lenten season in this JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE .. Like Jesus, his resilience seemed reinforced by him not being alone but rather accompanied by the angels to guard him and hold him up. ... our resilience when confronted to give up might be reinforced with an- gels sent by God whose companionship in our most tested moments speak to us in person or in memory stoking our resilience to never give up, trusting in our own dignity and purpose, with an eye always fixed on an horizon where the rising light of any given day is the light of HOPE!



May you always have an Angel by your side.

watching out for you in all the things you do,
reminding you to keep believing in brighter days
finding ways for your wishes and dreams
to take you to beautiful places, giving you hope
that is certain as the sun, giving you the
strength of serenity as your guide,
may you always have love and comfort and courage,
and may you always have an Angel by your side....
.....Someone there to catch you if you fall,
encouraging your dreams, inspiring your happiness,
holding your hand and helping you through it all.
In all our days, our lives are always changing,
tears come along as well as smiles,
along the roads you travel,
may the miles be a thousand times more lovely than lonely,
may they give you the kind of gifts that never ever end:
someone wonderful to love and a dear friend
in whom you can confide,
may you have rainbows after every storm,
may have hopes to keep you warm.....
....And may you always have an Angel by your side



Mass Times

Cathedral-www.ennisparish.com/webcam

Radio link:106.4fm

Monday to Friday 7.40am, 11am & 7.30pm

Saturday 11 am & Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday 8am, 9.30am & 11.30am

St. Joseph's- www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/stjosephs-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

www.ennisparish.com

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;

Email: info@ennisparish.com

St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797 489;

Friary:- 6828751

Ennis Parish Web Site: <http://www.ennisparish.com>

Facebook : <http://www.facebook.com/ennis.parish>



Priest on Duty 9th March 2025
Contact: Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Christina & Michael Lynch, Clare Rd
 Audrey Woods Keogh, Newmarket-on-Fergus. **1st Anniv.**
 John O'Sullivan, Fountain.

Thomas & Tommy Cronin, Kilrush Rd. & Cork.
 Frank McMahon, Drumcaranmore.
 Brassil Family, Ennis & Kilrush.
 Annette O'Brien, Ard Aoibhin, Limerick Rd.
 Joan Moloney, Considine Rd.
 John & Margaret Coffe, Mayo.

Sun 9th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: No intention booked.

11.30am: Noel O'Grady, Oak Park. **1st Anniv.**

Margaret Hayes, Clonroad.
 Martin & Brid Moloney, Clare Rd.
 Kitty Tierney, Cahercalla.
 Joan & Deceased Petty Family, Ennis.

5pm: Mass for the Brazilian Community.

Mon: 7.40am: Bridget O'Brien, Bunratty.

11am: Susan Meaney, Victoria Court.

Jack & Lil Davoren, Kilmaley.
 Denis & Mary Frances Torpey, Patrick St.,
 Clarecastle.
 Winifred Coote, Marian Ave.

7.30pm: PJ, Nora & Mary Cleary, Kildysart.

Jane & Felix O'Dwyer, Carrigaholt.
 Lillian & James Rooney, Leitrim & New York.
 Tony Coffey, Clancy Pk.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Sr. Fabian Boland, St. Xavier's Convent. **MM.**

Tony & Rita Kenny, Hermitage.
 Nell Foster Smith, Corrovarrin Crescent.

6.30pm: Service of Light—Holy Family School.

7.30pm: Patrick Donohoe, Ennis.

Teresa Joran, Mayo & Australia.

Wed 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: Ann Moroney, Cornmarket.

Rita & Tony Kenny, Hermitage.

7.30pm: Matt, Mary & Harry Hogan, Tobertaoscairn.

Peggy O'Keefe, Ennis.
 Sr. Mgt Mary Clare, Lisdoonvarna.
 Oonagh Hogan, Barefield.

Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Peggy Fleming, Tipperary..

7.30pm: Special intention.

Brigette Coghlan, Milwaukee, Winsconsin.

Sr. Magdelene Jordan, Rome.
 Frances Shannon, Connolly Villas.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Confirmation—Holy Family School.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Sat: 11am: William O'Dohoghue, St Munchin's St.,

St. Mary's Pk., Limerick. **MM**
 Johnny Donnellan, St. Joseph's, Hermitage. **MM**
 Dan & Marian McNamara College Green.
 Michael O'Neill, Carmody St.

6.30pm: Patsy McHugh, Clonroad. **MM**

John & Ellen Kearse, St. Michael's Villas.

Richard Crotty, Willow Park.
 Frances Cosgrove, Ard na Greinne.

Albert Hanberry, Roslevan.
 Patrick O'Donoghue, Ennis & Limerick.

James Vaughan, Lower Market St.
 John Daly, Lifford House.

Sun 16th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Hal & Eva Fraiser, Considine Tce.

11.30am: Des & Peggy Carroll, Corrovarrin Dr.

Peter Fox, High Street & Clareabbey.
 Tom Sheehan, Brookville & Beara, Co. Cork.

John Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.
 Marcel & Mary Cornu, O'Connell Sq & Park Row.

1pm: Ukraine Mass.

6.30pm: Polish Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration

Please not there will be no Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral on Tuesday March 11th.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €300, €100 and €50x2. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Labhair Gaelige Linn

During the month of March we are embracing the Irish Language in our liturgies.

**Poor Clares Galway,
 Monastic Experience**

Day for women 18-35.

An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality.

The event will take place from **10am to 5pm on Saturday the 15th of March.**

To register contact:
vocations@poorclares.ie

For more information
poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days

Clare Roots Society



March meeting is to be held at 7:30pm on Thursday March 20th at the Clare Education Centre, Government Buildings, Kilrush Road, Ennis, V95 F782.

'Clare Local Studies and Archives: New Collections with Potential for Genealogical Research' by Michael Talty

Ennis Parish
 Development Fund
 for Sunday
 2nd March 2024
Fund €6,654.50
Online €609.50

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Jim & Deceased O'Driscoll Family,
 Ennis & Castleconnell.

Sun 9th 10am: No intention booked.

11.45am: No intention booked.

Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

John Burke, Carlow.

Wed 10.30am: James & Maureen O'Keefe, Lifford Rd.

Thu 10.30am: Special Intention.

Fri 10.30am: Josephine Craig, Meadow Court.

Sat: 10.30am: Michael O'Gorman, St. Senan's Rd.

7pm: No intention booked.

Sun 16th 10am: Mary & Malty McDonagh, Miltown Malbay.

11.45am: Pat Quinn & Nora Armstrong, Sligo &
 Eastleigh.

Fergus Curran, Ballinasloe.

Joe & Mary Moroney, Corrovarrin.

Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9th 11am: Brid & Deceased Flanagan Family,

Loughville & Ballygriffey.

Special intention.

Mon: 9.30am: P.J. Killeen, Miltown Mabay.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Special Intention.

Thu 3pm: Confirmation Scoil Christ Rí.

Sun 16th 11am: Special Intention.

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Thursday next at 3pm in the Oratory of Christ the King Cloughleigh, Bishop Fintan will confirm students from Scoil Christ Rí.

On Friday at 11am in the Cathedral Bishop Fintan will confirm students from Holy Family School.

Please pray for these boys and girls and their families and schools as they prepare to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Newly Baptised

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

Lilly Teresa Dempsey;

Shane John Clohessy;

Páidí Ryan



REST IN PEACE

Mikey Gormley, St. Flannan's Tce.;

Tony O'Connell, Abbey St. & Cork;

Eileen O'Brien, St. Senan's Rd.;

John Curran, St. Flannan's Drive.



Those we love don't go away;
 They walk beside us everyday
 Unseen, unheard but always near
 Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Walking in Faith

During Lent we reflect each week on individuals who walk in faith and can inspire us on our own faith journey.

This week: Carlo Acutis:

Carlo Acutis
3rd May 1991– 12th October 2006



Carlo Acutis was born in London on 3rd May, 1991. Because of work commitments the family moved to Italy and settled in Milan. In school Carlo showed great interest in information technology, computers and the internet.

For Carlo his highest goal was God "Happiness is looking towards God". He was a role model for young people and all of us on how to use technology without being manipulated or controlled by it.

Carlo had a great love for the Eucharist. He described the Eucharist as "His motorway to Heaven." He loved Eucharistic Adoration, just to be present in the company of Jesus alone and silent.

He died at the age of 15 after he was diagnosed with Acute Leukaemia. His parents prayed for a miracle of his survival but they came to realise that while God doesn't always save us from death he saves us in death. He died on 12th October 2006. Since his death countless witnesses have come forward and testified to his intercession and to the amount of good that continues to pour from this young man's life.

He is a wonderful example of how living a life of joyful faith takes nothing away from our desire to be happy and free.

This Easter Carlo Acutis will become a Saint, the first Millennial Saint. May his witness inspire young people to walk the same path of holiness and greatness as he did during the 15 years he spent on this earth.

Lenten Video series for Jubilee of Hope 2025

During the season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter Octave Bishop Fintan will share short daily messages (between 30 seconds and a minute) centred around the theme of **Hope** each day. This will be available on the main social media platforms, Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, Linked-in, Bluesky, Tiktok, YouTube. The handle for most platforms is @BishopFintan. Some of the messages are from Bishop Fintan and many of them will also be from various people around the diocese, clergy, laity, women and men, young and old. Welcome to view and share and happy Jubilee of Hope!

Clare SVP

Clare SVP are seeking volunteers from the local community to help us continue our work helping people in need. If you are interested and have a few hours to spare each week please contact 085 8720455. For more information, see www.svp.ie/ways-to-help/volunteer/

TRÓCAIRE
Working for a Just World

Trócaire

This year's Trócaire Lenten Campaign was launched on Ash Wednesday. Trócaire boxes are now available for collection in all our churches.

This year's focus is on GUATEMALA. Guatemalans are scattered across refugee camps in Mexico and Honduras fleeing violence from their own country.

Trócaire is working on the ground in Guatemala in three programme areas; Human Rights and access to justice, women's rights and disaster risk reductions.

Guatemala, despite being one of the countries least responsible for climate change, has been severely affected by the impact of climate change. This is an injustice.

Our generosity to Trócaire this Lent will make a difference.

Our Lenten Journey



Morning Prayer

Monday to Friday 7.30am Cathedral.

Daily Mass:

Seven daily masses to choose from in the parish.

7.40am	Cathedral
7.45am	Poor Clares
9.30am	Cloughleigh
10am	Friary
10.30am	St. Joseph's
11am	Cathedral
7.30pm	Cathedral.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday to Friday 5pm – 7pm

Stations of the Cross:

Friday 8pm
Cathedral.

Catechesis for Adults & Youth

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8pm at Chapter Room, Cathedral.

Family in Need

Double buggy required for a family in need. Please contact: 087 2812875

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, March 12th, at 7:00 PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. The speaker this week is Emma Murray, a leader in the youth section of the Killaloe Lourdes Pilgrimage. We also welcome students from St Mochulla's National School.

Attending this Novena could be a meaningful Lenten commitment.

Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Inniu an Chéad Domhnach den Charghas. Sa tráth seo bliana, bímid ag smaoinéamh ar bhás agus ar aiséirí Chríost. Bíonn páirt againn ina bhás agus ina aiséirí nuair a dhéanaimid dearmad orainn féin chun toil Dé a dhéanamh agus chun cabhrú lenár gcomharsana. "Tá a fhios againn go bhfuil an bás scoite againn agus an bheatha sroichte againn, ó ghrá a bheith againn do na bráithre. An té nach mbíonn grá aige fanann sé sa bhás" (1 Eoin 3:14) Go raibh sé de mhisneach againn aithris a dhéanamh ar Íosa trí íobairtí agus cleachtaí spioradálta.

An áit a bhfuil carthanacht agus grá, tá Dia ann. Tugaimis grá dá chéile ó chroí dílis. Áiméan.

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. During this season we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus. We take part in his death and resurrection when we put service to others before our own needs and do God's will. "We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death" (1 John 3:14) May we have the courage to imitate Jesus through sacrifice and spiritual exercises.

Where there is charity and love God is also there. Let us love one another sincerely. Amen



Pop up Shop fundraiser for Joe Slattery

Rock the Frock - please donate dresses, jackets, coats & accessories in good as new condition.

Drop in dates Tuesday 11th March 7-8pm, Corofin GAA Clubhouse.

Old Ground Hotel Thurs 20th March 2025, 5.30-9pm entrance fee €5

5K Fun Walk/Run for Uganda on Friday 4th April at 7.30pm. Register at Clare Crusaders Clinic, Barefield. Help to build a 100 bed dormitory. Your support in greatly appreciated.

Ennis Players presents "The Cemetery Club", a wonderfully witty and heart-warming full length production, in Glór from **March 16th-19th**. Tickets are available from glór box office, or glor.ie Please support.

Cois ns hAbhna. Enjoy an evening of traditional music, singing & dancing with Cloughleigh CCE 7.30pm on March 11th. Cupán tae.

Grow Mental Health- Friendly Community based groups for anyone experiencing mental health issue through connection, hope, identity by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth through education, peer support and self-teaching. Ennis Meeting- Maria Assumpta Hall. Monday 7.30pm/ Tuesday 2pm. Contact Celia 086-1526966/ www.grow.ie

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

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.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy Deut 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:'

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders.

He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me."

You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' *R*

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. *R*

They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon.

R

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.

When he calls I shall answer:

'I am with you'.

I will save him in distress
and give him glory. *R*

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans Rom 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ,

king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone,

*But on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.*

Praise to you, O Christ,

king of eternal glory!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him. 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,
and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

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

**One does not live by bread alone,
But by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.**