



ENNIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Divine Mercy Sunday

27th April 2025

Gospel John - 20:19-31

The difficulty for want of a better word - about Easter is that for many it's associated with holidays and as these now come to an end, the cycle of work and life continues as normal, schools re-open and we move into the season of exams, Holy Communion, Weddings and whatever. But in church we will continue to celebrate the season of Easter, the Rising of Jesus and his appearances to those with whom he was intimately connected right up until the day of Pentecost in five weeks or thereabouts. This will continue while for so many the thoughts of celebrating Easter are being left behind, if not already gone.

Which is why reflecting on today's Gospel is so important - it is as dramatic and impacting as the Resurrection itself.

There are three clear elements in this Gospel of John.

- 1] Peace
- 2] Being Sent out on Mission and
- 3] Belief

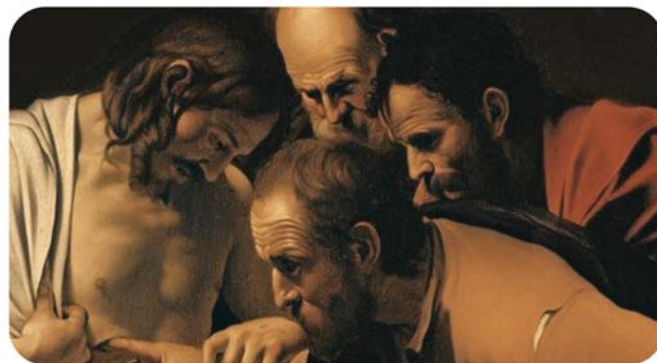
And look how all of them are brought together.



Jesus breathes on them it recalls how God in the creation story of Genesis breathed life to make the first human. So now Jesus breathes new life into his people. His followers. It is post-Resurrection, post-Easter and they should be rejoicing.

Why are they afraid? Why do they have closed doors? All that Jesus had said would happen is happening, so they should be brave even before this.

Today, the Gospel speaks to you. Jesus breathes life into you, giving you peace - that's his peace we offer one another, not our own. That is what we must remember when offering the sign of peace at Mass. It's not your peace being offered; it is the great gift of Jesus himself and who are we to withhold it?



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

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>

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Priest on Duty 27th April, 2025

Contact: Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick - Tel. 0656869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Mary & Deceased Finlay Family, Ennis.
Gertie Byrnes (nee Corbett), Newcastle,
Athenry & Dublin.

Chriss Meaney, Limerick Rd.

Sun 27th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Brian Corey, Kilrush Rd. MM.

Lizzie Neylon, Parnell St.

John Feeney, St. Michael's Villas & Stockport.

Teresa & William Clohessy, Drumcliffe.

Bernard Mahony, Moveen, Kilkee.

11.30am: Eddie Daly, Hermitage.

Tony Lillis, Edenvale.

Dolly & Patrick Lillis, O'Connell St.

Monsignor Ignatius Murphy, Kilkee.

Eleanor Murphy, Inch.

Michael & Kathleen McNamara, Glensheen.

Paddy Quinlivan, Kilmihil.

Mon: 7.40am: Holy Souls.

Fergus, Gus & Mary Clair, Ennistymon & decd family.

11am: Patsy Burne, Tottenham, England.

Joseph Moloney, Laureen.

7.30pm: Frank O'Brien, Clonmoney.

Sarah Williams Rynne, Maureen & Linda Rynne,

Cusack Rd.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Martin Higgins, Drumbiggle Road.

7.30pm: Maura Brooks, College Park.

Wed 7.40am: John & Mary O'Rourke, Caherlohan.

11am: Mary Halloran, Galway & London.

Francis Anthony McDonnell, Philippines & Ennis.

7.30pm: Frank & Mary Kearse, Connolly Villas.

John & Rachel O'Loughlin & decd family, Turnpike Rd.

Bridie & Michael O'Donoghue, Clare Rd.

Larry & Anna Clohessy, Hermitage.

Thurs 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: James Hennessy, Listowel.

7.30pm: Jimmy Kelly, Kilrush Rd.

Marisa Enright, Iniscarraig & O'Connell St.

Nancy Ward, Turnpike.

Fri 7.40am: Joe McNerney, Doora & Heuston, Texas.

11am: Patrick & Mary Keane, McNamara Park.

7.30pm: Sr. Attracta Duggan, Convent of Mercy, Bothar na Trócaire. MM

Sat: 11am: Maura Browne, Gallows Hill. MM

Quinlivan family, Lower Market St.

6.30pm: David Slattery, John Paul Ave.

Sun 4th 8am: Costelloe & O'Donoghue families, Ennis & Cork.

9.30am: George Metcalfe, New Rd.

11.30am: Owen Linnane, Parnell St.

James Naughton, Dalcassian Drive.

Ruth Hanley, Willsgrove.

Ann Mangan, Turnpike Rd.

John Fitzpatrick, Linnane Tce. & Tullassa.

Niall Mahony, Clancy Park.

6.30pm: Mass for Polish Community.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 27th: Michael Hoare, Morrissey Ave.
Flan Cassidy & Fr. Frankie Cassidy & Decd Cassidy Family, Cusack Rd.

Special Intention;

Peter Mc Mahon.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: John Lynch & Decd family, Mullagh.

Fri 9.30am: Holy Souls.

Sun 4th 11am: Special Intention.

Eugene White, Mungret & Considine Rd.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge a donation of €5,000. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday we celebrate Divine Mercy. Devotions will begin in the Cathedral at 2pm with Mass at 3.30pm. Confessions will also be available.

Farewell to Fr. Roch OFM

This weekend we bid farewell to Fr. Roch OFM who moves from the Friary in Ennis to the Galway Fraternity at the Abbey in Galway.

We thank Roch for his ministry with us and for sharing his Polish experience with us.

We will always remember him as the Friar with the beard.

Every blessing in his ministry with the people of Galway.

First Friday of May



This Friday 2nd May sick and housebound parishioners will receive Sacraments at home. If you know of any housebound parishioner who would like to receive the Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office.

Priests' Collection

Thank you to all who contributed to the Priests' Easter Collection last weekend. If you were away or forgot, your contribution would still be very much appreciated.

Lourdes Invalid Collection

The second collection at all masses next weekend is the annual appeal to support sick and disabled travel to Lourdes with our Diocesan Pilgrimage in June. Your generosity to this Appeal will make dreams come true for others.

Newly Baptised

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

Italio Oliveira Santos;

Tobiasz Ball;



St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Barry Coughlan, Corrovorrin Grove.

Nora Ryan, Old Gort Rd.

Mary Carroll, Kilrush Rd.

Sun 27th 10am: Denis & Bridie Greer, Shannon Pk.

Jimmy & Celia Casey, Old Gort Rd.

11.45am: Patrick Power, Castletawn, Tulla Rd.

Joe, Kitty & Sheila Glynn, Lifford Rd.

Nancy Tubridy, Doonbeg.

Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: Mickey & Mary O'Gorman, Marian Ave.

Fri 10.30am: No intention booked

Sat: No 10.30am Mass.

11am: CBS First Holy Communion.

7pm: Frank Gibbons, Kincora Park.

Eileen Leydon, London.

Sun 4th 10am: Mary & Ann, Doorty, Tulla Rd.

11:45am: Mary Rose McMahon, Shannon Park. MM

Tommy Guilfoyle, St. Clare's Close.



A gentle reminder to please return your Trócaire box or offerings as soon as possible. Thank you for thinking of the poor during Lent and for those who have done so already.

Canonisation of Carlo Acutis



The Canonisation of this young person which was due to take place this Sunday in Rome has been postponed due to the death of Pope Francis.

First Holy Communion

Boys and girls from Ennis CBS will receive their First Holy Communion at 11am in St. Joseph's Church on Saturday next 3rd May at 11am.

Please note that there will be no 10.30am Mass next Saturday.

Please keep their children, their families and teachers in your prayers.

ACCORD NEEDS YOU!



ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The marriage preparation programmes are fun and interactive and very popular with couples. Successful applicants will receive free professional training during seven in person workshops at venues around the country and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes in your local area. The closing date for receipt of application forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 30th May 2025.

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie; www.accord.ie

May the Month of Mary



The month begins this Thursday with many communities praying the Rosary at our local grottos and singing one of May's favourite hymns 'Bring Flowers of the Rarest'.

Banner Cycling Club - Annual Fundraiser

Banner Cycling Club is kindly doing their annual cycling challenge this year in aid of the development of services at Bushypark Addiction Treatment Service (Clarecare Service).

This year they are cycling from Ennis to Croke Park (250 kilometres over 2 days on 3rd and 4th May 2025)

Bushypark are delighted to be nominated as their main beneficiary and ask you to support this mammoth fundraising endeavour.

Please donate what you can by using the online link for donations

[https://www.idonate.ie/event/](https://www.idonate.ie/event/BannerCycleChallenge2025TriptoCroker)

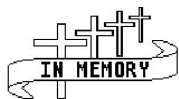
[BannerCycleChallenge2025TriptoCroker](https://www.idonate.ie/event/BannerCycleChallenge2025TriptoCroker)

Blessing of new Life

A date for your diary.

The Abbey Pastoral Area in association with Quin Pastoral Council invite all expectant parents to a blessing for the gifts of new life on Tuesday 13th May in St. Mary's Church Quin at 8.30pm.

Rest in Peace



Pope Francis.

Hilda Tuohy nee Courtney,
Drumcarronmore, Loughville;

Carol Barron nee Lillis, Derrymore,
Tulla Rd.;

Dylan White, Clonroadbeg;

Cyril O'Dowd, Clonroad & formerly
Lanesboro, Longford;

Carolyn Crowe, Cahercalla Heights &
Gort, Co. Galway;

Sr. Mary O'Connell, St. Xavier's,
Convent of Mercy, Bóthar na Trócaire.

Mairéad McCaul, Castlewood Park.

Gerry Keane, O'Callaghan's Mills &
Clare Rd.

Donal Brohan, Ruan, father of Carmel
Brohan, Cloughleigh, brother of Anne
Lough, Mary Cropera & Tony, Kilrush Rd.

Joy Shanahan, Lahinch & Cork, wife of
Martin Shanahan, formerly St. Michael's
Villas.

Pope Francis



17th December, 1936
to 21st April, 2025

The news of Pope Francis' death on Easter Monday Morning has left the Catholic Church and our world in deep sadness and grief.

Pope Francis will be remembered for his humility, compassion and unwavering commitment to the poor. He brought a fresh pastoral approach to the papacy. His emphasis on God's Mercy, Social Justice and care for Creation reached out to so many outside the Catholic Faith.

From washing the feet of prisoners, to his bold encyclical 'Laudato Si', he challenged the Church and the world to embrace a more inclusive and compassionate approach to life and living.

In a very divided world, he reached out to people of other faiths and no faith, advocating for refugees and urging reconciliation where division and conflict exist.

Pope Francis lived simplicity and by example he challenged all of us to do so.

At the time of his death he was working on encouraging Synodality in the church, where every voice is valued and respected and the Holy Spirit allowed to influence decision making.

As we mourn his death this weekend, we give thanks for his witness to the Gospel.

We pray for the repose of his soul and for our church as it prepares to elect a new shepherd.

Rest gently Pope Francis.

St. Joseph's Well
Rosary for the Month of May

Rosary & Prayer at St.
Joseph's Well,
Gort Road daily at 6pm for the
month of May. All welcome.



Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Machnamh

Leagann an Eaglais an-bhéim, go bhfuil Críost i láthair ina bhriathar, mar is é Críost a labhraíonn gach uair a léitear an scríoptúr sa liotúirge. Tugann an Bíobla, an sean agus an nua, an bhrí ba chiall leis an gcéad uair agus faoi mar is féidir é a chur in oiriúint do thosca an lae inniu, nó fiú do cheisteanna fós le teacht. Ní teagmháil aigne, intleachtach lom amháin atá anseo, mar tá Críost i láthair lena Spiorad agus lena ghrásta.

Agus, ar ndóigh, tá sé i láthair i modh faoi leith san Eocairist, i mbriseadh an aráin, gníomh a thugann chun cuimhne dúinn na bríonna iomadúla a bhí le briseadh an aráin d' Íosa féin lena bheatha agus tar éis aiséirí dó.

The Church places great emphasis on the presence of Christ in his word, as it is Christ who speaks every time scripture is read in the liturgy. The Bible readings bring together the old and the new, its meaning for the first time and how this can be adapted to today's circumstances, or even for questions still to come. This is not just a bare intellectual touch of mind, because Christ is present with his Spirit and with his grace.

And, of course, He is present in a particular way in the Eucharist, in the breaking of the bread. This act reminds us of the many meanings of breaking the bread for Jesus Himself with His life and after His resurrection.

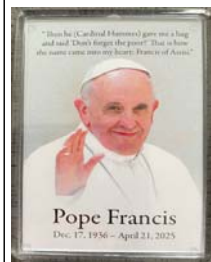
Trad Session on Sunday next @ 6pm in Cois na hAbhna. All musicians, singers, dancers & listeners welcome. Cupán tae.

Clarecare over 65's club at Ennis Day Care Centre. Now taking new members on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Offering a variety of activities including bingo, exercise, music and singing.

A hot home cooked meal, fun, laughter, friendship and much more. Call 086-4183535/065-6828901 9AM-3:30pm for further details to discuss bus runs

Fridge Magnets of Pope Francis



To honour and to pray for the soul of Pope Francis we have produced a Fridge Magnet, telling the story of his election and choice of name Francis, where he was reminded 'not to forget the poor'.

These magnets show Pope Francis imparting his blessing on all of us. Available in the parish office €3 each or 2 for €5 and we will share the proceeds with the poor - Trócaire and locally St. Vincent de Paul.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, 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 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon.

No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past.

People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

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.'

R

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

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

O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light.

R

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Apo 1:9-13.17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure.

I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp - stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like the Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One.

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld.

Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

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.