



ENNIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR C

John 10:27-30

11th May 2025

Good Shepherd Sunday - Day of Prayer for Vocations

All the readings, in one way or another, point to being disciples of Jesus. Paul and Barnabas are teaching in Greece. They find opposition from the leaders of the Jews. Paul's response is, that they were sent to preach to the Gentiles because the Jews, who were the first to hear God's Word, refused to accept and believe.

To Hear the Voice of the Good Shepherd



*"I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own
know me."*

Once again they are thrown out of the town.

Paul and Barnabas shake the dust from their feet. They do not give up or allow the ill temper of these people, to keep them from doing God's Work. They move on to the next town.

The Book of Revelations gives us a picture of how believers will be rewarded for their faith. To all who hear and follow the call of the Good Shepherd, the promise of life to the full is given here in this life and eternal life in the company of the Blessed.

The Father has given the disciples to Jesus and no one can take them away. He and the Father are one.

What a great calling each of us has!

At the same time, we have the gift of free will to respond "yes" or "no." It is indeed a great gift.

Listen to these scripture readings with open hearts. Allow your heart to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

How will you respond to Jesus' invitation to come and follow Him?

Do so now.

**Pray
for
Vocations**

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

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Cloughleigh:- 6797 489;

Friary:- 6828751

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Priest on Duty 11th May, 2025
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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Noel O'Loughlin, Ahern's Tce. **MM.**
Martin Cotter **1st Anniv.** & Deceased Cotter Family,
New York & Loughville.
John Browne, 'St. Anthony's', Circular Rd.
Christina Murphy Whelan, College Park.
Anthony Daly, Golf Links Road.
Val Bredin, Barrack St.

Sun 11th 8am: John Meaney, Surrey.

9.30am: Liam Daly, Hermitage.

11.30am: Martina Foley, Shanaway Rd. **1st Anniv.**

Mary Molloy, Turnpike Road. **1st Anniv.**

John & Rebecca Hogan, Shanaway Rd.

Dónal MacMathúna, Ballybeg.

Josie, Kitty, & Joe Hayes, Shanaway West,
Miltown Malbay.

Margaret Staunton, Gallows Hill.

Lucy McCarthy, Tulla Rd.

Ann McMahon, Morrissey Ave.

Frank O'Dwyer, Clonroadbeg.

Anne Lacey, College Green.

Mon: 7.40am: Special Intention.

Michael Weldon, Hurlers' Cross.

11am: No intention booked

7.30pm: Alfred & Patricia O'Neill, St. Michael's Villas.
Special Intention.

Tues 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Christy & Nora Daly, College View,
Clonroadmore.

7.30pm: McAllister Family, Hermitage.

Breda, Patrick, Tomás, John & Baby Caoimhe
Whelan, Dalcassian Park.

Wed 7.40am: Special intention.

11am: Dan O'Connor, Clonroad.

Liam Daly, Hermitage.

12 noon: Confirmation—St. Clare's School.

7.30pm: Gerry Moroney, Loughville, Lahinch Rd.
May Stewart, College Rd., Galway.

Thurs 7.40am: Murphy & Keating Families, Cross &
Newmarket-on-Fergus.

11am: No intention booked.

6pm: St. Flannan's College Graduation Mass.

7.30pm: Anthony O'Loughlin, St. Michael's Villas.
PJ & Jack Dinan, Hermitage.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: No intention booked

7.30pm: Martin Frawley, Westfields, Clare Rd.

Johnny & Kathleen O'Loughlin, Old Gort Rd.

Marion Guinnane, Park Avenue.

Sat:11am: First Holy Communion — Ennis NS

6.30pm: Hilda Tuohy, Drumcarranmore, Loughville. **MM**

Carol Barron Lillis, Derrymore, Tulla Rd. **MM.**

Michael O'Brien, Summerhill.

Marie Gardiner, Considine Tce.

Frank Hassett, Ard na Gréine.

Sun 18th 8am: No intention booked

9.30am: Dylan White, Clonroadbeg. **MM.**

Frances Roughan, Ballynealon, Fountain.

11.30am: Mary Quinn, Carlow & Watford.

Michael & Una O'Meara, Limerick Rd.

Ann & John Keane & Clare Burke,

Hermitage & Mill Rd.

John & Bridget Hanley, Hermitage.

Ann, Paddy & Kitty Smyth, Carmody St.

Noel, Patrick & Mary Ryan, Clarecastle &

Dalcassian Park.

6.30pm: Mass for the Polish Community.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €500 & €200.

A Planning Application has been submitted to Clare County Council to change our heating system in the Cathedral from oil to natural gas. If permission is granted, it is hoped that the work will proceed during the summer.

Your generosity to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal makes this work possible. Thank you.

May the Month of Safeguarding.



Pope Francis reminded us that, 'in the Confiteor, we ask forgiveness not only for the wrong we have done, but also for the good we have failed to do.'

In the past the Catholic Church in Ireland failed in its duty to protect children and young people. Church policies have focused on establishing consistent standards to prevent abuse and assist the Church on its journey to learn from the mistakes of the past and ensure that children's safety is a core part of its mission.



Heavenly Father,
We thank You for the guidance
of the Holy Spirit
in choosing Pope Leo as the new
shepherd of Your Church.
Grant him wisdom like Solomon,
courage like Peter,
and compassion like Christ.
Strengthen him with Your grace
as he leads the faithful
in truth and love.
May his words and actions
reflect Your will,
bringing unity, peace, and renewal
to the Church and the world.
Protect him from all harm,
and bless him with health of body,
clarity of mind, and purity of heart.
Through the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary,
Saint Peter, and all the saints,
may Pope Leo be a faithful servant,
a beacon of hope,
and a true father to all. Amen.

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Eileen Murphy & Decd Family, St. Anne's
Tce.

Tom Stack, Lifford Rd.

Sun 11th 10am: Chrissie Clune, Ballymacahill.

Mary Strand, Shannon Park **1st Anniv.**

Tom Roche, Kincora Park.

11.45am: Griffin Family, Loughburke, Kilmaley.

PJ & Eileen O'Loughlin, Kevin Barry Avenue.

John Doohan, Kincora Park.

Mon 10.30am: John, Rita & Johnny Mulkerrins,
Marian Ave.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

12 noon: Confirmation—St. Clare's School.

Thu 10.30am: Walsh Family, Killimer.

Fri 10.30am: No 10.30am Mass today.

11am: First Holy Communion—St. Anne's School.

Sat: 10.30am: Andy McTiernan, Sligo.

Maura Burke, Carlow.

7pm: Jimmy & Dilly O'Halloran, Avondale,
St. Senan's Rd.

Sun 18th 10am: Brendan Mounsey, Marian Ave.

Kathleen Burke, Knockanoura, Tulla Rd.

11.45am: Martin Griffin, Kincora Park.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11th 11am: Bernadette Moloney, Cloughleigh.

Noel Fawl, Gordon Drive

Brigid Egan, Corofin.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 18th May 11am: Paddy, Kitty, Agnes & Martin
Kennedy, Kilcurrish, Fountain.

Vocations Sunday



This Sunday is a special day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life, Diaconate and Lay Ministry.

We have two seminarians studying in Maynooth, Brian and Mark. Please pray for them as they continue to discern their call to priesthood. Please God they will be the future priests of our diocese.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord, the ministry of priests confirms
your unfailing care for your people.

Call from among us the priests and religious
needed for your Church of today and tomorrow.
Bless all those who are discerning a vocation to
priestly or religious life
and bless all those who minister
in your church in any way. Amen.

REST IN PEACE

Remember In your prayers

Frances McNamara (née O' Donoghue),
Greendale, Clonroad,

David Murphy, Ashfield Park;

Mary McPoland, Antrim,

mother of Bernie Kelly, Beechpark.

Mary Corey, Loughville.



The Rosary will be prayed each evening during the month of May at the following grottos in the parish.



Rosary in honour of Our Lady

- Dalcassian Park daily 6pm
- Hermitage Grotto daily 6.30pm
- Marian Avenue Grotto daily 7pm
- Corrovorrin Crescent daily 7pm
- Gallows Hill daily 7pm
- St. Michael's Villas daily 7.30pm
- Loughville Grotto daily 8pm
- Fountain Grotto daily 8.30pm
- Buttermarket Grotto daily 7pm
- Ballybeg Grotto daily
- St. Joseph's Well daily 6pm

Blessing for the Gift of New Life

The Abbey Pastoral Area in association with Quin Pastoral Council have organised a Blessing for the Gift of New Life for all expectant parents in St. Mary's Church, Quin on Tuesday 13th May at 8.30pm.



Please let any expectant mother know of this ceremony with a céad míle fáilte for everyone.



First Holy Communion

We pray for the children, parents and teachers from St. Anne's School who will receive First Holy Communion on Friday and the children from Ennis National School on Saturday. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Confirmation

Bishop Fintan will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the children from St. Clare's School at a ceremony in St. Joseph's Church on Wednesday.

Pilgrimages

In this year of Jubilee, the Diocese is organising the following pilgrimages:

Lourdes:

25th June (fully booked)
24th September (Franciscan Pilgrimage)
29th September (Autumn Pilgrimage)

Knock Shrine: Sunday 6th July
Rome Youth Pilgrimage 28th July - 4th August
Lough Derg: Tues 5th to Thursday 7th August.

Charity Bingo event in aid of the Rays of Hope Hospice Uganda in Jinga, Uganda being held in Woodstock Hotel Ennis on Sunday May 11th at 7pm. Doors open at 6pm. €1,200 prize money pro rata. Raffle on the night. Your support would be greatly appreciated.



Thank you for your generosity of €3,627 to assist sick pilgrims travel to Lourdes; For your generosity to the Holy Land Appeal on Good Friday of €3,594 The Franciscan Friars are the custodians of the Holy Places for the Christians of the World and all help and support at this time are very much appreciated.

Graduation Masses

Leaving Cert Students preparing for exams will gather for their Graduation Masses as follows:-
Thursday 15th May at 6pm in the Cathedral
St. Flannan's College;
Wednesday 21st May at 7pm in St. Joseph's
Rice College;
Thursday 22nd May 6pm in the Cathedral
Coláiste Muire.
Please keep the students in your prayers at this time of year.

No Adoration

Please note that to facilitate graduation on Thursday, there will be no Adoration in the Cathedral.

100 Years Young



Our latest parishioner to celebrate her 100th Birthday on Thursday last was Joan McMahon, Tobertaoscáin. We congratulate Joan and wish her every blessing for many more years to come.

Fridge Magnets of Pope Francis

To honour the memory of the late Pope Francis and through the generosity of Anthony Moore, who made available a Fridge Magnet of Pope Francis. €3,659 was collected and will be shared between Trócaire and locally St. Vincent de Paul. The message of Pope Francis 'Don't forget the Poor'.

On the weekend of the 6th & 7th June, **Milford Sunflower Days** are taking place. If anyone would like to volunteer a couple of hours of their time to sell sunflowers on those days, we would really appreciate the support. Any questions or queries, or if people would like to help on Sunflower Days, please contact the Fundraising Department on 061 485860.

Newly Baptised

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

Alan Diarmuid O'Connell;
Tadhg Seán O'Brien
Séadna Bernard Burns
John McDonagh
Simon McDonagh



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne



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 léacht an Bhíobla an sean agus an nua an bhrí ba chiall leis céadair agus faoi mar is féidir sin 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, 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 its meaning and how this can be adapted to today's circumstances, or even your questions. This is not just a touch of mind, because Christ is present with his Spirit and with his grace. And, of course, He present in a particular way in the Eucharist, in the breaking of the bread, an act that reminds us of the many meanings of break the bread for Jesus himself, with His life and after His resurrection.

Mass at St. Michael's Holy Well

To celebrate the feast of St. Breacan, Mass will be concelebrated at St. Michael's Holy Well, Kilbreckan, Doora. We will follow in the footsteps of St. Breacan and in conjunction with the year of 'Pilgrims of Hope' instigated by his Holiness the late Pope Francis our celebration will be presided over by Bishop Fintan Monahan and Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick, on Wednesday 21st May at 6.30pm.

Pilgrims are invited to gather at 6pm at the top of the farmers access road next to N18 By-Pass Bridge, Quin Road, Ennis, for onward pilgrim walk to St. Michael's Holy Well, Kilbreckan. Join us in the footsteps of St. Breacan and our ancestors on this ancient pilgrim path. All welcome.

safeTALK (suicide alertness for everyone); PUBLIC WORKSHOP; Boardroom, Clare County Council, New Road, Lifford, Ennis, V95DXP2 Thursday, 15 May 9:30am - 1:30pm
To register for this workshop just copy and paste this link into your browser. <https://bookwhen.com/suicidepreventiontrainingmw/e/ev-s181-20250515093000>



safeTALK
suicide alertness for everyone

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 4th May

Fund **€3,976**
Online **€158.50**

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, 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 13:14.43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till
they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they
went to synagogue on the sabbath and took
their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and
devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas,
and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas
urged them to remain faithful to the grace God
had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town
assembled to hear the word of God. When
they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by
jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted
everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas
spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the
word of God to you first, but since you have
rejected it, since you do not think yourselves
worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the
pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded
us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so
that my salvation may reach the ends of the
earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this
and they thanked the Lord for his message;
all who were destined for eternal life
became believers. Thus the word of the Lord
spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the
devout women of the upper classes and the
leading men of the city and persuaded them
to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel
them from their territory. So they shook the
dust from their feet in defiance and went off to
Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy
and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: We are his people, the sheep of
his flock.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
We are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
Eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Apo 7:9.14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to
count, of people from every nation, race, tribe
and language; they were standing in front of
the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed
in white robes and holding palms in their
hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These
are the people who have been through the
great persecution, and because they have
washed their robes white again in the blood
of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's
throne and serve him day and night in his
sanctuary; and the One who sits on the
throne will spread his tent over them. They
will never hunger or thirst again; neither the
sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them,
because the Lamb who is at the throne will be
their shepherd and will lead them to springs
of living water; and God will wipe away all
tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jn 10:27-30

Jesus said:

to 'The sheep that belong to me listen
my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost and no one will
ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is
greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'

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 Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**