



# ENNIS PARISH

## NEWSLETTER



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR C

John: 13:31-35

18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### "Love One Another"

**H**ow do we know if we are true followers of Jesus? Is it by spending long periods in prayer and meditation, being faithful to all the rules and regulations of the church, by fasting and almsgiving?

The real test is in the few lines in today's Gospel about loving one another. Love is the mark of the disciple. Love that reaches out in Mercy and compassion, care and affirmation, listening and service. Love that influences how I treat people every day.

There are people in our world who would regard themselves as religious, keeping all the rules, attending many religious services and trying to preserve the past and yet are cold hearted and unforgiving. Tolerance is not part of their vocabulary. They can be very judgemental of people who do not see things their way.

Love is the atmosphere we live in as followers of Jesus. From this flows the way the Christian community lives and worships. Prayer is a means to love, but not an end in itself, in loving and caring for others and in particular those close to us we pray to Jesus for them, that all will be well with them and that they will have peace in their hearts and lives. This is what Jesus himself did affording people the opportunity to live life to the fullest.

A way of growing in love is to be grateful for the love in our own lives. There are so many people who give to us in so many different ways every day. People who we work with, people we meet socially, people we play games with and people who give to us in our community. A prayer each night can be to think back over the day and to think of all those people we have encountered and to thank God for all the love that we have received through them.

The world that we live in is full of very good and loving people but there is plenty coldness and evil in our world also. There is a huge amount of greed and selfishness. People are constantly being hurt, abused and used. As followers of Jesus, as people of love we must reach out to all who are hurting and bring them healing. This can be achieved in the most ordinary and natural way by our loving presence.

Like Jesus we must be constantly endeavouring with love to change the selfishness and coldness of our world. Jesus spoke lovingly to many, such as Zacchaeus and changed his life completely. We must be about our Father's business.



*"The one who loves,  
gives to God and  
to others".  
Pope Francis January  
2014*

### Mass Times

**Cathedral-[www.ennisparish.com/webcam](http://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](http://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/](http://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](mailto:info@ennisparish.com)

St. Joseph's:- 6829584

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Friary:- 6828751

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

**Facebook : <http://www.facebook.com/ennisparish>**



## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**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.  
Breda Hassett, Drumbiggle Rd.

Special Intention.

**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 Ave.

**6.30pm:** Mass for the Polish Community.

**Mon: 7.40am:** Special Intention.

**11am:** Tom Lillis, Kilkee.

Bridget & Michael O'Halloran, Roslevan.

**7.30pm:** Christopher Rynne, Hermitage.

**Tues: 7.40am** Book of Intentions.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Ted Barron, The Hazels, Tulla Rd.  
Special Intention.

**Wed 7.40am:** Holy Souls.

**11am:** Madge Moloney, McNamara Park.

Cathal Ryan, Shanaway Rd.

**7.30pm:** Anne & Martin O'Grady, College Park.

Gertie & Bernard Bleasdale, Corrovorrin Green.

Jimmy, Maisie & Pat Henchy, Ennistymon.

**Thurs 7.40am:** No intention booked.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**6pm:** Coláiste Muire Graduation Mass.

**7.30pm:** Harry Guinnane, Hermitage.

Nell Hanley, 'Genazzano', New Rd.

**Fri 7.40am:** Mass for the People.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Cyril O'Dowd, 'Dunluce', Clonroad. MM.

Irene Moloney, McNamara Park.

Sally & Frank O'Dea, Park Ave.

Angela White, Considine Rd.

Tom Mulhern, Parnell Grove.

**Sat: 11am:** First Communion—Gaelscoil Mhicil Cíosóg

**6.30pm:** Flan Ryan, Drumcliffe Rd.

Liam Reidy, Gort na mBlath, Tulla Rd. & Castlebar.

Peter Considine, Drumadrehid, Kilrush Rd.

**Sun 25th: 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** Paddy O'Connell, Shanballa, Lahinch Rd.

Mary & Gerard Davoren, Kilcorney, Kilfenora.

**11.30am:** May Roche, Boston, Tubber.

Christy & Bridie Murphy, Hermitage.

Rory Kennedy, Ballyalla.

Ann & Kevin Naughton, Summerhill.

John & Bridie Murray, Mullagh.

**1pm:** Mass for the Ukrainian Community.

**5pm:** Mass for the Brazilian Community.

## Newly Baptised

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

Trent Edward O'Grady;

Jack Beau Cahill;

Patrick Mongans;



## Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €300 & €50.

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.

## Adoration

Adoration takes place this week Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 5pm to 7pm. No Adoration on Thursday.

## Year of Jubilee Pilgrimages

Lourdes:

Franciscan Pilgrimage

24th—29th September

Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage

29th September - 4th Oct

Knock Shrine:

Sunday 6th July

Rome Youth Pilgrimage

28th July - 4th August

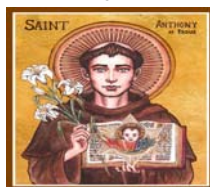
Lough Derg:

Tues 5th to Thursday 7th August



The children from Gael Scoil Mhichil Cíosóg will celebrate their First Holy Communion in the Cathedral at the 11am Mass on Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers.

## St. Anthony's Novena



This year's Novena begins on Wednesday 4th June and concludes on Friday 13th June, the Feast of St. Anthony at the Friary. This year the Novena will be led by Fr. Kieran Fitzsimons OFM.

## Making your Will

Please remember Ennis Parish as a beneficiary in your Will. Donations made in this manner will greatly assist the parish in proclaiming the Gospel. The parish appreciates such thoughtfulness and generosity.

## St. Joseph's



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**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.

**Mon 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**Tues 10.30am:** Book of Intentions.

Siobhán Sexton, Clareen.

John Breslin, Sligo.

**Wed 10.30am:** Rice College Graduation Mass.

**Thu 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**Fri 10.30am:** Special Intention.

**Sat: 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**7pm:** Mary & James Cahill, Shannon Park.

Jimmy & Theresa Madigan, Marian Ave.

**Sun 25th 10am:** John, Seán & Rose O'Sullivan,  
Kevin Barry Ave.

Mark Farren, Corrovorrin & Niall Whyte, Lifford Rd.

**11.45am:** Aidan & Nora McEvaddy, St. Senan's Rd.  
Christy Rushe, College Rd.

## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

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

**Mon: 9.30am:** Thomas Crowe, Miltown Malbay.

**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.

**Fri 9.30am:** Michael, May & Michael Costelloe,  
Cranny.

**Sat: 11am:** First Communion—Scoil Chríost Rí.

**Sun 25th 11am:** Special Intention.

## Graduation Masses

Leaving Cert Students preparing for exams will gather for their Graduation Masses as follows:-

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm in St. Joseph's  
Rice College;

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 6pm in the Cathedral  
Coláiste Muire.

Please keep the students in your prayers at this time of year.

## Prayer for Exam Students:

O God help all students doing exams this year.

Help them to remember well, to think clearly  
and not to be excited.

Help them to try their hardest  
and to do their best, Amen.

## REST IN PEACE

Katherine Feore née Hanrahan,  
Gleann na Coille, Shanaway Road,

Sr. Margaret Mary (Kathleen) Murphy,  
Convent of Mercy, Trim, Co. Meath & formerly  
Lisheen, Ballynacally, Ennis

Bridie Greavey, Balliconlon, Ballina, Co. Mayo,  
sister of Maura Moriarty, St. Michael's Villas.

Carmel Russell McGann, The Maples, Oakleigh  
Wood & Clarecastle.

Flan Wiley, Cork, brother of Emer Sutton,  
St. Flannan's Drive, Clonroadmore.

Garda Kevin Flatley, Dublin



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 6pm
- Ballybeg Grotto daily 8pm
- St. Joseph's Well daily 6pm
- Rosary and Benediction at Lees Rd. Friday 30th May 7:30pm
- Rosary and Benediction at Marian Avenue Grotto at 7pm Thursday 29th May

May devotions will take place at the Grotto in St. Michael's Villas on Thursday at 7.30pm.

### Safeguarding



In the Church's Safeguarding Policy 'A safe and welcoming Church' June, 2024 Bishop Fintan Monahan pledges that the Diocese will safeguard children and young people from harm and to support them in their development as valued and integral members of the Catholic Church in Ireland.

The Church's ministry will be inclusive and will uphold their rights. Consistent with Gospel values, and with civil and criminal law, those who minister will do so with dignity and integrity, honouring their calling that children and young people are welcomed, cherished and protected, following the example set by Jesus.

### Sacred Heart Crusade



The Sacred Heart Crusade of Love and Hope commenced with the Papal Blessing of four pilgrim Sacred Heart Statues on 8th January last in Rome by the late Pope Francis.

The statue is visiting all the Pastoral Areas of our Diocese and on this Monday and Tuesday will be in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield for veneration.

Mass of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated on Tuesday at 9.30am in Barefield Church.

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, you are invited to come and take some time before the Sacred Heart Statue and encouraged to explore a relationship with the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

*'O Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
I place all my trust in you.'*

### Pope Leo XIV



This Sunday Pope Leo will be inaugurated at a special mass in St. Peter's, Rome as he begins his Pontificate. We keep him in our prayers.

### Prayer for the Inauguration of Pope Leo 18th May, 2025

Eternal and Almighty God, Lord of history  
and Shepherd of your people,  
We give You thanks for the gift  
of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo.

As he begins his ministry  
as the Successor of Peter,  
Fill him with the courage of the Apostles,  
the wisdom of the Fathers,  
and the humility of the Saints.

Grant him a heart after Your own –  
Strong in truth, tender in mercy,  
Fearless in justice and generous in love.  
May he be a bridge-builder among nations,  
A father to the poor;  
a voice for the voiceless,  
And a servant to the servants of God.

Lord Jesus, who prayed  
that we may all be one,  
Make Pope Leo an instrument of unity  
in a fractured world,  
Through his leadership,  
may the Church be renewed,  
Your Gospel proclaimed boldly,  
And your people strengthened  
in faith and charity.

Holy Spirit, guide him in all his decisions.  
Inspire him with vision, sustain him in trials,  
And console him in solitude.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,  
Wrap him in your mantle of love.

St. Peter, pray for him.

St. Joseph, protect him.

All the Saints of God, intercede for him.

And may Pope Leo lead us all,  
with steady hand and faithful heart,  
Toward the eternal Kingdom  
where you reign forever. Amen

*We have received a supply of Fridge  
Magnets in honour of Pope Leo available for  
sale in the Parish Office. €3 each or 2 for  
€5. Proceeds going to Faith Ministry for  
young people.*

**Milford Sunflower Days** take place on week-  
end of 6th & 7th June.

Volunteers needed to sell  
Milford Sunflowers on these  
days.

Please contact Valerie  
Madigan Tel. 061 485 859



## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne



### Muire Máthair Dé.

Is í Muire Banríon na bhflaitheas, Díontóir na bhfíorlag, Farráige na daonnachta, Réaltán eolais gach seachránaigh, Bean réitigh na feirge, Idirmhíneitheoir na ngearánach, Sásamh an bhreithimh, Teanga na mbalbhán, Seomra séad na suáilcí, Tuile na ngrást agus Tonn Chlíodhna na Trócaire.

Mary is the Queen of Heaven, Protector of the weak, Sea of humanity, Astronomer's knowledge of stars, Woman resolving anger, Complainant's pacifier, Satisfaction of judge, The language of the dumb, The room of blessings, The flood of graces and The Clíodhna Wave of Mercy.

**Ennis Flower & Garden Club** present Sandra Jackson, Conna, on Tuesday May 20th, at Treacys' West County Hotel. Doors open at 7.30pm and demonstration commences at 8.15pm sharp, €10 non members. All welcome, demonstrators' arrangements raffled on the night, contact:ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

**Bus to the All Ireland Rosary Rally** at Knock Shrine, Saturday June 7th. Leaving St Joseph's, Ennis at 9am. Returning 5.30pm. €25 bus ticket (subject to filling the bus). To book a seat please TEXT Karen 087-4160385 or Séamus 087-275 2578  
More details at [www.rosaryrally.ie](http://www.rosaryrally.ie)



**This month's Alzheimer Information Cafe** is being held on the 21st of May, in our Ennis Centre, Cuan An Chlair, Cahercalla, from 11.30-13.30.

This month is Non cognitive symptoms of dementia and Psychiatry of later life Services. All welcome to join us for tea and a chat.

For more information contact Linda Murphy 0879152151,  
email: samantha.fennel@alzheimier.ie

### Mass at St. Michael's Holy Well

To celebrate the feast of St. Breacan, Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Holy Well, Kilbreckan, Doorra. 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.

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, 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 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through  
Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put  
fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging  
them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have  
to experience many hardships' they said  
'before we enter the kingdom of God'. In  
each of these churches they appointed  
elders, and with prayer and fasting they  
commended them to the Lord in whom they  
had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached  
Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word  
at Perga they went down to Attalia and from  
there sailed for Antioch, where they had  
originally been commended to the grace of  
God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church

and gave an account of all that God had  
done with them, and how he had opened  
the door of faith to the pagans.

## The word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

*Response:*

*I will bless your name for ever, O God  
my King.*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
Slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
Compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
And your friends shall repeat  
their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
And declare your might, O God.  
To make known to men your mighty deeds  
And the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

Yours is an everlasting Kingdom;

Your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

## A reading from the book of the Apocalypse Apo 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new  
earth; the first heaven and the first earth  
had disappeared now, and there was no  
longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the  
new Jerusalem, coming down from God  
out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all  
dressed for her husband. Then I heard a  
loud voice call from the throne, 'You see  
this city? Here God lives among men. He  
will make his home among them; they  
shall be his people, and he will be their  
God; his name is God-with-them. He will  
wipe away all tears from their eyes; there  
will be no more death, and no more  
mourning or sadness. The world of the  
past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke:  
'Now I am making the whole of creation  
new.'

## The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus said: 'I give you a new  
commandment:*

*Love one another,  
just as I have loved you.'*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jn 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been  
glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified.  
If God has been glorified in him,  
God will in turn glorify him in  
himself,  
and will glorify him very soon.  
My little children,  
I shall not be with you much longer.  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another;  
just as I have loved you,  
you also must love one another.  
By this love you have for one  
another,  
everyone will know that you are my  
disciples.'

## 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 true vine and you are the  
branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,  
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.