



ENNIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR C

John 21:1-19

4th May 2025

In the Gospel, the disciples spend an entire night fishing but catch nothing. As morning breaks, Jesus stands on the shore of the sea of Tiberias. Yet, they do not recognize Him. Only when their net overflows with fish does the beloved disciple finally realize: "It is the lord!" Why this blindness? The resurrection had not yet fully transformed their understanding. Faith is a journey. The disciples did not instantly understand. But step by step, experience by experience, they grew. And so must we. Jesus is not absent- He is here, in the midst of our daily lives, calling us to deeper trust, greater expectation, and unwavering faith.

FROM GROWTH TO WITNESS: OUR FAITHFUL CALLING

The journey of faith is not one of instant perfection but of gradual transformation. We all begin with the love we are capable of, hesitant and unsure, much like Peter at first. Yet, if we persevere, if we surrender to God's grace, our love deepens- it moves beyond mere affection into a love that is willing to sacrifice, even unto death. Simon Peter, once fearful and wavering, ultimately laid down his life for Christ. His journey is a testament to the power of God to transform weakness into strength, doubt into conviction, and fear into bold witness.

But what holds me back from bearing witness to Jesus? Is it pride-a fear that I will

fall short of my own expectations or those of others? Or is it fear of suffering, of rejection, of standing alone in a world that may ridicule or oppose my faith. God does His greatest work not through human strength but through weakness. It was on the cross, in the moment of greatest suffering and seeming defeat, that God brought about the greatest victory.

If I believe that God has called me to be His witness, do I also believe that He has equipped me for the task? That I am never alone in my mission, but that the Holy Spirit is already at work- going before me, standing beside me, working through me? To be a witness does not mean to be fearless- it means to trust. It means to step forward even when I feel inadequate, knowing that God will supply what I lack. It means to love, not only in word but in action, until my life itself becomes a testimony to the one who first loved me.

Am I willing to take that step? To trust that God will make of me what I cannot make of myself? To say, as Peter ultimately did,

"Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you"- and then follow wherever He Leads?



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



Priest on Duty 4th May 2025

Contact: Fr. Jibin - Tel. 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: David Slattery, John Paul Ave.
Mary Scanlan, Willow Park & Scatterry Island.

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.
James (Seamus) Kelly, Collins Park.

6.30pm: Mass for Polish Community

Mon: Bank Holiday—No 7.40am Mass.

11am: Bridget Nugent.
Joe Arthur, Gort Rd.
Patsy Byrne, Tottenham, London.
Paddy & Kieran O'Loughlin, St. Michael's Villas.

7.30pm: Pat McCullagh, Tulla Rd.
James McMahon, Essex, England & Drumcaraun.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Special Intention.

Wed 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: Josie Hinkley (nee McNamara),
Old Turnpike & England. Burial of Ashes.

7.30pm: Paschal Molloy, Hermitage.
Michael O'Doherty, Childers' Rd.
Bernie & Mary Hennessy, Kilkee.

Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Páraic O'Fátharta, Inis Meáin, Aran.
Anne (Nancy) & Bryan MacMahon, Woodlawn & Patrick Roberts, Bristol.

2pm: Hunter James Molloy, Ballaghboy. 1st Anniv.

7pm: Patrick Devine, Coopers' Place.
Relics of St. Marguerite-Marie Alacoque.

Sat: 11am: Holy Family School - First Communion

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.

Sun 11th 8am: John Meaney, Surrey.

9.30am: No intention booked.

11.30am: Martina Foley, Shanaway Rd. 1st Anniv.
John & Rebecca Hogan, Shanaway Rd.
Mary Molloy, Turnpike Road. 1st Anniv.
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.

Matt Talbot Prayer Society

With less than a month to go to the centenary of the death of Matt Talbot, our monthly Mass and Prayer for all those suffering or sharing in the life of addiction will take place on Monday at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €125 & €50. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Lourdes Appeal

This weekend the second collection at all Masses is an appeal to support sick and assisted pilgrims to travel to Lourdes on our Diocesan Pilgrimage in June.

It is through the generosity and kindness of people that our sick and disabled are able to travel to the Grotto of Lourdes. Thank for your kindness.

Bank Holiday Monday Masses This Monday 5th May

8.30am	Poor Clares
10am	Friary
11am	Cathedral
7.30pm	Cathedral

Blessed Edmund Rice



Monday 5th May we celebrate the Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice, founder of the Christian and Presentation Brothers. Born in Callan, Co. Kilkenny in 1762, he was a successful businessman who was deeply moved by the poverty and lack of education among the poor of Waterford. For the past 198 years the Brothers have been part of our parish here in Ennis and their work today continues in Ennis CBS and Rice College. We thank Brothers Dick, Denis, Michael and Donal for their presence with us and for all the good opportunities the Brothers created for so many people in this town.

Blessing for the Gift of New Life

The Abbey Pastoral Area in association with our 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 mile fáille for everyone.



St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Frank Gibbons, Kincora Park.
Eileen Leydon, London.

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

11:45am: Mary Rose McMahon, Shannon Park. MM
Tommy Guilfoyle, St. Clare's Close.

Mon 10.30am: Bank Holiday - No Mass.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: Special Intention.

Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.

11.30am: Edmund Rice Mass.

Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.

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.

Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 4th Special Intention.
Eugene White, Mungret & Considine Rd.

Mon: 9.30am: Bank Holiday - No Mass.

Tues: Book of Intentions.

Wed: Special Intention.

Sun 11th: Bernadette Moloney, Cloughleigh.
Noel Fawl, Gordon Drive
Brigid Egan, Corofin.

Safeguarding Month of May. It is only fitting at this time to remind ourselves of Pope Francis vision, teaching and commitment to ensuring our Churches are a safe place for both children and vulnerable adults.

Sunday 4th May.

Safeguarding. "Our generation must show that it can rise to the promise found in each [child and] young person when we know how to give them space. This means that we have to create the material and spiritual conditions for their full development, to give them a solid basis on which to build their lives; to guarantee their safety and their education to be everything they can be; to pass on to them lasting values that make life worth living; to give them a transcendent horizon for their thirst for authentic happiness and their creativity for the good; to give them the legacy of a world worthy of human life; and to awaken in them their greatest potential as builders of their own destiny, sharing responsibility for the future of everyone. If we can do all this today, we anticipate the future that enters the world through the window of the young." *Pope Francis (2013).*

Newly Baptised

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

Kealan Thomas Wynne Pigott;
Steven Conor Fox;
David Christopher Devitt;
Louise Anna McLoughlin;
Rian Michael Raftery.



May the Month of Mary



May is the month of Mary. An opportunity for a May Altar in your home or class room and also an opportunity to pray the Rosary. We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly during May.

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flowers of the rarest
bring blossoms the fairest,
from gardens and woodlands
and hillside and dale;

Our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Chorus:

O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!

Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

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
- St. Joseph's Well daily 6pm

The Monthly Mass for SFO members will take place on Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 10am. We will pray the office after Mass. There will be an evening meeting in the Friary Parlour at 7.30pm for those unable to attend the morning meeting.

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:

Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th August.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 27th April
Fund **€5,490**
Online **€889**

Sr. Mary O'Connell 22nd December 1948 - 23rd April 2025



Mary died peacefully at St. Xavier's Convent, Ennis, on Wednesday of Easter week after a short illness.

Mary, the second of seven children, four brothers and two sisters, was born to Rita Nugent and Martin O'Connell in Burrane, Killimer, Co. Clare. Her primary education was at Killimer National School and Mercy Secondary School, Kilrush.

Mary entered the Mercy Sisters in Nenagh, Co. Tipperary in 1966 and three years later completed her Novitiate in Westbourne, Limerick. Following this, she studied Commerce in U.C.G. and H. Dip in Ed. in U.C.C. She began her teaching career in St. Mary's Secondary School, Nenagh, where she taught for five years. She was a member of the team that worked with Transition Year when the project was first introduced. Mary taught in St. Joseph's Secondary School, Tulla, Co. Clare for a period of three years.

From 1980 until her retirement she served as Principal, deputy Principal and teacher in the Convent Secondary School and the Community College in Kilkee. There she worked with total dedication and commitment. She was valued by her students, not only as a great teacher but also as one who brought joy to their lives. She acquired a license to drive the school mini bus, when the driver was unavailable, and outside of school hours so that students could participate in sporting events, quizzes, concerts, bird-watching etc. With photography as her hobby, she ensured that school events, outings, games, achievements, fun and learning were recorded, displayed and celebrated. Mary exuded joy in her relationships with her students. She is fondly remembered by them and by her colleagues.

Mary's funeral Mass took place in the Cathedral on Easter Saturday 26th April and she was laid to rest in her family grave in native parish of Burrane, Killimer.

May she rest in peace.

Rest in peace

Peggy Quinn formerly of Hermitage, who died in the UK;

Kathleen Cotter, Doonbeg, mother of Mary Arthur, Woodlawn;

Brid Kelly, Edenvale, Kilrush Road;

James Hayes, Shallee Drive, Cloughleigh.



First Holy Communion

The children from Holy Family School will celebrate the Sacrament at the 11am Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday next 10th May.

Fridge Magnets of Pope Francis

We apologise to those who were not able to get their Fridge Magnet of Pope Francis. We have now received a new supply and the remaining magnets are for sale in the Parish and Friary Offices. €3 each or 2 for €5 with all proceeds shared with the poor – Trocaire & St. Vincent de Paul.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí na Bealtaine.

Tá Mí Bhealtaine thar tairseach isteach chugainn. Bhí bliain na gCeilteach roinnte ina dhá leath, an dorchadas agus an loinnir. Chuir Samhain tús le tréimhse an dorchadais. Ba í Bealtaine tús séasúr an tsolais. Cuirimis fáilte roimh mhí na Bealtaine, tús an tSamhraidh. Tá an chuach agus na fáinleoga tagtha chugainn aneas ó na tíortha ina mbíonn sé ina shamhradh i gcónaí. Tá na crothaigh eanaigh ag glacadh sosa sa tír agus iad ar a mbealach ón lodáil go dtí an Ioslainn. Bhain siad ceann scribe amach gan compás ná satloingseoir. Go mbeirimid beo ar an am seo arís

Tá an mhí seo tiomnaithe don Mhaighdean Mhuire. Bhí muintir na hÉireann an-ómsach do Mhuire i gcónaí. Tá nós ag daoine altóir a chruthú ina dtithe in onóir na Maighdine Muire i rith Mí na Bealtaine agus an Choroín Mhuire a rá gach lá. Tá an nós seo beo fós i roinnt mhaith scoileanna. Ba mhaith an rud iad a choimeád inniu agus sinn ag guí.

A Mhuire na ngrást, a mháthair Mhic Dé,

Go dtreorai tú mise go deireadh mo ré.

Tabhair cuidiú is cabhair dom in aghaidh cathú an tsaoil,

Agus tabhair mé i gcónaí leat saor as gach baol.

Aiméan

May has come. The Celtic year was divided into two halves, the dark and the light. Samhain was the beginning of the dark half and Bealtaine the beginning of the light half. We welcome the month of May, the beginning of Summer. The cuckoo and the swallows have arrived from the sunny southern lands without the aid of compass or satellite navigation to guide them. May we live to see this time next year.

This month is dedicated to Our Lady. Irish people had great respect always for Our Lady. It is still a custom to have a May altar in homes and recite the rosary daily during the month of May. This custom is kept in many schools. It is good to continue such customs.

Gracious Mary, mother of God guide me throughout my life, and support me against sorrows and temptations. Deliver me from all evil. Amen.

The Relics of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque & St. Claude la Colombiere

The relics of these two Saints associated with the Sacred Heart will visit the Cathedral on **Friday 9th May for Mass at 7pm.** Please note the change of time for Mass as this Mass will be televised live on SHALOM World Prayer Service. Bishop Fintan will celebrate the Mass which is part of the nationwide Novena to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus which takes place in different dioceses for nine Fridays leading up to the Feast of the Sacred Heart in June.

More details available on

www.sacredheartcrusade.ie and you can watch live on shalomworld.org/sacred-heart-2025

Praying for a New Pope

This week the College of Cardinals meet in Conclave to elect the 26th successor to St. Peter. We pray for them. You are the eternal Shepherd who never leaves your flock unattended. In your boundless wisdom and providence, You guide your Church through the ages. As the College of Cardinals gathers to discern the successor of St. Peter,

Send forth from the Holy Spirit,
The Spirit of wisdom, counsel and understanding,
Enlighten their minds, purify their hearts,
And align their wills with Yours alone.

Grant them unity in purpose,
Freedom from fear or favour,
And a deep love for Christ and His Church.
May their choice be guided by truth,
And may the one chosen be a faithful shepherd after Your own heart –
Holy, humble, courageous and wise. Amen.



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, 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 5:27-32.40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the
apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning', he said
'not to preach in this name, and what have you
done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teach-
ing, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this
man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles
said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience
to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised
up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by
hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has
now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give
repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to
Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the
Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey
him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the
name of Jesus and released them. And so they left
the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had
the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of
the name.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*Response: I will praise you, Lord,
you have rescued me.*

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies
rejoice over me.

O lord, you have raised my soul
from the dead,
Restored me to life from those
who sink into the grave.

R.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour
through life.

At night there are tears, but joy comes
with dawn.

R.

The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into
dancing;

O Lord my God, I will thank you forever. R.

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse. Apo 5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an
immense number of angels gathered round
the throne and the animals and the elders;
there were ten thousand times ten thousand
of them and thousands upon thousands,
shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is
worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom,
strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I
heard all the living things in creation - every-
thing that lives in the air and on the ground,
and under the ground, and in the sea, crying,
'To the One who is sitting on the throne and
to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and
power, for ever and ever.'

And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the
elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Christ has risen: he who created all
things,*

and has granted his mercy to men.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jn 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples.
It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it hap-
pened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called
the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee,
the sons of Zebedee and two more of his
disciples were together. Simon Peter said,
'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come
with you.' They went out and got into the boat
but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood
Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did
not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called
out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And
when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw

the net out to starboard and you'll find some-
thing.' So they dropped the net, and there were
so many fish that they could not haul it in. The
disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the
Lord.'

At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter,
who had practically nothing on, wrapped his
cloak round him and jumped into the water. The
other disciples came on in the boat, towing the
net and the fish; they were only about a hun-
dred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw
that there was some bread there, and a
charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said,
'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.'
Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net
to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and
fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so
many the net was not broken.

Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.'
None of the disciples was bold enough to ask,
'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the
Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the
bread and gave it to them, and the same with
the fish. This was the third time that Jesus
showed himself to the disciples after rising from
the dead.

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 incar-
nate 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 for-
giveness of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come.

Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Jesus said to his disciples:

Come and eat.

And he took bread and gave it to them,
alleluia