



ENNIS PARISH



NEWSLETTER



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Luke 11: 1-13

Sunday 27th July 2025

"Lord teach us to pray"



Saint Luke shows us the circumstances in which Jesus teaches the "Lord's Prayer". The disciples, already know how to pray by reciting the formulas of the Jewish tradition, but they want to pray in the way Jesus does, because they can see prayer is a crucial part of His life. Indeed, each of Jesus' important actions is begun by long preparation in prayer. Moreover, the disciples are fascinated because they see that He does not pray like the other teachers of the time, but rather His prayer is an intimate bond with the Father, so much so that they wish to be a part of these moments of union with God,

So, one day they wait for Jesus to finish praying in a secluded place and then they ask him: "Lord, teach us to pray". In responding to the disciples' question, Jesus does not provide an abstract definition of prayer, nor does he teach a technique to pray in order to "obtain" something, instead he invites his followers to experience prayer, by putting them directly

in communication with the Father, causing them to feel a hunger for a personal relationship with God, with the Father. Herein lies the heart of Christian prayer! It is a dialogue between people who love each other, a dialogue based on trust, sustained by listening. It is the dialogue of a Son with his Father, a dialogue between children and their Father. This is Christian prayer.

So Jesus, delivers the "Lord's Prayer" to them, one of the most precious gifts left to us by the Lord during his earthly mission. The prayer that the Lord taught us is a communal prayer, Our Father and we should address it to the Father, always in communion with our brothers and sisters.

Jesus' teaching on prayer continues with two parables, which he modelled on the behaviour of a friend towards another friend, and that of a father towards his Child, Both are intended to teach us to have full confidence in God, who is Father. He knows our needs better than we do ourselves, but he wants us to present them to him with faith and persistence. In being persistent with God, we don't need to convince him, but rather to strengthen our own faith and our own patience, meaning our ability to strive together with God for the things that are truly important and necessary to live a Christian life. In prayer there are two of us: God and I, striving together for the important things.

(Pope Francis)

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/ennisparish>



Priest on Duty 27th July, 2025

Contact: Fr. Ger Jones - Tel. 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Sean MM & Noreen Murphy, Kilrush Rd.
Bridie 1st Anniv & Oliver Cassidy, Turnpike Rd.
Christina Coughlan, Clonroadbeg.
Mary O'Sullivan, Drumcliffe Rd.
Mikey & Phil Casey, Turnpike Rd.

Sun 27th 8am: Don Maher, Clonaslee, Co. Laois.

9.30am: William & Teresa Clohessy, Drumcliffe.
Tommy Doherty, McNamara Park.

11.30am: Evelyn Brigdale, Drumcliffe Rd. 1st Anniv.
David Russell, Abbeyville.

5pm: Mass for the Brazilian Community.

Mon: 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Nancy & Tom Deloughery, Moveen, Kilkee.
Mary & John Rynne & Josephine O'Looney, Carron.

Tues 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Stan & Geraldine Moroney, St. Michael's Villas.

7.30pm: Paddy White, Park Avenue & The Market.

Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: John & Mary Hayes, Hermitage.
Patrick & Kathleen Coffey, Balla, Co. Mayo.

7.30pm: Michael & Bridie O'Donoghue, Clare Rd.

Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Jim Bowe, Ard Aoibhinn, Limerick Rd.

7.30pm: Gabrielle O'Grady, Ballycorree, Gort Rd. MM.

John O'Neill, Dalcassian Ave.

Michael Moroney, Lower Limerick Rd.

Pat Joe Doohan, Main St., Kildarsart.

Betty Hanrahan, Gallows Hill.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Frank Lynch, Golf Links Rd.

Anne & Martin Griffin, Shanaway Rd.

Rita O'Sullivan, Park Ave.

7.30pm: Michael & Mary Ryan, St. Michael's Villas.

Sat: 11am: No intention booked.

6.30pm: Martin Linnane, Considine Rd. 1st Anniv.

Kitty Guy, Circular Rd.

Kathleen & PJ McMahon, Ballybeg.

Sun 3rd 8am: Costelloe & O'Donoghue, Ennis & Cork.

9.30am: James O'Leary, College Grove.

11.30am: Peggy Naughton, Dalcassian Drive.

Kevin Byrne, Galway.

Mary Hickey, Cahercalla Estate.

Mary Hennessy, College Green.

David Cullinan, Clonroad.

6.30pm: Mass for the Polish Community.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Mon: 9.30am: Micko Murrighy, Mullagh.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 3rd 11am: Michael Neylon, Cloughleigh Rd. MM.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €800 & €30. Your generosity to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal is much appreciated. Thank you.

Friary Roof Appeal

Many thanks to all who have supported the Roof Appeal for the Friary Church. Contributions can be left at the Friary or Parish Office. Cheques can be made payable to Franciscan Friary, Ennis. The Friars appreciate all the support and assure us all of their daily prayers.

First Friday August



Friday next 1st August is the First Friday of the month. Sick and housebound parishioners will receive Sacraments at home. If you know of any parishioner who is housebound and who would like to receive the Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office.

Archbishop Seamus Horgan



This weekend is the first anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Archbishop Seamus Horgan which took place in our Cathedral on 27th July, 2024.

On this special day, please keep Archbishop Seamus, who serves as Papal Nuncio in South Sudan, in your prayers.

Newly Baptised



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

Lana Grace Bourke;
Jake Christopher Bourke;
Aaron John Bourke O'Driscoll;
Emilie Tina Taylor.



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Augustine O'Leary, The Crescent. 1st Anniv.
Christina Kelly, Glenina, Gort Rd.

Betty & Denis McInerney, Shannon Park.

Sun 27th 10am: No intention booked.

11.45am: May & Michael McEnery, Kilnamona.

O'Grady & McEnery Families.

Carmel O'Neill, Lifford Rd.

Mary O'Keeffe, Fernhill.

Connie McCarthy, Kincora Park.

Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.

Sat: 10.30am: Joe McMahon, Glassan, Lahinch Rd. MM.

Joan Torpey, St. Senan's Rd. 1st Anniv.

Catherine & William Turner, The Green.

Freddy Nightingale, Elm Park.

3pm: Olivia Tuohy, Tulla Road. MM.

7pm: Gerry Hynes, Drumcliffe. MM.

James & Maura Tobin, Tulla Rd. 1st Anniv.
& Caroline Walsh, Elm Park.

Sun 3rd 10am: No intention booked.

11.45am: Tom Carney, Gordon Drive.

Lough Derg 3 day Pilgrimage with Killaloe Diocese

Do you fancy a three day break from Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th with Killaloe Diocese, led by Bishop Fintan?

3 days away for €135

What do you get?

Transport from Ennis;

Simple Lough Derg food;

No drink, no mobile phones, no shoes;

No sleep on the first night;

The most comfortable bed on the second night;

Confession, Mass and prayer.....lots of prayer;

Stories, silence and something sacred.

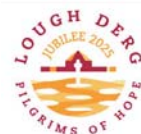
Are you up for it?

Thousands have walked this path.

In peace, for purpose, for God.

Book or find out more :

Contact Ennis Parish Office 065 6824043 for the last few remaining seats.



Rest in Peace



John Shanagher, Newmarket-on-Fergus, brother of Lilly Brennan, Morrissey Ave.

Mary Nugent, Kilkee, mother of Stephen, Abbey Court & Colette, Ballybeg;

Seán Kelly, Cappa Lodge, Six-Mile-Bridge & formerly of Kelly's Corner, Lifford, Ennis;

Pat (Patrick) Fogarty, College Grove, Ennis & formerly of Bridge House, Crusheen;

Mary Crowley (née Maguire), Cahercalla Estate, Ennis, & Newmarket-on-Fergus;

Ann Ferrigan (nee Neylon), Gallows Hill.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 20th July

Fund **€6,007**
Online **€259.50**

Reek Sunday this Sunday 27th July

Throughout history pilgrims have been drawn to mountains as places of encounter with the divine presence, where guilt and sin could be purged, where healing for the sick might be sought, where the journey upwards could become a journey inwards, where one could get a fresh view on life and faith, where one could identify with Christ's prayer and fasting on the mountains of Palestine, Tabor, Calvary, Sinai, Carmel and Horeb were the high points in the story of God's love for his people.

The climbing of Croagh Patrick this Reek Sunday has many spiritual resources for the thousands who toil their way to the top. For some it is just a challenge and an adventure, but the pilgrim in all our hearts may find companionship in bare feet, aching limbs and Eucharist on the summit. Bishop Fintan will celebrate the 10am Mass as Gaeilge on the summit this Sunday Morning.

Grandparents Day



This Sunday we celebrate the 5th World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. This year's theme -

'Blessed are those who do not give hope'.

This reminds us to honour the wisdom and enduring love of our Grandparents and Elders across generations.

Celebrations begin in Knock Shrine this Sunday at 2pm with annual pilgrimages from all over Ireland.

Let us make the World Day more than just one day. Let us honour Sts. Joachim and Anne, the Grandparents of Jesus, by building up traditions that help cherish and support Grandparents and the Elderly all year long.

Blood Donation Clinic



Help Safeguard our Hospital Blood Supplies this Summer.

If you're a regular donor, or if you've ever thought about giving blood please consider coming along and helping us protect hospital patients across the country.

West County Hotel, Ennis this Sunday 27th July 11:50am – 3:10pm

New and returning donors are very welcome at all clinics.

Phone 1800 222 111 for appointment

Set Apart Pre Teens Retreat (9–12 years)

Tuesday & Wednesday 29th and 30th July at St. Flannan's College.

Contact Jinson 089 4163515

Sony: 087 9762383

AFCM Children Ministry.



Lourdes

Bishop Fintan will lead our Diocesan Autumn Jubilee Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Monday 29th September to Saturday 4th October, direct from Shannon Airport in under two hours.

The Franciscan Pilgrimage also from Shannon Airport leaves on Wednesday 24th September returning on Monday 29th September.

The remaining seats on both pilgrimages can be booked with joewalstours.ie or tel. 01 2410800.

Faith Filled Journey

In the early hours of this Monday Morning a group of 20 young people under the leadership of Fr. Donagh O'Meara and Deirdre Convey, accompanied by Bishop Fintan Monahan will leave from St. Flannan's College to begin the journey to Rome to join 600 other Irish young people and their Bishops to celebrate the Jubilee of Youth with Pope Leo.

The Abbey Pastoral Area will have 9 young people in Rome for the week long event culminating with Mass with Pope Leo next Sunday.

Ennis Parish is represented by

Grace O'Halloran,

Doora Barefield:

Stephen Casey, Ciara Reidy, Tadhg Mullooly,

Quin/Clooney/Maghera:

Mary and Catherine Casey,

Clarecastle/Ballyea:

Emer Lavelle, Daniel Brown & Stephen Casey.

Please keep the young people in your prayers this week as they pray for us with Pope Leo.

How to Pray



There are many thousands of books written on prayer and there are as many that number written as Prayer Books, yet this weekend's gospel teaches us as much about prayer as any of us need ever want to know.

1. Pray where you are, God is present everywhere and ready to listen.
2. Pray, when possible, in a quiet location, where you can be alone and can deliberately fix your mind on God.
3. Pray to God simply and naturally, as to a friend. Tell him what is on your mind.
4. Pray remembering the good things God has done for you. Count your blessings and give thanks to God for them.
5. Pray for God's forgiveness. He is near to a humble and contrite heart.
6. Pray for the things you need, especially those that will make you more Christ like.
7. Pray for others, remembering their situations and their needs.
8. Pray for the world in its need.
9. Pray above everything else that God's will may be done in you and in the world. His purposes are deeper and wiser than anything we can imagine.
10. Pray and then start answering your prayer.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Creideamh



Chun treoir a thabhairt dúinn ár gcreideamh a neartú, seo seacht nós le cleachtadh:

Iarr Beannacht ar Dhia gach maidin.

Tabhair lámh cúnamh le do chomharsa in am an ghátair.

Abair altú roimh bhia.

Iarr ar na naoimh idirghuí a dhéanamh ar do shon.

Caith tamall ag léirsmaoineamh.

Glac Comaoineach Naofa mar lón anama agus neart intinne.

Gabh buíochas le Dia gach oíche.

A Dhia na glóire, déan aon ó chroí agus ó aigne na Críostaithe uile de réir mar is toil le Críost. Áiméan

Is féidir Cré na nAspal a rá go rialta freisin.

Inniu Lá Domhanda Seantuismitheoirí agus Seanóirí. Guimís ar a son. Go raibh saol suaimhneach, sláintiúil acu saor ó bhuaire agus ó bhrón.

To guide and strengthen our faith here are seven practices.

Ask God for his blessing each morning.

Help your neighbour in time of need.

Say Grace before meals.

Ask the saints to intercede for you.

Spend time meditating.

Receive Holy Communion as spiritual food.

Thank God each night.

Lord, déan aon ó chroí agus ó aigne na Críostaithe uile de réir mar is toil le Críost. Áiméan.

The Apostles creed can be recited regularly.

Today is World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. May they have happy, healthy lives free from worry and sorrow.

Free sacred breath workshop Monday 28th July 8-9pm Old Ground Hotel. Further information on Instagram @breathewithcat.

Donations on the night to Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind. Please register on

<https://lu.mayre7sbuz>

Day Pilgrimage to "God's Cottage and Prayer Centre" Glendalough from Ennis on Sunday 24th August next. Bus departing beside Ennis Cathedral, Station Road at 7.30am. Prayer, Praying the Psalms, Mass, Guided Walk and talk by Fr. Thady Doyle. Bus return €45. Further information- Frank (087) 9652864.

The annual Step by Step to Feed the Next Child - Mary's Meals Walk from Limerick to Knock Shrine. Walkers will travel from 7 different locations across Ireland from the 7th August, all meeting in Knock on Friday 15th August. Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger, feeding hungry children in their place of education in 16 of the world's poorest countries. €22 will feed a child for an entire school year. Please go to marysmeals.ie to learn more and support this amazing charity. Any donation, big or small, is very welcome. Thank you.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength
to his people.

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 book of Genesis.

Gen 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is
against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is
their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or
not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry
against them that has come up to me. I am
determined to know'.

The men left there and went to Sodom while
Abraham remained standing before the Lord.
Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to
destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps
there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really
overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for
the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a
thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating
just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the
judge of the whole earth not administer justice?'
The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in
the town, I will spare the whole place because of
them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like
this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But
perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you
destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied, 'I
will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there'.
Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will
only be forty there'. 'I will not do it', he replied for

replied, 'for the sake of the forty'.
Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be
angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps
there will only be thirty there'. 'I will not do it',
he replied, 'if I find thirty there'. He said, 'I
am bold indeed to speak like this, but
perhaps there will only be twenty there'. 'I
will not destroy it', he replied, 'for the sake
of the twenty'. He said, 'I trust my Lord will
not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps
there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it',
he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *On the day I called,
you answered me, O Lord.*

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. *R*

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. *R*

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. *R*

You stretch out your hand and save me,
Your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
Discard not the work of your hands. *R*

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians. Col 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you
were baptised; and by baptism, too, you
have been raised up with him through your
belief in the power of God who raised him
from the dead. You were dead, because you
were sinners and had not been circumcised:
he has brought you to life with him, he has
forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled
every record of the debt that we had to pay;
he has done away with it by nailing it to the
cross.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The word was made flesh
and lived among us;*

To all who did accept him

*He gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying,
and when he had finished, one of his
disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as
John taught his disciples.' He said to them,
'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held
holy, your kingdom come;

give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive
each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a
friend and goes to him in the middle of the night
to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because
a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at
my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and
the man answers from inside the house, "Do not
bother me. The door is bolted now, and my
children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give
it to you," I tell you, if the man does not get up
and give it to him for friendship's sake,
persistence will be enough to make him get up
and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you;
search, and you will find; knock, and the door will
be opened to you. For the one who asks always
receives; the one who searches always finds; the
one who knocks will always have the door
opened to him. What father among you would
hand his son a stone when he asked for bread?
Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand
him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you
then, who are evil, know how to give your
children what is good, how much more will the
heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those
who ask him!

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.