



ENNIS PARISH

Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral

NEWSLETTER



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Luke 12: 49-53

Sunday 17th August 2025

FIRE ON THE EARTH



"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!"
Luke 12:49

Today's Gospel presents a challenge to the way we often think about Jesus. We are accustomed to knowing Him as a bringer of peace - a gentle teacher, a compassionate healer. But today, we hear of a side of Jesus that's a little more difficult to grasp: Jesus is divisive. He comes to bring division, not peace. Jesus is not saying that His mission is to create conflict for its own sake. He is acknowledging a difficult truth: when you follow Him, it can lead to division. Why? Because His message demands a radical reordering of our priorities.

When we follow Jesus, we are called to live differently - to love our enemies, to forgive those who hurt us, to care for the poor and oppressed, and to seek justice. This message isn't always welcomed by the world. In fact, in some situations, living out Jesus' values can make us stand out in uncomfortable ways. Jesus is clear: following Him is not easy. It's not just about

feeling good on Sunday mornings or agreeing with His teachings in theory. It's about living His teachings every single day, even when it's hard. And this can lead to difficult choices, tensions, and divisions.

In today's world, we can face this kind of division when we choose to follow Jesus. When we choose integrity over dishonesty, love over hatred, humility over pride and service over selfishness, we often find ourselves going against the grain of society. It's not always easy to do the right thing, and sometimes it means standing alone.

Think about the social issues we face today - whether it's poverty, injustice, or the care for the environment. As Christians, we are called to speak out and act in a way that may not always be comfortable or popular.

Jesus' values challenge the world's values, and following Him often means taking a stand for what is right - even if that means facing opposition or division. Following Jesus might not always make us popular. It might make us stand out in ways that are uncomfortable. His call is not to an easy life, but to a life of transformation. And that transformation can be beautiful, even if it's divisive.

So, let us embrace the division that comes with following Jesus, knowing that it's part of His call to transform the world, and us, into something more beautiful, more just, and more loving.

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 17th August 2025

Contact: Fr. David Carroll 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Woods Family, Circular Rd.
Donor's Intentions.

Sun 17th 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: Eddie & Maura Cotter, Victoria Court.

11.30am: Mary Daffy (nee Commene), Woodgrove,
Ballymacooda, Darragh. **1st Anniv.**
Brigid Haran, Kilrush Rd. **1st Anniv.**
Tom Pilkington, Loughville.
Seán Shannon, Connolly Villas.
McMahon & Coulter Families, Lifford Rd.
Mary Connolly, Ard na Gréine.
Michael Fitzgerald, Corrovorrin Drive.
Paddy Naughton, Clare Rd.

6.30pm: Mass for the Polish Community.

Mon: 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: Michael, Mollie & Tony McAndrew, Crossmolina,
Co. Mayo.

7.30pm: Maria & Paddy Duddy, Donegal.

Tues: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Barry Clune, Lissycasey.

Wed 7.40am: Teresa Walsh, Kilbreckan, Doora.

11am: James, Kathleen & Tommy Coote, Circular Rd.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Thurs 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Della Moroney, Loughville, Lahinch Rd.
Michael & Maisie Moroney, Limerick Rd.
Tom Dillon, Ard na Greine.

Fri 7.40am: John Nagle, Claureen, Lahinch Rd.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Ann Ferrigan, Gallows Hill. **MM**

Sat: 11am: John O'Sullivan, Cork & London.
John Looney, Shyan, Kilmihil.

6.30pm: Mary Crowley, Cahercalla Est &
Newmarket on Fergus. **MM**
Melinda Moloney, Clarecastle. **1st Anniv**
Michael Griffin, Parnell St.
Theresa (Teddy) Ryan & decd family, Connolly
Villas.
Pauline Clune, Quin.

Sun 24th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Paddy Forde, "St Martin's", Ardlea Rd.

11.30am: John Joe Keane, College Pk. **1st Anniv**
William & Patricia Casey, "La Verna", Cappahard,
Tulla Rd.
Pat & Mary Neylon, P.J., Mary & Michael Palmer,
Connolly Villas.
Paul Whelan, Kilrush Rd.
Breda, Joe & Jim O'Halloran, Doora & Ennis.
Florence Considine, Cooper's Place.
Monica & Fergus Gallagher, Cappahard.
Fursey Cuniffe, Greendale.

1pm: Mass for the Ukranian Community.

Found: Set of keys in the
Cathedral. Contact Parish Office

Coláiste Muire,
Ennis 50th
Reunion 1970 - 1975

If you started as a
First Year in Coláiste
Muire, Ennis in 1970
you are invited to our
50th Reunion at Old Ground Hotel
on Saturday 11th October.
More info from:
Hilary Campbell 0877834139;
Margaret Neylon 0877761204;
Cora Hahessy 087 987 3702



The Alzheimer society of Ireland
Memory walk at Lee's Road Park
Ennis on Sunday the 21st of
September at 11am
Distance: 1.5 km and 3.5 km
Meeting at the Entrance to
Woodland Walk beside Astroturf
pitch. 1.5km walk suitable for
buggies, 3.5 km some rough
ground.
If anyone is interested they can
register on the Alzheimer society
website : Adults: €20 Child: €5 or
alternatively turn up on the day to
register.

National Heritage Week 2025 Bunratty Castle & Folk Park

From 16th to 24th August,
celebrate National Heritage Week
2025 with rare breed displays,
artisan crafts, and engaging talks.
The Rare Breeds event on Sunday
17th August will feature indigenous
animals, traditional crafts, and the
creation of a willow coracle. From
16th-21st August, drop into daily
willow weaving workshops and
make your own keepsake
(additional fee applies).



Craggaunowen

Step back in time and enjoy the
sights, sounds, and flavours of
Ireland's past by joining us for
National Heritage Week 2025. On
Sunday 24th August, the Fire,
Food, & Folklore event will allow
you to experience spit-roast pork,
ancient fulacht fia cooking, and
demonstrations of spinning,
weaving, leatherwork, and
bookbinding.

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Seán Dolan, Castlelawn, Tulla Rd.
Anne Hartney, Mountain View.

Sun 17th 10am: Teresa Butler, Lifford.

11.45am: Gerry Jones, Orchard Lane.
Patrick Healy, St. Senan's Rd.
Ronnie O'Brien, St. Michael's Villas.

Mon 10.30am: Stephen O'Sullivan.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: Loretta O'Sullivan, Woodlawn,
Lahinch Rd.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: Frank Doris, Roslevan, Tulla Rd

Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.

7pm: Rita McEvoy, College Grove.

Sun 24th 10am: Gerry Sheridan, Marian Avenue.

11.45am: Patricia Mc Ennis, Lifford Rd. **MM**
Tommy McGann, Drumcliffe Rd & Theresa Hurley.

24 hours of prayer for Gaza

Sunday 24th August is designated as a day of
prayer for Gaza.
On this day you are asked to light a candle in
your family home or church, attend mass, spend
time before the Blessed Sacrament, pray the
Rosary, make some small personal penance or
sacrifice and on the day let the light of Hope
radiate our from the Island of Ireland for peace for
Gaza and for the future of its people. In the
Cathedral on that day we will have Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament from 5pm to 7pm for
people to come and pray for Gaza.

Newly Baptised

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

Cathal Garham Leyden;
Cúan John Murray;
Cúan Deasún Tadhg Stack;
Emma Rose Kelleher;
Finlay Bernard Greene;
Lilah Kathryn Greene;
Layla Mae O'Callaghan;



Rest in Peace



Maureen Ryan, Kevin Barry Avenue;
Patrick Nolan, Fergus Park;
Baby Kevin Flaherty Langan, Childers' Rd;
Baby Harry Ryan, College Green;
Maurice Ruane, Castlewood Park
died in Adare Nursing home;
Elizabeth (Betty) Maher (née Dempsey), Woodlawn
Michael Flaherty, St. Joseph's Hospital
& formerly St. Michael's Villas.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 17th 11am: No intention booked

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Fri: Donor's Intention.

Friary Roof Appeal Work is progressing on the roof in the Friary Church. The Friars wish to thank the many people who have generously responded to the appeal. If you would like to make a contribution please leave it in either the Friary or Parish Offices. Cheques to be made payable to Franciscan Friary Ennis.

Due to works and repairs on the Franciscan Friary roof, scaffolding needs to be erected. **The Friary Office will be closed until 12.30 on Wednesday morning the 20th August to facilitate this. The office will re-open from 12.30 – 5.30p.m. on that day.** We apologise for any inconvenience caused. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our appeal. Very much appreciated.
Fr. Guardian.

Soroptimist Ennis Branch would like to invite ladies who are interested in joining our club to a coffee morning on Saturday 30th August at the Old Ground Hotel in Ennis between 11.30a.m. and 1pm. Our members come from diverse backgrounds and professions, united by a common goal: to create a better world for women and girls. Our calendar includes campaign work, regular meetings, speaker events, coffee mornings, charity fundraisers, Christmas and social events. Come along if interested in finding out about the club and meet current members. Alternatively, you can contact Rosalie Byrne-Muir on 087 9005023 or Mary Hanley on 087 4150036



Knock Shrine

The National Novena at Knock Shrine continues each day this week up until Thursday 21st August, the feast of the first apparitions 1879. There are two sessions daily at 3pm and 8pm.

Lourdes

Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage Monday 29th September to Saturday 4th October, direct from Shannon Airport. Remaining seats can be booked with Joewalshtours.ie Tel 01 2410800. The Franciscan Pilgrimage is now fully booked.

Columbarium

Due to demand, we are hoping to extend the Columbarium in the Cathedral. Planning Permission under Section 57 was granted in the past week to proceed with the work.

The new niches will be above the vaults of St. Conaire and St. Conall. Joseph O'Neill from Eternum will be in the Cathedral:

Sunday 17th August 12 noon to 6pm;
Monday & Tuesday 18th & 19th August
12 noon to 6pm

To meet with anyone who might have questions or who wish to reserve a niche, please contact in advance by text or email for appointment:
085 214 8301 or 0044 7821 451 233
Email: joseph@eternumcolumbarium.com

Prayer for those waiting for Exam Results
Friday 22nd August Leaving Cert results will be out. In these days of waiting we pray for and with our students.

Loving God,
Calm the anxious hearts
of those awaiting exam results.
Grant them peace
that as the days approach for results.
Help them trust that their worth
lies not in a grade,
but in your unchanging love.
Give them courage to accept
whatever comes and
wisdom to see this moment
as just one step in their unique journey.
Surround them with your comfort and
support.

Coffee Morning



In aid of go fund me for Layla Kelly who needs surgery for a rare form of cancer in the Netherlands. Sunday 17th August after 9:30am & 11:30 mass in the Chapter room of the Cathedral. (Behind the Sacristy)

Seniors' Information Event

At Carrigoran Day Centre on Friday 22nd August from 1pm to 6pm

Participants, organisations taking part include: Age Friendly; Alcoholics Anonymous; Alone; Cardiac Rehab; Citizens' Information; Clarecare; Community Connect; Community Registered General Nurse; Cregg Medical; Family Carers Ireland; Glenina Reflexology; Gort Foot Clinic; Home Support; Public Health Nurse; SAGE Advocacy and many more.

St. Anthony's Magazine

The latest edition of St. Anthony's Brief supporting the work of the Franciscan Friars in their mission is available for sale €2 a copy in both the Friary and Cathedral. This edition features the ordination and first mass of recently ordained Fr. Philip McMahon OFM who served as deacon in our parish last year.

Grow Mental Health- Friendly Community based groups for anyone experiencing mental health issues through 12 Step Programme of connection, hope, identity by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth through education, peer support and self-teaching. Ennis Meeting Maria Assumpta Hall. Monday 7.30pm/Tuesday 2pm. Contact Celia 086-1526966/www.grow.ie

John Conroy and 11 other Clare volunteers have been volunteering in Uganda this Summer and are very thankful for the wonderful generosity of so many people from the community who have contributed towards the fundraising total of €86,770. Funds were used to build a dormitory, latrines, washrooms, refurbish classrooms, new G.A.A. Goal posts, provide school books for the children, support the great work of Hospice Jinja and assist in the expansion of Nile Og Cusacks G.A.A. Club.

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

Beannachtai

Tá go leor beannachtai le fáil sa Ghaeilge. Sa traidisiún bhí paidir ann do gach ócáid agus do gach gné den saol. Seo paidir le rá agus tú ag dul amach ag taisteal.

Gur ar choirnéir Dé agus na Maighdine Muire tú. Naomh Iósaf, Mac Duach agus Mac Dara agus Naomh Peadar do do thabhairt abhaile slán. Aimeán.

In the Irish language there were prayers for every occasion and for all aspects of life. This is a prayer for a safe journey.

May God and the Virgin Mary protect you. Saint Joseph, Macduach, Macdara and Saint Peter bring you home safely. Amen

Beannú na gCéadfaithe, Naomh Fursa atá againn ón seachtú haois déag.

Go raibh cuing reachta Dé ar an ngualainn seo,

Go raibh fiosrú an Spioraid Naoimh ar an gceann seo,

Go raibh comhartha Chríost san éadan seo,

Go raibh éisteacht an Spioraid Naoimh sna cluasa seo,

Go raibh boltanú an Spioraid Naoimh sa tsrón seo,

Go raibh amharc mhuintir neimhe sa bhéal seo,

Go raibh obair eaglais Dé sna lámha seo,

Go raibh leas Dé agus na gcomharsan sna cosa seo,

Agus gura le Dia, Athair uile, an duine seo. Aimeán

Blessing for Understanding and Perception of Saint Fursey

The arms of God around my shoulders,

The touch of the Holy Spirit upon my head,

The sign of Christ's cross upon my forehead,

The sound of the Holy Spirit in my ears,

The fragrance of the Holy Spirit in my nostrils,

The vision of heaven's company in my eyes,

The conversation of heaven's company on my lips,

The work of God's Church in my hands,

The service of God and neighbour in my feet,

A home for God in my heart,

And to God, the Father of all, my entire being,

Amen

Tá an bheannacht againn ó aimsir na réamh-Chríostaíochta. (A pre-Christian blessing as there is no mention of God)

Síocháin dhiamhair na toinne reatha chugat

Síocháin dhiamhair na leoithne boige chugat

Síocháin dhiamhair na cré socra chugat

Síocháin dhiamhair na réiltíní glosca chugat

Síocháin dhiamhair mac na síthe chugat.

Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the infinite peace to you.

Irish Red Cross Parachute Jump

Parachute Jump Fundraiser in aid of Irish Red Cross Clare Community Services on Sunday 7th September at Parachute Club, Clonad, Clonbullogue, Co. Offaly supporting the people of Clare for medical appointments. We need to raise €20,000 to keep the wheels rolling across Co. Clare and the Island of Ireland.

You can now Donate as follows:

Gofundirishredcrossclareareacommunityservices
www.idonate.ie/cause/irishredcrossinclare

Account Details:- Irish Red Cross Society – Clare Area Committee

Account Number: 46013472

IBAN: IE86 BOFI 9042 1046 0134 72

Any support you can give at this time is greatly appreciated

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
And look on the face of your anointed one;
One day within your courts is better than
a thousand elsewhere.

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 prophet Jeremiah.

Jer 38:4-6.8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king.
'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is
unquestionably disheartening the remaining
soldiers in the city, and all the people too,
by talking like this. The fellow does not have
the welfare of this people at heart so much
as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you
know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the
king is powerless against you.' So they took
Jeremiah and threw him into the well of
Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard,
letting him down with ropes. There was no
water in the well, only mud, and into the
mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the
palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,'
he said 'these men have done a wicked
thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like

have thrown him into the well where he
will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-
melech the Cushite the following order:
'Take three men with you from here and
pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well
before he dies.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. R

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. R

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. R

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay. R

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. Heb 12: 1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud
on every side of us, we too, then, should
throw off everything that hinders us, es-
pecially the sin that clings so easily, and
keep running steadily in the race we have
started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus,
who leads us in our faith and brings it to
perfection: for the sake of the joy which
was still in the future, he endured the
cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it,
and from now on has taken his place at
the right of God's throne. Think of the way
he stood such opposition from sin-
ners and then you will not give up for want
of courage. In the fight against sin, you
have not yet had to keep fighting to the
point of death.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The sheep that belong to me listen to my
voice, says the Lord,*

I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to
bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it
were blazing already! There is a baptism I
must still receive, and how great is my
distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to
bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but
rather division. For from now on a house-
hold of five will be divided: three against
two and two against three; the father
divided against the son, son against father,
mother against daughter, daughter against
mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-
law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law'.

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 suf-
fered 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 spo-
ken 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

I am the living bread that came down
from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever
eats of this bread will live forever.