



#### Day of Prayer for Peace in GAZA

Unbearable to watch the plight of the people of Gaza. Suffering inflicted on humans by humans. Is there any other creature on this planet that would inflict this misery on its own? Helpless we all feel as we seem to have no power to stop this awful tragedy. Yet, are we powerless?

This weekend we are invited to unite and focus on the power of being together and seeking another path. That path is a path of unity and prayer. We are reminded of the words spoken recently by the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pizzaballa;

“Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there, crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering.”

The readings at Mass today offer hope. The prophet Isaiah; ‘The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations.’ St. Paul in the Letter to the Hebrews writes ‘So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again’. And in today’s Gospel from Luke; ‘Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last’.

But what can I do? Why not reflect on some of the following; Next Wednesday August 27<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of St. Monica who through her prayers led to the conversion of her son Augustine. Or recall the simple but powerful act of Rosa Parks and her refusal to vacate a seat on the bus which was reserved for persons of a different racial background. Or what of those who walked peacefully on the Civil Rights marches in Northern Ireland? Or the many peaceful gatherings throughout the world that swayed the powers that be to change their approach. Yes, but what can I do? The invitation today is to give time in prayer, reflect for a few moments and hear what the Lord is whispering in my ear, a mantra; ‘Gaza, Peace’



“Lord, bring peace to Israel and Gaza, comfort the suffering, and guide all towards compassion and justice.”

#### 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

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# Priest on Duty: Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick

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## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat 6.30pm:** Mary Crowley, Cahercalla Est & Newmarket on Fergus. **MM**  
 Melinda Moloney, Clarecastle. **1st Anniv**  
 Michael Griffin, Parnell St.  
 Theresa (Teddy) Ryan & 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, Doorra & Ennis.  
 Florence Considine, Cooper's Place.  
 Monica & Fergus Gallagher, Cappahard.  
 Fursey Cuniffe, Greendale.  
 Paddy Egan, Kilmihil.

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

**Mon 7.40am:** Holy Souls.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Tom Cosgrove, McNamara Park.  
 Jerry Murphy, Clarecastle.

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

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Anthony Collins, Dublin & Clare.

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

**11am:** T.J. & Juliet O'Connor, Lahinch Rd.  
 Mary Connolly, Dublin.

**7.30pm:** Michael Considine, Hermitage, & Christopher & Daniel Considine, Barnsley, South Yorkshire.  
 Tim, Susan & Tadhg Queally, Drumcliffe.

**Thurs 7.40am:** Patrick Coote, Marian Ave &  
 Fr. Tony Coote, Dublin.

**11am:** Seamus Higgins, Drumbiggle Rd.

**7.30pm:** James Hanley, Turnpike Rd.

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

**11am:** Frank Conway, Station Rd.  
 Brendan Mulkere, Drumsallagh, Crusheen.

**7.30pm:** Sally Anne Hanrahan, Northampton, UK. **MM.**  
 Mary Reidy, Clareen.  
 Kathleen & Oliver Cullinan, Collins Park.

**Sat: 11am:** Seán & Maura O'Murchadha, Cusack Rd.

**6.30pm:** Joan & Patrick Barry, St. Senan's Rd.  
 Special Intention.  
 Mary Browne, Fergus Park.  
 Patrice O'Loughlin, Old Military Barracks. **MM**  
 Miko & Peggy Murphy & Daughter Ann Cooney, Tulla.

**Sun 31st 8am:** Paul Haney, Brockley, London.

**9.30am:** June & James Carey, Golf Links Cottage,  
 Golf Links Rd.

**11.30am:** Seán Hayes, Clonroad.  
 Kitty & Seán Lynch, St. Michael's Villas.  
 Evelyn Walsh, Darcy's Corner.

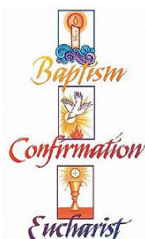
## Back to School

Those dreaded three words are here again. Our school doors will open once again this week for the start of a new school year. We pray God's blessing on all involved in Education in our Parish. Bless those who are beginning and those moving to new beginnings.



## Friary Roof Appeal

Work is progressing on the roof in the Friary. The Friars are grateful to all who have contributed to the appeal. If you wish to make a contribution, you can leave it in either the Friary or Parish Office. Cheques can be made payable to the Franciscan Friary, Ennis.



**RCIA**  
 Rite of  
 Catholic  
 Initiation of  
 Adults

## RCIA

Do you or someone you know want to become a Catholic? Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

## Newly Baptised

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



**Thomas Jay Richard Redmond.**  
**Jack Jeremiah Redmond;**  
**Scott Blake O'Donoghue;**  
**Abel Deegan Shannon;**  
**Reggie James McDonagh;**  
**Hanna Rose Hegarty Rynne;**  
**Rian Patrick Caldicott.**

## St. Joseph's

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat 7pm:** Rita McEvoy, College Grove.  
**Sun 24th 10am:** Gerry Sheridan, Marian Avenue.  
**11.45am:** Patricia McEnnis, Lifford Rd. **MM**  
 Tommy McGann, Drumcliffe Rd;  
 Theresa Hurley.

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

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

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

**Thu 10.30am:** Paudie Cosgrove, Gort Rd.

**Fri 10.30am:** Eugene Leonard, Cloverhill.

**Sat: 10.30am:** Mary McNamara, Banner Lodge.  
 Golf Links Rd. **1st Anniv**

**7pm:** Maurice Greehy, St. Senan's Rd.

**Sun 31st 10am:** Basil Minihane, Corrovorrin Drive.

**11.45am:** Helen McCabe, Newpark, Roslevan.

## 24 hours of prayer for Gaza

**This Sunday 24th August is designated 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 out 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.

## Saint Monica

**Wednesday 27th August**

St. Monica is remembered for her patience and faith in the face of adversity. Monica is remembered for converting her hot-tempered pagan husband, her cantankerous mother-in-law and her brilliant but wayward son Augustine (whose feast we celebrate in Thursday). Monica is the patron saint of wives, mothers and abuse victims.



## Rest in Peace

**Bernie Loftus née Ryan,** Simm's Lane, Buttermarket, and formerly Summerhill;  
**James Ball,** College Green, and formerly Hermitage;  
**Noel Normoyle,** Springfield, Ennis and formerly of Cahermurphy, Kilmihil;  
**Mary McGinty née Hayes,** Leeds, England, and formerly Shannon Park, Ennis;  
**Ann O'Donoghue,** Cloughleigh Road;  
 Funeral Mass St. Joseph's Church Thursday 28th August at 10.30am, followed by cremation;



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Mon: 9.30am:** Danuta Zelasko, Poland.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Wed 9.30am:** Krystyna Ostrowska, Poland.



## Pray for Vocations



That those called to serve the Diocese of Killaloe as priests in the 21st Century will find the strength and encouragement they need in Jesus the Bread of Life, who gives himself to us in the Eucharist, and that they will be filled with wisdom, joy and faith.

**Poor Clares Galway, Monastic Experience Day** for women 18-35. An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. The event will take place from **10am to 5pm on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September**. Contact: [events@poorclares.ie](mailto:events@poorclares.ie) to register. For more information: [poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days](http://poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days)

**Burren Outdoor Retreat:** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Would you like to come on a 3-day guided journey to some of the most secret and sacred places in the Burren? Allow yourself to be renewed in body and soul. Bookings from Noirin Lynch 087 447 9115

**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](http://www.grow.ie) It continues throughout the year.

**Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2025** takes place October 1st-31st next. For further information, please log onto [www.breastcancerireland.com](http://www.breastcancerireland.com).

## Prayer for those who received results

Father God,  
may your presence be felt  
on our young people  
who received their exam results  
on Friday.

As they plan ahead,  
may they know their worth  
and value is not based  
on academic achievement  
but on your great love for us.

Help them to trust  
in your goodness,  
fix their eyes firmly on you  
and guide their steps  
along the path before them. Amen

**Soroptimist Ennis Branch** would like to invite ladies who are interested in joining our club to a coffee morning on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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, contact Rosalie Byrne-Muir on 087 9005023 or Mary Hanley on 087 4150036.



**Changing Gears** is a free, five-week course in Ennis this October, designed to help people aged 50+ build resilience and navigate life transitions. Sessions run for 5 Thursdays from 10:30am to 1pm at Ennis Digital Hub, starting on 2nd October, 2025. To book a place please email Fiona at [engage@ageandopportunity.ie](mailto:engage@ageandopportunity.ie) or call (01) 913 3922.

## 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 le chéile dúinn, an bhrí ba chiall leis céadair agus faoi mar is féidir é, sin a chur in oiriúint do thoscaí 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 reading brings us together the old and the new, the meaning it meant for the first time and how this can be adapted to today's circumstances, or even your questions are still to come. This is not just a touch of mind, a bare intellectual, because Christ is present with his Spirit, with his grace.

And, of course, it is 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 your resurrection.

**Flute and Tin-Whistle Classes** - commencing in Ennis from September. Contact Brid for more information 0876217337. New students welcome.

**Anam Cara Galway**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly **Parent Support Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 3rd September at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Headford Point, Sandy Road, Galway.**

**Book Publication:** 'CAHIRACON on the banks of the River Shannon' was recently launched at Cahiracon House. The book contains a comprehensive history of the house and estate and the occupants through the centuries including landlords, religious orders; Columbans and the Salesians. Copies may be obtained from the author, Paul Markham by emailing [markhampaul304@gmail.com](mailto:markhampaul304@gmail.com) or by mobile on 086 8105141. Books cost €20 each.

**Clare Crusaders Children's Clinic Annual Tractor Run** is on in Barefield Village Sunday 31st August at 2pm. Entry €20 Tractors big and small, Vintage Cars, Bikes, and Cyclists all welcome also a Children's Tractor Run.

# PEACE24

## 24 Hours of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza

"Let the light of hope  
radiate out from the  
island of Ireland for  
peace, for Gaza and for  
the future of its people."  
- Archbishop Eamon  
Martin



Join us in SS Peter &  
Paul Cathedral on  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August  
we will have Adoration  
of the Blessed  
Sacrament from 5 pm to  
7 pm for people to  
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Gaza

Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday, 17th August 2025  
Fund €4,415  
Online €537  
Sunday, 11th August 2025  
Fund €4,779

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
Save the servant who trusts in you,  
my God.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to  
you all the day long.

## 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 Fa-  
ther, 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 Isaiah.

Is 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather  
the nations of every language. They shall  
come to witness my glory. I will give them a  
sign and send some of their survivors to the  
nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech,  
Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant is-  
lands that have never heard of me or seen  
my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the  
nations. As an offering to the Lord they will  
bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots,  
in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all  
the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusa-  
lem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing  
oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of  
the Lord. And of some of them I will make  
priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: *Go out to the whole world;  
proclaim the Good News.*

O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
acclaim him all you peoples!

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Strong is his love for us;  
he is faithful forever.

R

## A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Heb 12:5-7.11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging  
text in which you are addressed as  
sons? My son, when the Lord corrects  
you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get  
discouraged when he reprimands you.  
For the Lord trains the ones that he  
loves and he punishes all those that he  
acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is  
part of your training; God is treating you  
as his sons. Has there ever been any  
son whose father did not train him? Of  
course, any punishment is most painful  
at the time, and far from pleasant; but  
later, in those on whom it has been  
used, it bears fruit in peace and good-  
ness. So hold up your limp arms and  
steady your trembling knees and smooth  
out the path you tread; then the injured  
limb will not be wrenched, it will grow  
strong again.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*If anyone loves me he will keep my  
word, and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went  
teaching, making his way to Jerusalem.  
Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be  
only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try  
your best to enter by the narrow door,  
because, I tell you, many will try to enter  
and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got  
up and locked the door, you may find  
yourself knocking on the door, saying,  
"Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I  
do not know where you come from."  
Then you will find yourself saying, "We

our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know  
where you come from. Away from me, all  
you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and  
grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham  
and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in  
the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned  
outside. And men from east and west, from  
north and south, will come to take their  
places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who  
will be first, and those now first who will be  
last.'

## 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 Scrip-  
tures. 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

The earth is replete with the fruits of  
your work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.