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Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral

NEWSLETTER



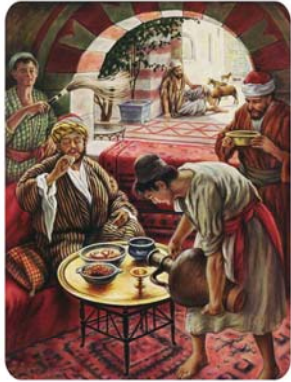
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Luke 16: 19-31

Sunday 28th September 2025

World Day of Migrants and Refugees..!



God has no favourites – God loves each one of us equally. Is that part of our understanding of why Jesus died to save us all? But here, clear favouritism is shown – God is on the side of the poor. Rich cast to hell and to suffering. Could it really be so?

The message from this story and indeed the life of Jesus, is that what does not find favour with God is not so much people getting wealthy, as using their riches simply to feather their own nest and not sharing their resources with others to ensure that no one is left without. There is a responsibility on all to bring the kingdom of God to reality here on earth. The kingdom that Jesus often speaks about is not just some abstract thing, something far off, some after life. Jesus desires it to be here and now. That is why he favoured the poor, the outcasts, the lepers because the chosen people were making others poor and outcasts and lepers.

Today is a day of prayer for migrants and refugees. It is a difficult topic for many but we would do well to reflect honestly and ask whether our practices, our lives, contribute to the cycle that results in poverty increasing and people leaving their home?

This Gospel presents us with quite a paradox because it invites us to reflect very carefully on our lives, on our words, on our actions to make sure that we are not focused solely on ourselves.

It's all very well being filled with faith and love, being patient and gentle as Paul puts it in his writing; but when we see the sin of how humankind is affecting climate change, the sin of how people most in need are treated and rejected by many, the words of Blessed Archbishop Oscar Romero speak very clearly to all of that in a faithful response to this Gospel when he said

“The Church must suffer for speaking the truth, for pointing out sin, for uprooting sin. No one wants to have a sore spot touched, and therefore a society with so many sores twitches when someone has the courage to touch it and say: “you have to treat that. You have to get rid of that. Believe in Christ. Be converted.”



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

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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 6.30pm: Shane Magnier, Francis St.
 Pauline Clune, Quin.
 Rita Nolan, Gallows Hill.
 Marie MM & Vincent Griffin, Ard Aoibhinn,
 Limerick Rd.
 Mary O'Mahony, Ballyea & Phoenix Court.
 Susan Feore, Ennis.
 Bridie Coughlan, Greygrove, Kilmihil.

Sun 28th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Joan Dargan, Limerick Rd.
 Bridie & Kevin Murphy, Sligo.

11.30am: Noreen Greene, College Park.
 Bridie & Tony Mahony, Hermitage.
 Tony Mulrennan, Westfields.
 Maureen Mahony, Tulla & London.
 Tina Barker nee McDonnell, Norfolk & Ennis.
 Special Intention.

Mon: 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: Áine Mery (nee Scanlon), Market St.

7.30pm: Joseph & Bernadette Keane, Summerhill.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Sheila & David Clohessy, Childers' Rd.

Wed 7.40am: Anne Keane nee O'Rourke
 Aughinish, Kinvara & Loughrea. & Keane &
 O'Rourke Families.

11am: Patrick & Josephine Kelly, Ard na Gréine.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Derry O'Doherty, Stillorgan, Dublin
 & Millstreet, Cork.
 Kathleen & Jimmy Peppard, O'Callaghan's Mills.

7.30pm: Raymundo Sabroso, The Philippines.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: John Ryan, Ardlea Rd.

Sat 11am: Laurence O'Loughlin, Cahercalla Estate. MM
 Nancy, Michael & Michael Jr. Hehir, Ard na Gréine.

6.30pm: Nuala Cahill, Drimeen. 1st Anniv.
 Eugene Quinn & Quinn Family,
 Corrovorin & Loughville.
 Furse O'Connor, Collins Park.
 Patsy Woods, Circular Rd.
 Gerry Ryan, Stonepark, Barefield.

Sun 5th 8am: Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families,
 Ennis & Cork.
 Agnes Meaney, Surrey, UK.

9.30am: Tina Barker nee McDonnell, Norfolk & Ennis.

11.30am: No intention booked.

6.30pm: Mass for the Polish Community.

Priests' Autumn Collection

The Autumn Collection for the Bishop and priests of the Pastoral Area who serve the parish will take place at all masses next weekend. Your support for the priests and Bishop is very much appreciated. Envelopes are available and thank you in anticipation of your support.

Blessing of New Life



Calling all Expectant Parents to the next Blessing of New Life in our Pastoral Area that will take place on **Monday 6th October at 8pm in the Church of Our Lady, Roslevan.** If you or anyone you know is pregnant, please share the invitation with them.

First Friday October



Friday next 3rd October 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.

October the Month of the Rosary

The Rosary is a special prayer in the lives of many people. The month of October, with the Feast of the Holy Rosary, is a special opportunity to once again renew your love for this prayer, even by praying one decade of the rosary each day



Newly Baptised

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



Lainey Michelle O'Loughlin Murrihy

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Aidan Reilly, Corrovorin Crescent.
Sacrament Enrolment Mass.

Sun 28th 10am: Sacrament Enrolment Mass.
 Helen, Edward, Linda & Cyril Cuddihy,
 St. Senan's Rd.
 PJ O'Donnell, Ballyalla.

11.45am: Sacrament Enrolment Mass.

Mon 10.30am: Eithne Carey, Pine Grove.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: Martin Keane & Keane Family,
 St. Senan's Rd.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.

Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.

7pm: Kathleen Torpey, Marian Ave. MM.
 Ann O'Donoghue, Fergus View, Cloughleigh. MM.
 Seamus McMahon, Lifford Rd. MM.
 Maureen Derrane, The Crescent. 1st Anniv.
 Pat & Mary McInerney, Corrovorin Green.
 Joseph & Mary Hegarty, Shanaway Rd.

Sun 5th 10am: Frances & Denis, Callinan,
 Shannon Park.

11.45am: No intention booked.



In the coming weeks we will be inviting people to become involved in St Joseph's church community through reading, eucharistic ministers, choir, church cleaners and sacristy.

Please don't leave it to others; your presence and your help will be very welcome.

CBS Primary Sacramental Preparation

This weekend we welcome the girls and boys from CBS Primary who are celebrating their enrolment for sacramental preparation at Masses in St Joseph's. Please pray for them, their families, teachers and all who are involved in their sacramental journey for the year ahead.

Gentle Reminder!

If you have borrowed a book from the small library in St. Joseph's Church, please don't forget to return it, so that others can use it. Thank you.

Season of Creation

Living God, giver of all life
 You bless us with your wonders of the Earth,
 With all its beauty and goodness
 May we remember that we are caretakers
 Not owners of this wonderful planet
 May we tread lightly and care greatly
 For our home, Mother Earth.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 28th 11am: Michael & Patrick O'Brien,
 Cloughleigh Rd.
 Special Intention.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Frank Crowe, Knockerra.

Thurs 9.30am: Bridget O'Connor, Miltown Malbay.

Fri 9.30am: Fintan Ryan, Kilkee.

Ennis Parish
 Development Fund
 for Sunday, 21st September

Fund €6,649
 Online €116.50

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.
ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN
15 AND 30?**



The Diocese of Killaloe wishes to engage with young people aged 15 to 30 to find out their views in relation to **Youth Ministry**.

Youth Ministry is viewed as a dedicated space for young people to explore their faith, develop as people and actively participate in church life. We invite you to complete a survey which you will find online at the following link.

<https://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/resources/secondary-catechetics/>

Here you will find the link to the Google Forms Youth Ministry Survey.

<https://forms.office.com/e/r9Kwj0MqzD>

The Form is set to accept responses from Tuesday morning September 23rd at 8.45am. until Friday October 24th next at 4pm. We look forward to hearing from you.

Feast of St. Francis



Saturday 4th October we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. For nearly eight centuries the Franciscan Friars have been a quiet, constant heartbeat in the life of Ennis.

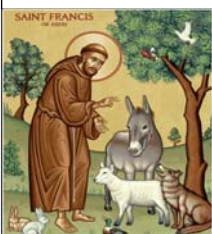
From the first stones of the Abbey laid in the 13th Century, their presence has woven a thread of prayer, learning and service in our town's very fabric.

Generations have found solace, guidance and a space for quiet contemplation. The Friars over many generations have shown a compassionate presence for countless people through moments of joy, sorrow and everyday life.

As we celebrate St. Francis this week, we thank Fr. Brendan, Guardian and his Fraternity of Friars for handing on and sharing the gift of faith, service and presence in the heart of our town.

Our Parish Calendar for the month of October features the present community of Friars.

Blessing of Animals



One of the great traditions on St. Francis Day is the Blessing of Animals which takes place in front of the Friary on Saturday 4th October at 3pm

Harvest Mass



The Abbey Pastoral Area will celebrate the gift of the Harvest on Sunday 12th October when Bishop Fintan will celebrate the 9.30am

Mass in St. Stephen's Church, Maghera. This beautiful church in the heart of the country is part of the Parish of Clooney, Quin & Maghera.

As we celebrate the Month of Creation, all are invited to gather and pray in thanksgiving and also for the future of the Harvest.

Also on the same day in St. Columba's Church of Ireland the community will celebrate the Harvest at the 11.30am Service in Bindon Street. Rev. Vicki Lynch and the Select Vestry invite all to join them in prayer and thanksgiving for the Harvest.

County Hurling Final



Next Sunday all roads lead to Cusack Park for the County Final between our Parish and neighbours Clooney Quin.

All the sweat, dedication and teamwork have led to this final.

We wish every blessing to the team and management to play with courage, passion and leave nothing behind. We are all cheering loudly for you. Bring Home Jack Daly next Sunday Evening please!!

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Bishop Fintan and Fr. Tom are leading our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this week. Please unite in prayer each day with the pilgrimage.

Accord Marriage Preparation Course

Are you getting married in 2026/2027? Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service provides Marriage Preparation Programmes for couples choosing to get married in the Catholic Church. Make a booking today for courses in Ennis or Nenagh at www.accord.ie

Year of Hope

We live in a world where there is great need for Hope. This year is a Holy Year focused on Hope. Bishop Monahan has designated the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Newmarket-on-Fergus as a pilgrimage centre for the Holy Year. Tradaree Pastoral Area has organised a celebration of hope to take place in the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Newmarket-on-Fergus at 7pm on Thursday, 2 October (Feast of the Guardian Angels). Olive Foley from Killaloe will share a reflection on hope in her own life. All welcome.

REST IN PEACE

Stuart Daly, Clancy Park;

Fr. Vincent Gallogly, OFM, Rossnowlagh Friary, Donegal.

Ber Winston S Hynes, Ennis.

Tony Kelly, Fergus Park. Funeral Mass on Sunday at 1pm in the Cathedral.



Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

Beannachtaí

Tá go leor beannachtaí 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 choimrí Dé agus na Maighdine Muire tú. Naomh Iósaf, Mac Duach agus Mac Dara agus Naomh Peadar do do thabhairt abhaile slán. Áiméan.

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

A home for God in my heart,
And to God, the Father of all,
my entire being, Amen

Tá an bheannacht seo 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

glioscarnaí 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.

Clare SVP Seeking Volunteers

Clare SVP is seeking volunteers to help us continue our work helping people in need. To find out more about volunteering with SVP, please visit svp.ie/volunteer or free text 'SVP' with your name and county to 50100.

Pink Breakfast at Éire Óg Club

Pink Breakfast Fundraiser in Éire Og Club House Saturday 11th October from 10am to 1pm to raise vital funds for Breast Cancer Research. Hosted by Selina Donnelly & Claire Cooke with family and friends. Face painting and spots on the day too. Further into Selina 0860736674

CPR Community Course

The Irish Red Cross Clare Area is hosting an open day for its upcoming CPR Community Course at Tracklands Business Park, Ennis, V95 X258, on Tuesday 30/09/2025, 7.30pm to 9pm. Contact Tracey Fitzgerald (087)0559482

Mass Offerings

It is a beautiful expression of love and faith when people have their dear departed loved ones, whose memory they carry in their hearts, remembered at the altar during the celebration of Mass. The Mass is the highest form of prayer and unites us with Christ's love made visible on the cross. Due to the decline in the number of priests and the consequent reduction in the number of Masses celebrated in our churches it has become common for a single Mass to be offered for two or more deceased persons or intentions.

While donations for the celebration of Mass are voluntary, a great many people and families choose to make an offering to the priest who celebrates the Mass, which is greatly appreciated. When several intentions are included in a single celebration of Mass, the priest retains only one offering and the others are given to the parish or to another charity.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
You have done with true judgement,
For we have sinned against you
And not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name and deal with
us according to the bounty of your mercy.

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 Amos

Amos 6:1-4-7

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the
mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their
divans, they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the
sound of the harp, they invent new
instruments of music like David, they drink
wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for
anointing themselves, but about the ruin of
Joseph they do not care at all. That is why
they will be the first to be exiled; the
sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed
down.

It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy. 1 Tm 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must
aim to be saintly and religious, filled with
faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight
the good fight of the faith and win for
yourself the eternal life to which you were
called when you made your profession
and spoke up for the truth in front of
many witnesses. Now, before God the
source of all life and before Jesus Christ,
who spoke up as a witness for the truth in
front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the
duty of doing all that you have been told,
with no faults or failures, until the
Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be
revealed

by God, the blessed and only
Ruler of all, the King of kings and
the Lord of lords, who alone is
immortal, whose home is in
inaccessible light, whom no man
has seen and no man is able to
see: to him be honour and
everlasting power. Amen.

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 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a
rich man who used to dress in purple and
fine linen and feast magnificently every
day. And at his gate there lay a poor man
called Lazarus, covered with sores, who
longed to fill himself with the scraps that
fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even
came and licked his sores. Now the poor
man died and was carried away by the
angels to the bosom of Abraham. The
rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and
saw Abraham a long way off with
Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out,

"Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus
to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my
tongue, for I am in agony in these flames."
"My son," Abraham replied, "remember that
during your life good things came your way,
just as bad things came the way of Lazarus.
Now he is being comforted here while you are
in agony. But that is not all: between us and
you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop
anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our
side to yours, and to stop any crossing from
your side to ours."

"The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then
to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I
have five brothers, to give them warning so
that they do not come to this place of torment
too." "They have Moses and the prophets,"
said Abraham, "let them listen to them." "Ah
no, father Abraham," said the rich man, "but if
someone comes to them from the dead, they
will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If
they will not listen either to Moses or to the
prophets, they will not be convinced even if
someone should rise 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
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

**By this we came to know the love of God;
that Christ laid down his life for us; so we
ought to lay down our lives for one
another.**