

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Luke 14:25-33

Sunday 7th September 2025

Reflecting on the readings this weekend I am reminded of the story of the two builders working side by side on a building site. Near the end of the day, one turned to the other and said. "It's good enough"!!! to which the other builder replied " It's never just good enough it's either right or wrong and let's put it right"

As we know only too well, it's never easy to continually put things right amid the complexities and everyday issues of life as they unfold for you and I.

That is highlighted in our first reading this weekend" the reasonings of mortals are unsure and their intentions unstable.

To whom do we turn to if we do not wish to be the person who started in the Gospel and was unable to finish. To whom do we turn to?

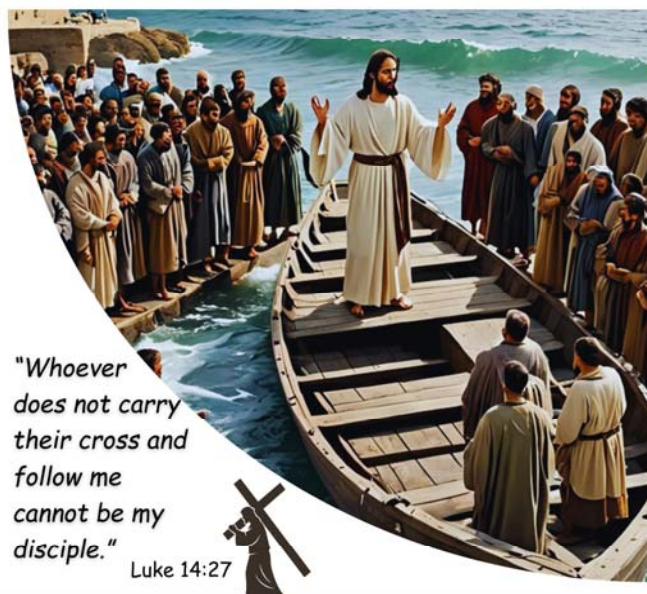
The reassurance we need is provided in our Gospel Acclamation

'I call you friends says the Lord because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my father'.

Such a friendship with the Lord can be demanding from time to time.

"Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple says the Lord "

Like the Story of the two builders, we need to follow through on our commitments to others, on our responsibility to others, with the help of the Spirit and wisdom of God to guide us even when the going gets tough and we are occasionally inclined to take the easier option .



"Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:27

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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Priest on Duty 7th September 2025

Fr. Ger Jones - Tel: 065 686 9098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 6.30pm: Harry Ryan, College Green. MM.
Teresa Sheerin Ryan, Kilmaley; Tulla Rd., Ennis;
Cranny & Trim, Co. Meath.
John & Michael Shannon, Loughville.

Sun 7th 8am: Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families,
Ennis & Cork.

9.30am: No intention booked.

11.30am: Margaret Smith, Cahercalla Heights.
Kathleen McGovern, 'St. Martin's', College View.
Veronica & John Drinan, 'Ashmere', Cusack Rd.
Pauline Greer, Greenhill House, Ashline.
Ronan Kildea, Castlerock, Tulla Rd.
Bridget & Joseph Molloy, Hermitage.
Special Intention.

6.30pm: Mass for the Polish Community.

Mon 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: Paddy Quinn, Corofin.

7.30pm: Michael O'Connell, St. Michael's Villas.
Patrick Mulconry, Kildysart.
Kay & Deceased McNamara Family, Lahinch.

Tues 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Mary Tuohy, Dromore, Feakle.

7.30pm: Molly Slattery, Cahercalla.

Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Patricia Arthur, Station Court & Parnell St.

Thurs 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Andrew Hogan, Hermitage.

7.30pm: Aidan Frost, Castlewood Park.
Susan McMahon, Limerick Rd.
Michael & Maisie Moroney, Limerick Rd.
Anthony Nolan, Páirc na Coille. **1st Anniv**

Fri 7.40am: Joe Egan, Castlebar.
Mai Cahill, Rosanoir & Corofin. MM

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: PJ Kelly, Carmody St.
Michael Kearse, St. Michael's Villas.
Patricia Ryan Guilfoyle, Circular Rd., Hermitage.
Tom & Mary Dillon, Kilkishen & Broadford.

Sat: 11am: Bernie Loftus, Simm's Lane, Buttermarket,
MM & Inurnment of Ashes.
Olive O'Malley, Kilbrickan, Doora.
Seán, Ann & Brendan Mullarkey, College Green.

6.30pm: Kieran Griffin, Cronan Park, Shannon.
Bridie & Seán McMahon, Knockanoura, Tulla Rd.
Marian Kelly, Knock, Kilrush.

Sun 14th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Tony Mulrennan, Westfields.
Rita Keane, Loughville.
Conor Sheils & Mary O'Connor, College Grove.

11.30am: Elizabeth (Betty) MM & Peter Maher
1st Anniv., Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.
John & Deceased Cotter Family, Loughville.
Eileen Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.
Michael Tierney, Cahercalla Rd.
Michael & Molly Meehan & Deceased Family,
Summerhill.

5pm: Mass for the Brazilian Community

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of: €100, €50 & €20.
Your generosity to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal is much appreciated. Thank you.

Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage

If you would like to be part of the Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes from September 29th — October 4th.
Contact: www.joewalshtours.ie;
Tel: 01 2410800



Newly Baptised



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

Luke William Cremin;
Luke Thomas Heffernan;
Iarlaith Joseph Smyth.

Cathedral Junior Choir

Now recruiting for new members.
Join us for a free practice every Monday 5.15pm - 6.30pm; 3rd class to 6th class. Singing at Mass once a month.
Contact: Fiona 087 6886378



Friary News

Solemn Profession:



Please keep *Bro. Ian Cunningham* OFM in your prayers this week as he prepares for his Solemn profession as a Friar on Sunday next 14th September at the 10.30am Mass in the Friary.

Children's Liturgy:

Play and Pray will resume at the 10.30am Mass in the Friary This Sunday.

St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Maureen Ryan, Kevin Barry Ave. MM.
Michael Meere, Corrovorrin Green.

Sun 7th 10am: Noel Bane, Marian Ave.

11.45am: Mary Finnegan, St. Senan's Rd. **1st Anniv**

Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.
James Fahy, Cavan & Whitegate.
Lelia O'Brien, Ennis.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: Madeleine Keown, Corofin.

Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.

Sat: 10.30am: Michael Flaherty, Elder Unit,
St. Joseph's & St. Michael's Villas. MM

7pm: Martin & Maureen Mullins, Marian Ave.

Sun 14th 10am: Noel Carmody, Kincora Park.

11.45am: John & Margaret McNamara, St. Senan's Rd.
Cahir, Quinn & Howard Families, Kilfenora & Corofin.

Sick & Retired Priests' Appeal

The second collection at all Masses this weekend is the annual appeal to support and care for our sick and retired priests. These Priests some now in their eighties and nineties, have given over fifty to sixty years of Ministry in different Parishes in our diocese and now in the twilight years of their lives need care and support.

Your generosity to this appeal is very much appreciated.



To Retiring (and Retired) Priests

So many years have passed since ordination,
so many souls encouraged on their way,
so many joys and sorrows shared with people.
A lifetime's work of giving - night and day.
"I baptise thee" so often said to babies,
"Do you take X" to couples who were wed.
In changing times they carried out their duty,
were criticised, perhaps, by those who "know"
with certitude how God is really thinking,
yet priests must listen to both friend and foe.
So God will surely honour their devotion,
and show appreciation for work done,
by telling them in words of kindness feeling:
"You served me well, step in, my faithful Son".

The Season of Creation 1st September - 4th October

Creator God,
Awaken my senses to the wonder of your world today. In the air I breathe, the lights I see, and the Earth beneath my feet, help me recognise your sacred presence.
Grant me a heart of gratitude for all you have made and a spirit of courage to protect and restore it. Guide my actions, both great and small, that I may be a faithful steward of your gift. **Amen**



**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 7th 11am: Teresa Larkin, Cusack Rd.

Mon: 9.30am: Teresa Sheerin Ryan, Kilmaley & Tulla Rd.
John, Mary & Deceased Flanagan, Family, Inagh.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Two Young Saints

The Canonisation ceremony for Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati, takes place in Rome this Sunday Morning.

Fridge Magnets of Carlo Acutis

These magnets are available this weekend after all masses and during the week in the Parish Office. €3 each or 2 for €5 with the proceeds going to youth faith formation.

Welcoming New Catholics

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the RCIA - is for people who want to become Catholic. In recent years there has been an increased number of people seeking instruction in the Catholic Faith. You may know of someone considering becoming Catholic.

In the past week, we welcomed a 54 year old to the Faith in Baptism.

For more information on RCIA, please contact the Parish Office: 065 6824043

After preparation candidates will receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil 2026.



St. Joseph's Secondary School, Tulla

75th Anniversary Mass in the school with Bishop Fintan next Friday at 11.30am. All past pupils, teachers and families are welcome.



Come and enjoy a night of trad music, singing, dancing and storytelling with Cloughleigh CCE in Cois na hAbhna Tuesday 9th September, 7.30pm. Cupán tae.

EVELYN MAC MAHON SCHOOL OF SPEECH AND DRAMA Classes resuming. Classes available for primary and secondary pupils. For further info: Tel: Evelyn Mac Mahon ALCMTD LLCMTD FLCM 085 1884158

Harvest Day returns to Bunratty Folk Park on Sunday, September 7th: Celebrate Ireland's rich agricultural heritage with traditional threshing, vintage machinery, crafts, music, dance, and family fun. Visitors can enjoy baking, butter making, storytelling, and meet native Irish breeds, all in the spirit of a traditional 19th-century Harvest Day. **Normal admission rates apply.**

Breast Cancer Awareness Month takes place October 1st-31st. For further information, please log onto www.breastcancerireland.com.



The Old Ground Hotel Ennis is hosting a **Coffee Morning Fundraiser** on Saturday 13th September from 10am – 12 noon in their Town Hall Bistro supporting local lady Phil Molony who is travelling to Africa this October in aid of two charities - Coloma Primary School, Mbarra Uganda & The Outreach Palliative Care Programme Mbarra, Uganda. All monies raised will go directly to the above projects All are welcome and your support will be very much appreciated.

THE RNLI LIFEBOATS BURREN RAMBLE

2025 - 7KM Burren Ramble takes place this Sunday 7th September with the Ramble returning to the Famine Road in Boston Tubber to experience the beauty of the finest landscape there is in the World of the solid limestone rock adorned with the beauty of the fauna and the flowers of the Burren. Meeting point for parking is Boston Church from 11am where people will be guided the very short distance to Pat O'Connors' meadow field in Kiltack Beg, EIR CODE: H91 N472 to park. The ramble leaves for the waters and the wild at 12 noon. Bring suitable walking and weather gear. Information from 0876260301. Your support is valued and appreciated by our lifeboat crews.



HSE Mid-West Community Healthcare are running the 'Living Well' programme which is a free of charge group self-management programme for people with long term health conditions or their carers. The programme, which is run in a friendly and non-intrusive manner, addresses topics such as fatigue, sleep, pain, stress, physical activity, healthy eating, difficult emotions, low mood, depression and general wellbeing. It takes place over 6 weeks, 2.5 hours per week with up to 15 people on the programme. A programme will commence on Wednesday September 17th in HSE Ennis Primary Care Centre on Station Road at 10.30am and continues for 6 weeks, finishing on Wednesday October 22nd. Prior registration is necessary, numbers are limited, call Philip at 087 1799396 to register or for more information.

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service is urging people in the areas to donate blood following the recent spell of hot weather, which has led to a noticeable drop in donations. With hospitals still requiring a steady supply of blood every day, the IBTS is asking regular donors and new volunteers to help make up the fall in donations experienced during the recent hot spell. "Demand from Irish hospitals has not slowed down," said Alex O'Connor, IBTS Recruitment Executive. "Your donation can help ensure patients continue to get the blood they urgently need. Giving blood takes less than an hour and could mean the world to someone in need. September is World Blood Cancer Month which raises awareness for myeloma, and related blood disorders. 65% of blood collected at Irish Clinics goes to support Irish cancer victims so donating is another solid way for the community to offer their support.



Ennis West County Hotel; Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th September; 4:50pm – 8:10pm. New and returning donors welcome at all clinics. Please phone 1800 222 111 for appointment for all clinics.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 31st August
Fund €6,554.00
Online €308.50

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Meán Fómhair

Cuirimis fáilte roimh mhí Mheán Fómhair, mí na torthúlachta, mí bhainte an arbhair, mí fillleadh ar scoileanna agus colaistí. *I Mí Meán Fómhair, bí linn a Thiarna.*

De réir an tseanfhocail, dá fhad é an lá tagann an oíche. Tá deireadh le laethanta saoire an tSamhraidh Tá múinteoirí, daltaí agus mic leánn dírithe ar an bhfoghlaim. Tús maith leath na hoibre Guimis ar son ár múinteoirí agus ár lucht teagaisc a thugann aire do spiorad an aosa óig agus a thugann chun foirfeachta é. Beannaigh iad ina gcuid oibre, a fosa. Molaimid don aos óg aird a dhíriú ag tús na scoil bhliana ar an gcomhairle seo a leanas ón mbéaloideas. Na trí nithe nach féidir leo casadh go brách: lá ó scoil, Domhnach ón Aifreann, lá ó cheird.

Ní ualach do dhuine an léann agus seo an-chomhairle ó fhile anaithnid:

*I d'óige oscail do mheabhair,
Is bailigh an fhoghlaim leat;
Óir an glór nach dtuigeann an ceann
Is cuma é ann ná as.*



We welcome September, month of fruitfulness, month of harvesting, month of returning to schools and colleges. **Be with us Lord during the month of September.**

According to the proverb however long the day night will come. The holidays are over. During the past few days teachers, pupils and students have returned to schools and to their studies. Let us remember them and pray for all those who work as educators and who help young people achieve their full potential. Jesus, bless them in their work! We advise students to remember the following from Irish lore: Three things you can never get back: a day absent from school, a Sunday without Mass and a day away from one's trade. Learning is no burden and it is worth listening to this anonymous poet's advice:

*In your youth, open your mind,
And acquire an education;
For knowledge, your intellect does not
understand is useless.*

A special event that's being held here in DeValera Library on Tuesday 9th September at 6.30pm to mark National Literacy Day 2025. The theme this year is Media Literacy.

Rest In Peace

Tom O'Connor, Roslevan & The Market, Ennis;
Seamus McMahon, Lifford Road, Ennis;
Laurence O'Loughlin, Cahercalla Estate;
Kitty Touhy, Station Court;
Brendan McGrath, Blackrock, Co. Cork father of
Hugh McGrath, Woodstock Hill, Shanaway Rd.;



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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 Wisdom

Ws 9:13-18

'What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever. Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Philemon **Phm 9-10.12-17**

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains:

I mean Onesimus.

I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self.

I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me.

However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous.

I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord.

So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke **Lk 14:25-33**

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers,

sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.'

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.