



ENNIS PARISH



Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral

NEWSLETTER



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Luke 18:9-14

Sunday 26th October 2025

"BE MERCIFUL TO ME A SINNER"



"The Pharisee came before Lord, singing his own praises, the tax collector threw himself on God's mercy."

Today's gospel parable introduces us to a Pharisee and a Tax collector praying in the temple. The Pharisee boasts about his great accomplishments. Meanwhile, the tax collector stands at a distance, and simply says, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Jesus flips expectations by declaring that it is the tax collector, not the Pharisee, who goes home justified before God.

This parable strikes at the heart of one of today's most pervasive issues: spiritual pride dressed up as moral superiority. In an age of social media, public image, and curated virtue, it's easy to become the modern-day Pharisee - not necessarily in religion, but in how we compare ourselves to others. We may not say, "I fast twice a week," but we might say, "At least I recycle," "I vote the right way," or "I'm not like those people." It's subtle, but the spirit is the same - we define ourselves as good by looking down on others.

Meanwhile, the tax collector represents someone who knows they've failed - not just publicly, but deeply and personally. He

doesn't perform. He doesn't try to cover up or explain away his flaws. He just confesses. This is the kind of posture Jesus honours: one of humility, honesty, and need.

This parable also challenges how we understand righteousness. In our culture, we often think righteousness is earned - by being a good person, holding the right opinions, or doing the right things. But Jesus reminds us that righteousness is not something we earn or prove; it's something we receive through grace. The tax collector doesn't justify himself; he simply throws himself on the mercy of God.

Jesus shows that transformation begins not with denial or defensiveness, but with humility. In that way, the parable invites all of us to examine the posture of our hearts. In a polarized, performance-driven world, Jesus offers a better way: radical humility. This parable calls us to stop measuring ourselves against others and start standing honestly before God. The truth is, we are all the tax collector - in need of mercy, not applause. And when we acknowledge that, something beautiful happens. We are freed from the exhausting burden of self-righteousness and welcomed into the liberating grace of God.

As Jesus says, "All those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." In a world where everyone is trying to climb higher, Jesus invites us to bow lower - and find true peace there.

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

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Friary:- 6828751

Ennis Parish Web Site: <http://www.ennisparish.com>

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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 6.30pm: Anne Marie Lucas, Cusack Rd.
 Eamon & Colette Kelly, Brookville & Woodview.
 Paul, Patrick & Baby Mary Crowley, Cahercalla Est.
 Tommy Cullinan, Waterpark.
 Anne Marie O'Regan, Orchard Grove, Gort Rd.
 Jack Moloney, Hermitage.
 Frank Brennan, Clonroad.
 Seán Griffin, Drumcliffe.

Sadie 1st Anniv & Frank McNerney, College Green.

Sun 26th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Teresa Kenny, Rathflyn, Corofin.
 John Moroney, Cusack Rd.
 Mary O'Connell, 'St. Therese', Limerick Rd.
 Kathleen Hanrahan & Pappy Gleeson, Dalcassian Park.

11.30am: Margaret (Peggy) 1st Anniv.
 & Seán Connolly, "St. Patrick's", Ard na Gréine.
 Martin & Maureen O'Halloran, Claireen.
 Francis White, Considine Rd.
 Maura White Kennedy, Connolly Villas & Liverpool.
 Christopher (Buddy) & Joan Dinan, Waterpark Hts.
 Tom Cotter & Deceased Family, Loughville.
 Kathleen Quinn, Corofin & Park Ave.
 Frank Coffey, Considine Rd.
 William Sweeney, Sonas, Tobar na Meala.

1pm: Mass for the Ukrainian Community.

5pm: Mass for the Brazilian Community.

Mon: No 7.40am Mass - Bank Holiday.

11am: Mary Flynn, Childers Rd.
 Esther Hurson, Summerhill.

7.30pm: Denis Sexton, Hermitage.
 Delia & Patrick O'Brien & O'Mahony Family,
 Marian Avenue.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Bernadette O'Loughlin, Old Gort Rd.
 Rita Moroney, Shanaway Rd.
 Paschal O'Brien, Gort Rd.
 Cropera Family, Turnpike & Dalcassian Park.
 Patrick Killeen, Mullagh & Teresa Blake, Mallow.
 Dan Neylon, Ballyalla.

Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Colum McLoughlan, Ennis, Ballinasloe & Dubai.

7.30pm: Griffin Family, Parnell St. & Francis St.
 Irene Gleeson, Sixmilebridge,
 Vincent Griffin, Ard Aoibhinn, Limerick Rd.
 Mary Coughlan, Lissycasey.
 Breda & John Murphy, Gort Rd.
 Patrick, Elizabeth & Amelia, Cahill, Ennis.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Stephen & Eileen Kenny, Cornmarket.
 Bridie O'Connor, Cashel, Co. Tipperary.

7.30pm: Liam Murphy, Hermitage & Ballybeg.
 Kay Hanberry, Roslevan.

Sat: 11am: Pat McCarthy, Ardlea Road. **MM.**
 Jane, Gerry & John McMahon, Kilfenora.
 Breda Quinn, Kinvara.
 Special Intention.

6.30pm: Michael Rynne, Cusack Rd.
 Teresa & Billy Fitzgerald, 'St. Joseph's', Clare Rd.
 Noel Slattery, John Paul Ave., & Moyriesk, Quin.
 Mary O'Neill, Carmody St.
 Paul Crowley, Cahercalla Estate.
 Maureen & Walter Bridgeman, Quin.
 Nuala Kearney, Ard na Gaoithe.

Sun 2nd 8am: Feast of the Holy Souls.

9.30am: Feast of the Holy Souls.

11.30am: Feast of the Holy Souls.

6.30pm: Mass for the Polish Community.

Mission Sunday Thank you



Thank you for donating
 €4,164 to last Sunday's
 Mission Appeal to support
 the work of Missionaries.
 Your kindness means that
 overseas' missionaries can
 continue to share the love of
 God with some of the World's
 most marginalised and
 vulnerable people.

Timely Reminder

Clocks go back one hour
 this weekend.



St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: No intention booked.

Sun 26th 10am: No intention booked.

11.45am: Michael; Anthony; Nancy & Tommy Dormer.
 John Joe, Mary & Noel Morgan
 & Family, Roscommon.
 James Shannon, Laura & Noel Collieran,
 Shannon Park & Quin.

Mon No 10.30am Mass - Bank Holiday.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: Martin & Norah McNulty,
 Lavareen, Ennistymon.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: Delma Carroll, O'Callaghan's Mills.

Sat: 10.30am: Michael, Delia & Gerard Kenny,
 Old Gort Rd.
 John & Vincent McCarthy, Ballinagun, Cree.

7pm: Eugene McNamara, Claireen & Clover Hill.
 PJ & Vicky Keane, Corrovorrin Drive.
 Kathleen Downes, Marian Avenue.

Sun 2nd 10am: Deceased Carmody Family, Gort Rd.

11.45am: No intention booked.

November 2025

Cemetery Sunday

Sunday 2nd November

All Souls' Day

Columbarium Cathedral	after 11.30am Mass
Corrovorrin Cemetery	2pm
Drumcliffe Cemetery	3pm

November Masses

During the month of November Mass will be offered each day for all of the
 November Dead lists of the Parish.

Lists for you to complete and return are available in all our Churches.

Masses begin on All Souls' Day.

Saturday 1st November - All Saints' Day - A Holy Day

Masses will be celebrated as follows:

Friday 31st October at 7.30pm in Cathedral (Vigil Mass)

Saturday 1st November

7.45am	Poor Clare Monastery
10am	Friary
10.30am	St. Joseph's Church.
11am	Cathedral.

All Souls' Day

Sunday 2nd November is All Souls' Day, A day of special remembrance and
 prayer for the souls of all the faithful departed.

Mass on Sunday at the normal times in all our churches.

A prayer for November

God be in my head and in my understanding
 God be in my eyes and in my looking
 God be in my mouth and in my speaking
 God be in my heart and in my thinking
 God be at my end and my departing.

A Note of Gratitude from the Franciscan Friars

As the scaffolding has come down from around the Friary, we write with hearts full of gratitude for your generous gift to our Roof Appeal. Your support is more than a simple donation; it is a tangible act of care that helps safeguard our home, a place of prayer and welcome for all who seek solace in the heart of Ennis.

In the spirit of our father, St. Francis, who saw God's presence in all creation, you have helped us mend our little portion of it. We are deeply touched by your kindness and will remember you in our daily prayers as we, quite literally, rest easier under a roof repaired by your charity. May the Lord give you peace. In gratitude,
The Franciscan Friars, Ennis.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 26th 11am: Special Intention.

Tommy, Esther & John O'Brien, Hermitage.

Mon: 9.30am: No Mass — Bank Holiday.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 2nd 11am: Martin Joseph McNulty, Hermitage.

Newly Baptised



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

Christopher Cornelius Cauley Burcombe;
Edel Marie McDonagh;



Please join us for a **Holy Hour of Adoration** with quiet prayer and song, Friday the 31st of October at 6pm in the Cathedral of Ss Peter & Paul. It begins the time in the Liturgical year dedicated to remembering our dead, including Saints, Martyrs and all the Faithful Departed. All Welcome. **Friday the 31st of October from 6pm to 7pm -- Holy Mass at 7.30pm**

Spring Into Song Ennis Choral Festival 2026

Calling all Church Choirs. We are delighted to include a competition category for Church Choirs in our 2026 festival programme. The festival runs Friday Jan 30th to Feb 1st 2026, with adult choir competitions on Sat Jan 31st. Please see our Facebook page Ennis Choral Festival for details or contact us on ennischoralfestival@gmail.com

Bank Holiday Monday Mass Times

8.30am	Poor Clare Monastery
10am	Friary
11am	Cathedral
7.30pm	Cathedral

Rest in peace



Bernadette Connolly nee Power,
Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd. & formerly
Main St., Clarecastle;

James Brennan, St. Michael's Villas &
formerly 62 O'Connell St.;

Joe Reidy, Hermitage & formerly
Crossderry, Coolmeen;

Tommy Malone, Old Military Barracks,
Kilrush Rd. & formerly Parnell St.;

Sheila Mulvaney, Dun Laoghaire,
mother of Paul, Abbeycourt;

Anthony Griffin, Barefield &
O'Connell St.

Taekwondo Monday & Friday from 7pm to
8pm in Cloughleigh Community Centre.
Qualified trainer. All ages welcome.

Get ready for Monsters, Misfits & Mayhem
at **Bunratty Castle & Folk Park**, running from
Saturday, October 25th to Monday, October
27th. With creepy characters, spooky
storytelling, and Halloween fun for all ages, it's
the perfect family day out this midterm!
Book now at www.bunrattycastle.ie!

Anam Cara Galway, the organisation that
supports bereaved parents, is holding its
monthly **Parent Support Evening for**
bereaved parents on Wednesday 5th
November at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel,
Headford Point, Sandy Road, Galway.

Candlelight Concert at St. Columba's

Candlelight Concert on Saturday 8th
November in St. Columba's Church, Ennis.

Award winning Limerick
Songbird Eve Stafford presents
a night of Irish music throughout
the ages, movie and musical hits
& opera classics by candlelight
with Fiona Linnane, piano,
Anna Jane Ryan violin.
www.evestafford.ie 085 7055526



Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland
7th-9th November 2025
Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare.
To book: www.marriageencounter.ie

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Paidir na gCúig Mhéar Is é seo a leanas
paidir a chum an Pápa Proinsias blianta sular
toghadh ina Phápa é chun cabhrú le daoine
teagmháil a dhéanamh le Dia.

An tOrdóg: Is í an tOrdóg an méhar is gaire duit.
Tosaigh ag guí ar son na ndaoine is gaire duit. Is
iad seo na daoine is fusa smaoineamh orthu. Tá
sé de dhualgas orainn smaoineamh ar na daoine
is ansa linn.

An Mhéar Thosaigh, (an Chormméhar): Guímís ar
son na ndaoine a mhúineann, a threoraíonn
agus a leigheasann sinn. Is gá leo do thacaíocht
agus d'eagna chun daoine eile a threorú.

An Mhéar Fhada: Cuireann an méhar seo i
gcuimhne dúinn ár gceannairí agus lucht
údaráis. Tá treoir Dé uathu de shíor.

Méar an Fháinne: Is í seo an méhar is laige.
Cuireann sé i gcuimhne dúinn guí ar son daoine
laga, daoine breoite agus iad siúd faoi bhrón
agus faoi bhriseadh croí. Guímís ar a son.

An Lúidín: Is í seo an méhar is lú. Guímís ar ár
son féin. Feicimid ár riachtanais tar éis dúinn guí
ar son na ngrúpaí eile.

Bain triail as guí sa mhodh seo agus go n-éirí an
t-ádh leat.

Go dtreoraí Dia sinn i gcónaí. Áiméan

**This is a method of prayer composed by
Pope Francis some years before he was
elected Pope:**

1. The thumb is closest finger to you. Start by
praying for those who are closest to you. They
are the persons easiest to remember. To pray
for our dear ones is a "Sweet Obligation."

2. The next finger is the index finger. Pray for
those who teach you, instruct you and heal you.
They need the support and wisdom to show
direction to others. Always keep them in your
prayers

3. The following finger is the longest. It reminds
us of our leaders, the governors and those who
have authority. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even
though it may surprise you, it is our weakest
finger. It should remind us to pray for the
weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems.
They need your prayers.

5. And finally, we have our smallest finger, the
smallest of all. Your little finger should remind
you to pray for yourself. When you are done
praying for the other four groups you will be able
to see your own needs but in the proper
perspective, and also you will be able to pray for
your own needs in a better way.

May you succeed when you pray in this way.

Congratulations



**To all involved in the banner GAA club on
winning the Junior A Hurling Championship**
last weekend and a special thank-you to all who
do great work for our Young people in the club in
our great parish.

**Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 19th October
Fund €5,446.00
Online €493.50**

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

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

Ecclesiasticus. Si 35:12-14.16-19

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of
personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the
detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's
supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves
God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the
clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable,
nor will he desist until the Most High takes
notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: This poor man called;
the Lord heard him.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

The Lord turns his face against
the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the
earth.

The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **R**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed
he will save.

The Lord ransoms the souls
of his servants.

Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. **R**

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy 2 Tm 4:6-8.16-18

My life is already being poured away as
a libation, and the time has come for me
to be gone. I have fought the good fight
to the end; I have run the race to the
finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to
come now is the crown of righteousness
reserved for me, which the Lord, the
righteous judge, will give to me on that
Day; and not only to me but to all those
who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my
defence, there was not a single witness
to support me. Every one of them
deserted me - may they not be held
accountable for it. But the Lord stood by
me and gave me power, so that through
me the whole message might be
proclaimed for all the pagans to hear;
and so I was rescued from the lion's
mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all
evil attempts on me, and bring me safely
to his heavenly kingdom. To him be
glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing
the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some
people who prided themselves on being
virtuous and despised everyone else. Two
men went up to the Temple to pray, one a
Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The
Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to
himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not
grasping, unjust adulterous like the rest of
mankind, and particularly that I am not like
this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I
pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood
some distance away, not daring even to raise
his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast
and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."
This man, I tell you, went home again at
rights with God; the other did not. For
everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
but the man who humbles himself will be
exalted.'

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

**We will ring out our joy at your saving
help and exult in the name of our God.**