



ENNIS PARISH

Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral

NEWSLETTER



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR A

Matthew 24:37-44

Sunday 30th November 2025

Pathway to Advent

We enter into four of the darkest weeks of the year ...BUT ... we are called to light a "pathway" for our journey, through and beyond nature's shortest day to its promise of emerging light CALLED too, in lighting our "pathway" through Advent, journeying to Christmas' celebration of the birth of THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

ADVENT PRAYER BY HENRI NOUWEN

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light
and the darkness,
Send your Holy Spirit upon our
preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do seek quiet
spaces to hear your voice each day.
We who are anxious over many things look
forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long
for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek
the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Advent "May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to hearts of all Men and women" Pope Francis

Hope
Week one
The Prophecy Candle
To know, no matter what, the lure of tomorrow, is vital. Let's be the one who makes someone look forward to tomorrow, as the world looked forward to the birth of Jesus.

Peace
Week two
The Bethlehem Candle
To know, a heart at peace, or more, two hearts at peace, forgiving and forgiven. Awaiting the birth of Jesus's message of peace & forgiveness.

Joy
Week three
The Shepherd's Candle
To know, a moment of happiness, yes, to make that moment last. To see that joy/happiness in the eyes of someone ... whose day we just made. Reflecting the eyes of the Shepherds as they would greet Jesus' birth.

Love
Week four
The Angel's Candle
To know, though not always easy, love is powerful, especially, to love the unlovable in self and another. Reflecting God's love wrapped up in the babe of Bethlehem.

Pathway to Christmas



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

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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 6.30pm: Martha Hayes, College Green. 1st Anniv.
Paddy Clohessy, Loughville.
Clancy & Desmond Families, Kilrush & Tuam.
Hugh & Margaret Talty, Inagh.
Michael & Mary Hayes, Loughville.
Maura Griffin, Lissycasey.
Fintan Lynch, Friars' Close.
Sun 30th 8am: Special Intention.
9.30am: James Rochfort, Kilcock, Co. Kildare.
11.30am: Sr. Noreen O'Rourke, St. Xavier's Convent. MM
Pauline Kelly, Dalcassian Pk. 1st Anniv
Karl 1st Anniv, Winn & Willie Bonner, Tulla Rd.
Michael, Joseph, Eileen & Margaret Ayres, Breaffa, Lissycasey.
Bridget O'Halloran, Kilmihil.
Cyril Lynch, Circular Rd.
John Daly, Clare Rd.
Angela Grennan, Sandfield Pk.
Mike Griffin, Ennis & Clarecastle.
Frank Rice, Circular Rd.
Mon 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: Ned Monahan, Bramble Lane.
7.30pm: Jimmy Cronin, Clonroad.
Noel Ryan, Summerhill.
Martina Dunne McMullan, Tulla.
Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Eileen, Michael, Oliver, John, Leo & Martin Byrnes, Glasha, Doolin.
Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: No intention booked.
Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: Marion Carmody (nee Rice), Circular Rd & Kilkishen.
7.30pm: Mass for Deceased Residents Clare Road, Limerick Road & St. Flannan's Tce on the launch of Clare Roots Society Book of the area.
Kathy Chin, Ennis & England.
McEnery Family, Hermitage.
John & Bridget Guerin, St. Flannan's Tce.
Peggy, Michael, Martin & Michael Jr. Whelan & Family, Dromelhy, Cree.
Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: John & Mary Broderick, Loughville.
Kathleen, George & Michael Dinan, Hermitage.
PJ Daly, Cahercalla.
Sat: 11am: Tim Flanagan, Rockmount House.
Patricia, Christopher & Robert Gormley, Dalcassian Park & Anne Kelly, Kilcock, Co. Kildare.
6.30pm: Frank & Florrie Burns, Clare Rd.
Christy Burns, Kilkee.
Mary & Joe Connery, Dalcassian Park.
Humphrey & Margaret Counihan, Fergus Lawn, Tulla Rd.
Nicola Davis O'Sullivan, Ballyalla & Kilkenny.
William Bloomfield & Family.
Vincent & Nonie Meehan & Michael O'Connell, Tulla.
Brian Malone, O'Connell St.
Sun 8am: Patrick & Christy McInerney, Doora.
Michael Hogan, England & St. Flannan's Tce.
Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families, Ennis & Cork.
Leyden Family, Carmody St. & Cloughleigh Rd.
9.30am: Eamon & Josephine Murphy, Kilkee.
11.30am: Peter Gilleran, Barrack Court, Barrack St. MM.
Anne & Jack Wall, Ballymaley.
John & Patrick Quinn, Edenvale.
Mary Ellen Quinn, Kincora Park.
Margaret (Peggy) Malone, Dalcassian Drive.
Peter Cullinan, Cooper's Place.
John & Daragh O'Halloran, Ard na Gréine.
White Family, Hermitage.
6.30pm: Mass for the Polish Community.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal
In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donation of €150. Your generosity to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal is much appreciated. Thank you.

Matt Talbot Prayer Society
Monthly Mass and Prayer for all suffering from or sharing in the life of Addictions on Monday at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

First Friday December



Friday next 5th December 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.

The Columbarium

The Columbarium in the Cathedral is currently closed to the public as work has begun on the extension which is hoped to be completed by Christmas. The new extension will be known as St. Anthony. We apologise to all who visit each day to pray and remember.

SVP Annual Christmas Collection



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will hold its annual Church Gate Collection at all Masses on Sunday 14th December and the Vigil Masses on Saturday 13th.
Your support is much appreciated.

Newly Baptised



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

Martin Anthony Mongans;

Natan Wojciech Mroz.



St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Jimmy & Bridget Burke, Miltown Malbay.
Eddie Ryan, Clancy Park.
Marie Bennis, Maghera Cross, Tulla.
Sun 30th 10am: No intention booked.
11.45am: Pat Kilker, St. Senan's Rd.
Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.
Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.
Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.
Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.
Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.
7pm: Maura Beakey, Cahercalla Estate.
Frances Murphy, Riverdale, Tulla Road.
Towey & Duffy Families, Mayo & Roscommon.
Sun 26th 10am: No intention booked.
11.45am: Anne McNamara, Turnpike Rd.
Bill & Margaret Hanrahan, Ashfield Park.
Seán Curtin, Willow Park.
Margaret Mee & Mee Family, Miltown Malbay.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11am: Mary, Jimmy & Michael Neylon, Cloughleigh.
Mon: 9.30am: Cyril & Adelene Cosgrove, Clancy Park.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Maisie Murrihy, Mullagh.
Fri 7.30pm: Lily Brennan, Morrissey Ave. MM.
Sun 11am: John & Mary Rutherford, Claureen Drive.

Season of Advent

In this season the Church is preparing to celebrate the Birth of Christ. As we remember, so also we look forward in faith to his Second Coming at the end of time. It's a period of joyful hope. The hope of Advent is expressed in the first part of Advent with the concentration on the Second Coming while the First Coming is recalled particularly from the 17th December, when Christ is seen as the fulfilment of the hope of Israel.

Throughout Advent violet (purple) is the colour used for seasonal celebrations.

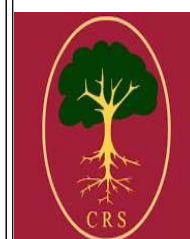
Sunday Missals

St. Paul's Sunday Missal for 2026 is now available to purchase for €8 from the Parish Office. It would make an ideal Christmas gift.

Clare Roots' Society

Launch of Larry Brennan's Book 'The Clare Road'

Remembrance Mass on Thursday 5th December



in The Cathedral at 7.30pm for the people of Clare Road, Limerick Road and St. Flannan's Terrace followed by Book Launch in Maria Assumpta Hall on grounds of Cathedral at 8.15pm.

All Welcome.

Abbey Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service

Monday December 15th
7.30pm -8.15pm
Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul,
Ennis.



All welcome to come along and
of God's love & mercy.
Priests available to hear individual
confession.

Christmas Concerts



Ennis Brass Band
Annual Christmas Concert

With special guests Quin & Tonics Choir at St.
Columba's Church, Bindon Street, Ennis on
7th December at 7.30pm.
Retiring collection on the night.

Cantare Choir & Festival Orchestra
Christmas Concert

Musical Director: Michael Hennessy, Assistant
Musical Director: Anne Larkin
Conor Prendiville (Tenor)
Helen Catherine Ball (Soprano)
Guest Choir: Quin and Tonics
Conducted by Carol O'Neill
Ennis Cathedral on 19th December at 8pm
Tickets €20 available from Glor Box Office
065 6843103 or from www.glor.ie
In support of the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust. In
loving memory of Olivia Tuohy

REST IN PEACE



Carmel Cunningham nee Burke,
Aughtenteeroe;

Paddy Flynn, Cahercalla Estate;

Amelia Drewniok,
Ráth Bán, Tulla Road,

Helen Owens (née Roche),
Dalcassian Park & Oughterard, Galway;

Kevin Keane, Connolly Villas;

Seán Fitzpatrick, Bushy Park,
brother of Eileen McMahon, Lahinch Road.

Advent



This weekend we begin the Advent
Season with the blessing of the Advent
Wreath at all our Masses. This four week
season helps us prepare spiritually for
Christmas.

First Sunday of Advent

Blessing of the Advent wreath. Do you ever
think of making an Advent wreath for your
home?

Second Sunday of Advent

This week on Monday 8th December we
celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary
is such an important person in both the
Advent and Christmas story.

Third Sunday of Advent

Bambenelli Sunday, we invite you to bring
the figure of baby Jesus from the crib in your
home for a special blessing for you and your
family this Christmas.

Monday 15th December

Our Abbey Pastoral Area Advent
Penitential Service at 7.30pm in the
Cathedral with the opportunity for individual
confession in preparation for Christmas.

Thursday 18th December

The feast of St Flannan our Diocesan
Patron.

Friday 19th December

Cantare Christmas Concert in the
Cathedral

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Our Annual Christmas Carol Service will
this year be held in the Friary on Sunday
21st December at 7pm.



Coffee Morning for Simon Community

Suara Singing Group invites you to Carol
Singing Coffee Morning to raise fund
for Homeless in Ennis at Cois na hAbhna,
Gort Road Wednesday 3rd December from
11.00 am.
All proceeds to Mid-West Simon Community.

Tea Bags



Tea Bags €3 each or 2 for
€5. Also available a
Candle and Tea Bag gift
set for €8. On sale at
Parish Office and after all
Masses this weekend.
All proceeds to the Cathedral Restoration Fund.

Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Ár gCreideamh

Is é ár gCreideamh Caitliceach an tseoid is
luachmhaire atá againn. Chun treoir a thabhairt
dúinn é a neartú, seo seacht nós le cleachtadh:
*Iarr Beannacht ar Dhia gach maidin Tabhairt
lámh cúnamh le do chomharsa in am an
ghátair Abair altú roimh bhia larr ar na
naoimh idirghuí a dhéanamh ar do shon Caith
tamall ag léirmaoineamh Glac Comaoineach
Naofa mar lón anama agus neart intinne
Gabh buíochas le Dia gach oíche. A Dhia na
Glóire neartaigh ár gCreideamh. Áiméan.*

Is féidir Cré na nAspal a rá go rialta freisin mar is
ann atá gach a gcreidimid maidir le Dia.

Creidim i nDia, an tAthair uilechumhachtach,
cruthaitheoir neimhe agus talún; agus in Íosa
Críost, a haon mhacsan, ár dTiarna, a gabhadh
ón Spiorad Naomh, a rugadh ó Mhuire Ógh; a
d'fhulaing páis faoi Phontius Píoláit, a céasadh ar
chros, a fuair bás agus a adhlacadh; a chuaigh
síos go hifreann, a d'éirigh an treas lá ó mhairbh;
a chuaigh suas ar neamh; atá ina shuí ar dheis
Dé, an tAthair uilechumhachtach; as sin tiocfaidh
sé chun breithiúnas a thabhairt ar bheo agus ar
mhairbh. Creidim sa Spiorad Naomh, sa Naomh
Eaglais Chaitliceach, i gcomaoín na naomh; i
maithiúnas na bpeacaí, in aiséirí na colainne,
agus sa bheatha shíoraí. Áiméan.

Our Catholic Faith is our greatest treasure. To
guide us to strengthen it, here are seven
practices which will help us: Ask God's Blessings
every morning. Help your neighbour in time of
need. Say grace before meals. Ask the saints to
intercede for you. Spend some in meditation.
Receive Holy Communion as food of soul and
strength of mind. We can recite the Creed often
because it contains our beliefs. Give thanks to
God every night.

Glorious God, strengthen our Faith. Amen.

Ennis Flower & Garden Club

Ennis Flower and Garden Club present Ann
Hester, Cork, at Treacys' West County Hotel,
Ennis on Tuesday December 2nd.

Doors open at 7.30pm and demonstration
commences at 8.15pm. €10 non members.
All welcome,
Proceeds in aid of local charities,
contact ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

Book Launch: Jackie Elger & Patricia
Sheehan will launch their new book 'You Have
Me Talking Now! The Memories of George Nash
from Co Clare' at The Local Inn, Drumquin on
Sunday 7th December at 4pm. The book will be
launched by Cllr Tom O Callaghan followed by a
trad session with Colm Nestor (a nephew to
George Nash who was from Newhall) & friends.
All welcome.

**Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 23rd November, 2025**

**Fund €6,236.00
Online €189.50**

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted;
let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In the days to come the mountain of the
Temple of the Lord shall tower above the
mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples with-
out number will come to it; and they will say:
"Come, let us go up to the
mountain of the Lord, to the
Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from
Jerusalem."

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into
plough shares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the
light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*Response: I rejoiced when I heard them
say: 'Let us go to God's house.'*

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. R

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of
Judgement of the house of David. R

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' R

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: "Peace upon you!"
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans Rm 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must
wake up now: our salvation is even near-
er than it was when we were converted.

The night is almost over, it will be daylight
soon - let us give up all the things we
prefer to do under the cover of the dark;
let us arm ourselves and appear in the
light.
Let us live decently as people do in the
daytime: no drunken orgies, no
promiscuity or licentiousness, and no
wrangling or jealousy.
Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
And give us your saving help.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in
Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of
Man comes. For in those days before the
Flood people were eating, drinking, taking
wives, taking husbands, right up to the
day Noah went into the ark, and they
suspected nothing till the Flood came and
swept all away. It will be like this when the

Son of Man comes. Then of two men in
the fields one is taken, one left; of two
women at the millstone grinding, one is
taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know
the day when your master is coming. You
may be quite sure of this that if the house-
holder had known at what time of the night
the burglar would come, he would have
stayed awake and would not have allowed
anyone to break through the wall of his
house. Therefore, you too must stand
ready because the Son of Man is coming
at an hour you do not expect.'

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, con-
substantial 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 be-
came 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 apos-
tolic 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

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.