



ENNIS PARISH



Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral

NEWSLETTER



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

YEAR A

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Sunday 28th December 2025

The Feast of the Holy Family invites us to turn our eyes toward Nazareth—a humble home where love was the law, faith was the strength, and God was at the centre.

In that simple household, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph show us what every family is called to become:

a dwelling place of peace, acceptance, forgiveness, and hope.

The Holy Family did not live without challenges.

They faced uncertainty, exile, hardship, and misunderstanding.

Yet in every moment, they trusted God and remained united in love.

Their life reminds us that holiness is found not in perfection, but in fidelity—

in showing up for one another,
in carrying each other's burdens,
in choosing compassion over criticism
and kindness over judgment.

Today, as we honour the Holy Family, we pray for all our families — strong or struggling, near or far, united or divided.

May our homes echo the warmth of Nazareth,

may our relationships be renewed in patience and tenderness,

and may Christ dwell at the heart of every household.

As a parish community, we are also a family.

May this Feast strengthen our bonds, deepen our care for one another, and inspire us to be a living reflection of God's love in our world.

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
protect our families,
guide our parish, and
lead us always closer to
Jesus.*



PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love; to you we turn
with trust.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic churches.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience
violence, rejection and division;
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the
family, and its beauty in God's plan.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear
our prayer.
Amen.*

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

St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797 489;

Friary:- 6828751

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

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Priest on Duty Sunday 28th December 2025

Contact: Fr. David Carroll 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: John White, McNamara Park.
Teresa Murphy, Hermitage.
John & Maisie Bradley & Family Limerick Rd.
Gerard O'Meara, Tulla Rd.
Frederick Ensko, Turnpike Rd.
Packie Vaughan, Cahercalla Wood.
Bernard McNeill, Limerick Rd.

Sun 28th 8am: Mass for the People.

9.30am: Teresa Corcoran O'Neill, Springfield.

11.30am: Special Intention.

Gerard Bennis, Bramble Lane.

& Joseph St., Limerick. **1st Anniv.**

Una Ryan (nee McNamara), Brookville.

Mary Browne, 'St. Anthony's', Circular Rd.

Anne Doyle, Cusack View.

Martina O'Dea Wilson, Kikerrin, Labasheeda.

Mon: 7.40am: No Mass

11am: Holy Souls

7.30pm: Rodger Fox, Clancy Park.

Tues: 7.40am No Mass

11am: Kathryn Ina Moore, Oakleigh Wood. **1st Anniv**

Dan, Peggy, Margaret & Seán Mullins, Ennistymon.

Bernard Kennedy & Elizabeth Holmes.

7.30pm: Carmel Spaight, Sixmilebridge.

Wed 7.40am: No Mass.

11am: Bridie Connellan, Cahercalla Wood.

Michael, Imelda & John Hayes, Rockmount;

Pat Fitzgerald, Barefield.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Thurs 7.40am: No Mass.

11am: Mary & Dan O'Keeffe, "Prague", Ardlea Rd.

Michel Cotter & decd family, Loughville.

Ann Ryan, Childer's Rd & Packie, Tubber.

Frank Roughan, Ballyneilan, Fountain.

7.30pm: Michael O'Donoghue, Ennis & Australia.

Fri 7.40am: No Mass

11am: Mass for the People.

7.30pm: Teresa Corcoran, Highfield Park. **MM**

Helen Owens, Oughterad & late Dalcassian Park. **MM**

Sat: 11am: Mary & Seán Connolly, Lower Limerick Rd.

6.30pm: P.J. Gilligan, Willow Park. **1st Anniv**

Michael & Anne Tierney, Kilrush Rd.

Paddy Loftus, Buttermarket.

Patrick & Andrew Woods, McNamara Park.

Martin Shannon, Kilnaboy.

Sun 4th 8am: Costelloe & O'Donoghue families, Ennis & Cork.

Thomas & Kathleen Scanlon, Newcastle West & Ennis.

9.30am: No intention booked.

11.30am: Mark Quinn, Corofin. **1st Anniv**

Liam & Eoin Madigan, St. Michael's Villas.

Mary Vaughan, Cahercalla.

P.J. Malone, Beechpark.

Deceased members Red Cross, Clare

1pm: Mass for the Polish Community.

Friary News

The monthly mass for SFO members will take place on Wednesday 7th January, 2026 at 10am in the Friary. We will pray the office after mass. Also, there will be an evening meeting in the Friary Parlour at 7.30pm for those unable to attend the morning meeting.

Grow Mental Health

Friendly Community based groups for anyone experiencing mental health issues by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth through education, peer support and self-teaching. Ennis Meeting in the Maria Assumpta Hall. Monday 7.30pm, Tuesday 2pm. Contact Celia 086-1526966 or www.grow.ie

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €2,000, €1,500, €1,100, €1,000, €300 & €50. Your generosity to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal is much appreciated. Thank you

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank all those who contributed to their recent Church Gate Collection.

Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Our Parish Calendar

Our 2026 Parish Calendar is now freely available from any of our churches to share with family and friends.

Newly Baptised



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

Luca Daisy Behan;

Tadhg Tomás Morrison;

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Kieran O'Connor, Cloverhill.

Sun 28th 10am: Jean Bailey, Glenoir. **1st Anniv.**

Dan & Mary Doorty, Tulla Rd.

11.45am: Dympna Mullin, Woodlands, Kilrush Rd.

Doctor Brian Gallagher, Tulla Rd.

Joan & Brian Cronin, Shannon Park.

Margo & Frank Mulqueen, Abbey St. & Highfield.

Mon 10.30am: Maureen & Paddy Shanahan, St. Senan's Rd.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Winifred Leydon, Sligo.

Martin Slattery, Kevin Barry Ave.

Wed 10.30am: Noel Ballinger, Gort Rd.

Thu 10.30am: No Mass.

Fri 10.30am: Maura Hegarty, Elm Park.

Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.

7pm: Pauline Gibbons, Kincora Park.

Sun 26th 10am: Mgt Griffin, Lees Rd.

11:45am: Jane McNamara, Corrovorran. **1st Anniv**

Mary Keane, Marian Ave. **1st Anniv**

Paddy & Mary Darcy, Arbutus Hse, Glenoir.

Parish Office

Re-opens at 9am on Friday 2nd January

Friary Office

Re-opens on Monday 29th December from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Closed New Year's Day.

First Friday of January

Friday 2nd January is the First Friday of the month. Sick and housebound parishioners will receive the sacraments at home. If you know of anyone who would like a visit contact the Parish Office 065 6824043

REST IN PEACE



Ita McCarthy nee Galvin, New Rd & late of Barrack Street;

Michael Quinn, Ivy Hill;

Christina Spellman, Corofin, mother of **Rose Garrihy**, Pine Grove & **Anne Coaley**, Bushy Park;

Patricia Kerins, Ballyalla;

Christine Murphy, Cork, sister of Denis Carthy, Willow Park;

Philomena Houlihan, Hermitage;

Mary Greene, Cusack Road & late of Kilnamona;

*Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day,
unseen, unheard,
but always near,
still loved,
still missed,
and very dear*

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 28th 11am: Nancy Cosgrove, Drumcliffe Rd. **MM.**

Patrick Crowe, Knockerra.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Thu 9.30am: No Mass

Fri 9.30am: P.J. Killeen, Miltown Malbay.

Sun 4th 11am: Ellen Flynn nee Dilger, Honan's Tce.

Mai Molloy, Ennis & Dublin & Carol Harold.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday 21st
December 2025

Fund **€3,790.00**

Online **€498.50**

Priests' Collection Thank You

Bishop Fintan and the Priests' of the parish would like to thank all who contributed to the Priests' Collection. Your generosity is very much appreciated. If you were away, your contribution will still be appreciated.

Blood Donation Clinic



There is urgent need for blood at this time of year. A clinic to receive Blood Donations will be held at Treacy's West County Hotel on Sunday, December 28th from 11.50am to 3.10pm and on Monday and Tuesday 29th and 30th December from 1.50pm to 5.10pm. If you have never donated you might consider for this occasion or you might encourage family or friends to donate. To book an appointment call 1800 222 111.

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

We welcome unwanted Christmas Gifts which can be left into the Cathedral this week for an online auction in the New Year with the proceeds going to the Cathedral Restoration Appeal. Please only gifts that are unopened and not used can be accepted. This annual fundraiser has become an important source of fundraising for the Cathedral.

**Happy New Year
to all Parishioners
and Visitors
to our Parish**

Praying out the Old Praying in the New



There will be a time of Prayer and Reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral from 11:30pm on New Year's Eve to 12:15am on New Year's Day.

Masses this week Monday to Friday

8:30am Poor Clare Monastery
10:00am Friary
11am Cathedral
7:30pm Cathedral

Normal Saturday Mass Times

Information evenings for all Readers and Eucharistic Ministers, in the Abbey Pastoral area, which includes the parish of Ennis, will be held in St Joseph's Church on the following dates:

Eucharistic Ministers: Tuesday 13th January, Wednesday 14th January.

Readers: Tuesday 27th January, Tuesday 3rd February.

Anyone involved in these ministries is asked to attend ONE of the relevant meetings which begin at 7.30pm each evening. The meetings are open to those interested in becoming a reader or Eucharistic Minister. We take this opportunity to thank all those who serve the parish in these roles with such dedication.

A Prayer for 2026



God of new beginnings,
As we step into 2026
We thank you for carrying us
through the past,
The lessons, the growth
and even the struggles.

Guide our steps in the days ahead.
Give us wisdom to choose what is right,
courage to face what is hard,
and patience to grow at the right pace.
Help us to be kind when it's easier to be
silent, honest when it's tempting to hide,
and hopeful even when
the future feels uncertain.

Protect our hearts and minds.
Strengthen our families,
friendships, and dreams.
Teach us to care for others
and ourselves well.

May 2026 be a year of learning,
healing, purpose and quiet joy.

Amen



A Word of Gratitude



As our Jubilee Year of Hope comes to a close in the coming days, it is an ideal opportunity to offer a few words of gratitude to so many people who make the life of the Parish operate so efficiently.

Our Parish is not a building, but a living body of Christ, a praying community and it is your faith, your dedication and generous spirit that gives it life. We thank the many volunteers who give countless hours each week to help with the Liturgy, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Basket Collectors, Counters, Envelope Distributors, Sacristans, Safeguarding Reps, Choirs, Organists, Cantors. To those who serve on both our Pastoral and Finance Committees, Organisers of Eucharistic Adoration, Children's Liturgy in the Friary and those who take care of Parish Property. To our Office and housekeeping staff and the many volunteers who help each day make our Parish active and vibrant. We appreciate the support of our schools, Principals, Teachers and Staff who help and support handing on the faith. A special word of appreciation to our Boards of Management of our Schools.

We are privileged to have the presence of the Mercy Sisters, Poor Clare Sisters, Franciscan Friars and Christian Brothers who in their Religious life have made great contributions to our parish. We thank them.

We are conscious of the sick and housebound who from part of our Virtual Congregation through the Parish Radio, Webcam and facebook bringing the parish directly into the homes of people all over the world.

In 2026 we look forward to one of our parishioners becoming a priest. Please keep Bro Ian Cunningham OFM in your prayers as he prepares for Ordination and our other seminarian Mark preparing for Diocesan Priesthood. Please pray for and encourage vocations. So many people in our Parish are living out their Vocations by serving our Parish in so many different ways everyday.

As we look forward to 2026, may we be open to the unexpected as it may reveal hidden treasures. May the Peace of the Christ Child fill your homes and may we continue to carry the Hope of the Jubilee Year to a new beginning.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste,
And found Mary and Joseph and the
Infant lying in a manger.

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 3:2-6.12-14*

The Lord honours the father in his children,
and upholds the rights of a mother over her
sons.
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his
sins, he who honours his mother is like some-
one amassing a fortune.
Whoever respects his father will be happy with
children of his own, he shall be heard on the
day when he prays.
Long life comes to him who honours his father,
he who sets his mother at ease is showing
obedience to the Lord.
My son, support your father in his old age,
do not grieve him during his life.
Even if his mind should fail, show him sympa-
thy, do not despise him in your health and
strength;
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

**O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion all the
days of your life! **R**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians. *Col 3:12-17*

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he
loves you and you should be clothed in
sincere compassion, in kindness and
humility, gentleness and patience. Bear
with one another; forgive each other as
soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has
forgiven you; now you must do the same.
Over all these clothes, to keep them
together and complete them, put on love.
And may the peace of Christ reign in your
hearts, because it is for this that you were
called together as parts of one body.
Always be thankful.
Let the message of Christ, in all its
richness, find a home with you. Teach
each other, and advise each other, in all
wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing
psalms and hymns and inspired songs to
God; and never say or do anything except
in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving
thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ reign in your
hearts;

let the message of Christ
find a home with you.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 2:13-15.19-23

After the wise men had left, the angel of
the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream
and said, 'Get up, take the child and his
mother with you, and escape into Egypt,
and stay there until I tell you, because
Herod intends to search for the child and
do away with him.' So Joseph got up and,
taking the child and his mother with him,

left that night for Egypt, where he stayed
until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil
what the Lord had spoken through the
prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord
appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt
and said, 'Get up, take the child and his
mother with you and go back to the land of
Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child
are dead'. So Joseph got up and, taking
the child and his mother with him, went
back to the land of Israel. But when he
learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his
father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was
afraid to go there, and being warned in a
dream he left for the region of Galilee.
There he settled in a town called Nazareth.
In this way the words spoken through the
prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

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

**Our God has appeared on the earth,
and lived among us.**