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NEWSLETTER

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

Matthew 5:17-37

Sunday 15th February 2026

Saying YES to Lent

We approach the threshold of the season of Lent As if on cue .. The Gospel for today reminds us of a great challenge in our lives .. The ability to simply say yes, with meaning ... our yes to Lent as a time to look within, breathe in a journey that sheds light, just as the season of Spring does to nature, light on the roots of faith that nourishes and gives strength to us as we gently find our way out of winter ... not just the season of darkness but the darkness of our anger, fractured relationships, harsh judgements ... and that's just beginning with our reflection of our relationship with self, then we can begin to reflect on our relationship with others and maybe, just maybe, how we can allow the Good News of the Gospel influence a new springtime relationship with self and others. If only, to emerge from a Lenten season emboldened in our desire to be hope filled and enthusiastic to greet Christ as risen in self and in to seek Christ risen in others.

That ... would be truly an Easter reward to the YES we had said at the beginning of Lent. Vote YES next Wednesday.



A Lenten Prayer (Joyce Rupp)

"Holy One who journeys with me,
May I recognize the cross that is mine and carry it in a trustful way,
confident that the unwanted parts of my life can be guides to my growth.
Teach me how to be with my personality traits that I consider unacceptable.
Inspire me to release my right grip when I wrestle with the resistant part of myself that insists on having everything in life turn out the way I want.
Increase my awareness of the false judgments and unfair expectations that crowd out kindness and compassion for self and others.
Lessen unrestrained fears keeping me imprisoned in turmoil and confusion.
Softens any hardness of heart that I have toward another.
Strengthen my ability to love. Help me topple the walls that prevent my being a forgiving person.
Expand my perception of the good things that life holds. Decrease fear of not having enough, being enough, doing enough, growing enough.
Awaken the undying song of hope in my soul as I carry my unwanted cross each day, so that even in the worst of times I will continue to trust that I can do what is required.
Confident of your grace and daily empowerment, I give myself to you as fully as I am able at this time. As I carry the burden that is mine, remind me often that you are always with me, and never against me. I rest my desire for union with you into your loving care. Amen."

(Abundant peace, by Joyce Rupp)

Mass Times

Cathedral:

Monday to Friday 7.40am, 11am & 7.30pm
Saturday 11 am & Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday 8am, 9.30am & 11.30am
www.ennisparish.com/webcam
Radio link:106.4fm

St. Joseph's:

Monday to Friday 10.30am
Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm
Sunday 10am & 11.45am
www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/stjosephs-church-webcam

Friary:

Monday to Saturday 10am
Vigil Mass Saturday 7.30pm
Sunday 10.30am
www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscan-friary-webcam/

Christ the King - Cloughleigh

Monday to Friday 9.30am
Sunday 11am

Anniversary Masses and Baptisms are booked through the Parish Office: 065 6824043 (office hours).

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

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

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Priest on Duty 15th February, 2026

Contact Fr. David Carroll 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: Paddy & Mary Keane, Limerick Rd.
Lorraine & Seán Cooley, Dalcassian Ave.
Patricia & Vincent McHugh Clonroad.
Tom & Olive Slattery, College Park.

Sun 15th 8am: Dan Greene & Mary Pyne, Kilmaley.

9.30am: Margaret McMahon, Loughville.
Gerry & Mary Moroney, Lower Market St.

11.30am: Mary Fitzgibbon, Cuan an Chláir. **MM.**
Willie **1st Anniv.** & Dylan O'Donoghue,
St. Munchin St., Limerick & Willie & Thomas Carr.
Michael, Margaret & Martin McMahon, Ardnacrusha.
Michael Griffin, Woodlawn.

1pm: Mass for the Polish Community.

5pm: Mass for the Brazilian Community.

Mon 7.40am: James & Nora St. Leger,
O'Callaghan's Mills.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Gemma McMahon Daly, Clonlea,
Shanballa, Lahinch Rd. **MM.**
Yvonne Pilkington (nee Pearse), Gallows Hill. **MM.**
Bernadette & Joseph Keane, Summerhill.
Michael Dixon, St. Michael's Villas.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Michael & Mary Hogan, St. Flannan's Tce.
Bryan, Anne (Nancy) McMahon, & Patrick Roberts,
Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.
Noel Molloy, Turnpike Rd.

7.30pm: Flora Herlihy, Coopers' Place.
Special Intention.

Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Michael, Margaret, Michael Jr.
& James McMahon, Drumcaurin, Fountain.
Michael & Mary Ryan, St. Michael's Villas.
John, Mary & Martin Healy, Loughrea.

Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Teresa McCormack, Hermitage.
Jimmy McNamara, Golf Links Rd.
Susan & Pappy Downes, The Hand, Mullagh.

7.30pm: Aggie Sexton, Hermitage.
O'Connell Family, Kanturk, Co. Cork.
Yvonne O'Callaghan Moore, Turnpike & Cahercalla.
Mary, Maureen & Billy Pigott & Burns &
Pigott Families, Connolly Villas.
Cyril Lane, Tobertaoscaín.
Anthony Coyle, Glenina, Gort Rd.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Donor's Intention.

7.30pm: Nonie Kearse, St.. Michael's Villas.
Lil & Jacksie Russell, Kilrush Rd.
Anne Fitzpatrick, Kilkee.
Maria Suzel, Portugal.
John O'Halloran, Cahercalla Rd.

Sat: 11am: Bishop Willie Walsh. **First Anniversary**

6.30pm: Patricia Tuohy, Considine Rd.
David, Noreen & Alan Seery, Davitt Tce.
Sheila Guerin, Woodstock House, Shanaway. **1st Anniv.**
Nancy, Tommy & Alice Cunningham, St. Michael's Vls.
Mary Lynch & Lynch Family, Caherbarna, Liscannor.
Christy Shannon, Hermitage & Shannon & Hewitt Families.

Sun 22nd 8am: Gerard Keane, St. Anne's Tce.

9.30am: No intention booked.

11.30am: James & Mary McMahon, Summerhill.
Pat Jones, College Park.
Donal Ryan, Cusack Rd.
Senan Sheehan, Clare Rd.
Cillian O'Sullivan & Ellen Rasdale.
Bob Meehan, Kent, UK.

1pm: Mass for Ukranian Community.

Ash Wednesday



Our Lenten Journey begins next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence. The Lenten Season is part of our Christian Tradition where we are encouraged by prayer, fasting and almsgiving to grow in our relationship with God. The blessing and distribution of ashes will take place after all Masses on Wednesday.

Our Lenten Journey



Morning Prayer

Monday to Friday 7.30am Cathedral

Daily Mass

Seven daily Masses to choose from in the parish.

7.40am	Cathedral
7.45am	Poor Clare's
9.30am	Cloughleigh
10am	Friary
10.30am	St. Joseph's
11am	Cathedral
7.30pm	Cathedral

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday to Friday 5pm—7pm
Late Nights Monday 8pm—10pm
with a priest available for Confession, Chat or Blessing.

Confession - Cathedral

Monday to Friday 7pm-7.25pm
Saturday after 6.30pm Vigil Mass

Confessions - The Friary

Tuesday to Saturday
11am to 12 noon & 4pm—5pm

Late night Confessions

Mondays 8pm—10pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday at Cathedral 8pm

Adult Faith Development

Three Mondays of Lent
23rd February, 2nd and 9th March
from 8pm to 9pm in Clarecastle
Daycare Centre.

St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Joan Stack, Lifford Rd.

Sun 15th 10am: Peadar & Marie O'Keeffe, Drumcliffe Rd.

11.45am: Joe, Kitty & Sheila Glynn, Lifford Road.

Mon 10.30am: Lynch Family.

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: Katie Drennan, Laureen.

7pm: David Geraghty, Kincora Park. **1st Anniv.**
Kathleen Reilly, Corrovorrin Crescent.

Sun 22nd 10am: Patrick O'Donovan, The Crescent.
Kyle O'Donovan, London.
Maura Cavanagh, Pine Grove.

11.45am: Declan Ensko, Kevin Barry Ave. **1st Anniv.**
Brendan Armstrong, Mountain View.
Michael Fallon, Willow Park.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 15th 11am: Kitty McDermott, Cloughleigh Rd.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 22nd 11am: Edward & Mary Hayes, Hermitage.
Lucille Hayes, Bridge Court & Cloughleigh.
Special Intention.

TRÓCAIRE

Working for a Just World

The Annual Trócaire Lenten Campaign begins on Ash Wednesday. Trócaire working for a just world.

Trócaire boxes are now available in all churches.

Day of Atonement

Friday 20th February is a Day of Prayer for Survivors & Victims of Abuse.

A Candle of Atonement will be lit at the 7.40am Mass in the Cathedral which will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan and remain lit all day as we invite you to pray for the survivors and victims of abuse.

A similar candle will be lit in every Cathedral in Ireland on Friday.



The Annual Matt Talbot Novena

returns on Ash Wednesday, 18th February 2026 at 7:00pm in Tulla Church, beginning with Mass and Benediction. The Novena will be opened by Bishop Fintan Monahan, and will include the blessing and distribution of ashes. This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Novena. Attending this Novena could be your Lenten resolution.

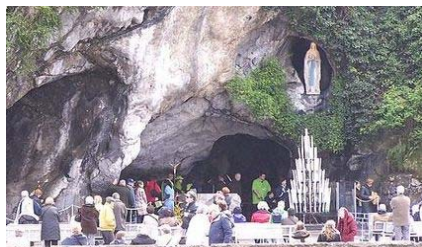
Newly Baptised

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

Harper Helen Wainwright;
Patrick Derek O'Neill;
Mia Grace Smith Farrell;
J'jay Richard Smith Farrell.



Lourdes Pilgrimages 2026



Our Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Fintan will depart Shannon Airport on Wednesday 24th June for 5 days. €990pps includes full board.

Our Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage is from Monday 28th September to Saturday 3rd October. €960pp includes full board.

To reserve a seat please call Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 D02UY88; Tel (01) 2410800 or joewalshstours.ie for more details.

A limited number of assisted pilgrims will be accommodated on the June Pilgrimage. €890 is the cost for this section. A Medical Declaration form must be completed and those interested in this section are asked to apply to Ms Mary Freeman, Pilgrimage Secretary (087) 9777896 or marybfreeman@gmail.com

Sponsor a Sick Person

Each year some people sponsor a sick or assisted pilgrim to make their wish of travelling to Lourdes become a reality. The cost €890 per pilgrim.

To sponsor or part sponsor a pilgrim, please contact Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director (087) 2349816

First Anniversary Mass for Bishop Willie



Bishop Willie's first anniversary mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Saturday next 21st February at 11am.

After mass, the new Cathedral Plaza in front of the Cathedral will be dedicated to his memory and will be known as Bishop Willie Walsh Plaza. All welcome to attend.

REST IN PEACE



Tom Brodie, Salthill & Ennis;

Grace Gilmore, Killoo, Clarecastle & Shannon Park, Ennis;

Terry Lynch, Ennis & Kilkee;

Tomás Ryan, Nenagh, Former Ennis Town Clerk;

Rose Lyons (nee Molloy), Patrickswell & late of Hermitage, sister of Winifred Pigott, Ballybeg, Gerry, College Green & Tommy, Fergus Lawn.

Patsy Molony, Gort, sister of Sr Loreto McNamara, St. Xavier's Convent of Mercy.

Jack O'Sullivan, Willow Park.

Novena Thanks

Mile Buíochas

Our thanks to all who participated in this year's Novena to our Lady of Lourdes.

A special work of thanks to the Sisters of Mercy for use of their Lourdes Grotto, to Josepha, Pat, Tommy and Rebecca for preparation of the sacred space.

Pope Leo advice to young people on AI



'It can process information, but it can't replace human intelligence. It cannot offer true wisdom and cannot judge between right and wrong. It cannot stand in wonder before the beauty of God's creation.'

Be careful that your use of AI does not limit your true human potential. Use it in such a way that if it disappeared tomorrow, you will still know how to think, create, act on your own and form authentic friendships. Remember AI can never replace the unique gift you are to the world."

Graduates! Don't lose your Seanad Vote

Irish citizens with degrees from designated 3rd level colleges are eligible to vote in the "HIGHER EDUCATION CONSTITUCENCY" which replaces the NUI and Trinity panels in Seanad Éireann.

Thousands of previous voters are unaware that they have been removed from the register.

To secure your vote, go to

www.seanadvoter.ie before 26th February.

Evidence of a passport is needed or else email applications@seanadvoters.ie

Clare Roots' Society Meeting



Clare Roots' Society's February meeting will be held in the Clare Education Centre, Kilrush Rd., Ennis on Thursday, February 19th at 7:30pm.

Talk title - 'Power & Persuasion: What Administrative Choices

Reveal About Your Clare Ancestors' Famine Experience with Eamon Healy, professional genealogist and historian.

Epilepsy Awareness

In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie. Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March.

Ennis Flower and Garden Club

Ennis Flower and Garden Club present Marie Laird and Roisin Graham, on Tuesday 17th February at Treacys' West County Hotel. Doors open at 7.30pm and demonstration commences at 8.15pm. €10 non members. Demonstrators' arrangements raffled on the night. Annual membership night, contact ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Naomh Vailintín



Comórtar Féile Naomh Vailintín ar an 14th Feabhra. Seoltar go leor cártaí Vailintín agus pléitear cúrsaí grá sa phobal agus sna meáin chumarsáide ach cérbh é Naomh Vailintín? Mairtíreach agus sagart ab ea é a cuireadh chun báis sa Róimh breis is 1,800 bliain ó shin toisc gur bheannaigh sé lánúineacha a bhí i ngrá. Ní raibh fonn ar na fir óga ag an am troid in Arm an Impire Rómhánaigh Claudius. Chuir Claudius an milleán ar na mná agus d'ordaigh sé gach pósadh agus gealltanais pósadh a chur ar ceal. Bhí an bás i ndán d' aon duine a chuirfeadh ina choinne. Níor aontaigh Vailintín le seo. Cuireadh i bpríosún é agus dícheannadh é sa Róimh 14 Feabhra 270 A.D.

Sa bhliain 1835 thug John Spratt, sagart Chairmilíteach cuairt ar an Róimh agus tháinig na sluaite amach chun é a chloisteáil ag soiscéalú. Mar chomhartha buíochais bhronn an Pápa Gréagóir XV1 taisí Naomh Vailintín air agus tá siad in Eaglais na gCairmilíteach i Sráid na mBráithre Bána i mBaile Átha Cliath ó shin. Tugann lánúineacha cuairt ar an scrín chun a bheannacht a iarraidh ar a bpóstaí. Is é seo a leanas a deir Naomh Pól faoi ghrá: Bíonn an grá foighneach agus bíonn sé lách; ní bhíonn éad air; ní dhéanann sé maíomh ná mórtas; ní bhíonn sé mímhúinte ná leithleach, míchéadfach ná agrach. (1 Cor. 13: 4-5)

A Thiarna, líon sinn le do ghrá agus le do mhaithéas. Áiméan

The Feast of St Valentine is celebrated on 14th February. Valentine cards are sent and love matters discussed in the media. But who was St. Valentine? He was a priest martyred in Rome approximately 1,800 years ago because he blessed couples who were in love. Young men were reluctant to join the Roman Empire Army of Claudius. Claudius placed the blame for this on women. He forbade marriages and marriage engagements. Anybody who opposed him was put to death. Valentine did not agree with this. He was imprisoned and beheaded in Rome in February 270A.D. In 1835 an Irish Carmelite priest Fr. John Spratt visited Rome. Many came to hear him preaching. As a reward he received the relics of St. Valentine from Pope Gregory XVI and they are said to be in the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Whitefriar Street, Dublin ever since. Many couples visit his shrine to ask for a blessing on their marriage. St. Paul says: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others; it is not self-seeking. (1 Cor. 13: 4-5)

Lord, fill us with your love and your goodness. Amen

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**Be my protector, O God,
A mighty stronghold to save me;
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me,
for the sake of your name**

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 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the
commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
He is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
He has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: They are happy
who follow God's law!**

They are happy whose life is blameless,
Who follow God's Law!

They are happy those who do his will,
Seeking him with all their hearts. **R**

You have laid down your precepts
To be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm

To obey your statutes. **R**

Bless your servant and I shall live
And obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider
The wonders of your law. **R**

Teach me the demands of your statutes
And I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law,

To keep it with my heart. **R**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

1 Cor 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have
reached maturity: not a philosophy of our
age, it is true, still less of the masters of
our age, which are coming to their end.
The hidden wisdom of God which we teach
in our mysteries is the wisdom that God
predestined to be for our glory before the
ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the
masters of this age have ever known, or
they would not have crucified the Lord of
Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the
things that no eye has seen and no ear
has heard, things beyond the mind of man,
all that God has prepared for those who
love him.

These are the very things that God has
revealed to us through the Spirit, for the
Spirit reaches the depths of everything,
even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:

You have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, if
your virtue goes no deeper than that of the
scribes and Pharisees, you will never get
into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our
ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone
does kill he must answer for it before the
court. But I say this to you: anyone who is
angry with his brother will answer for it
before the court; 'You have learnt how it
was said: You must not commit adultery.
But I say this to you: if a man looks at a
woman lustfully, he has already committed
adultery with her in his heart.
'Again, you have learnt how it was said to
our ancestors: You must not break your
oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord.
But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All
you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes,
"No" if you mean no; anything more than
this comes from the evil one.'

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

**They ate and had their fill,
And what they craved
the Lord gave them;
They were not disappointed
in what they craved.**