



Monastery

# NEWSLETTER

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR A

John 4:5-42

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026



The woman went every day to draw water from an ancient well that dated back to the Patriarch Jacob. On this particular day she found Jesus sitting beside the well, “wearied from his journey”

Jesus’ weariness is a sign of his real humanity. In the encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well, the idea of Jesus “thirst” stands out. We can think of how on the Cross he cried “I thirst” (Jn 19:28). This thirst, like his weariness, had a physical basis. Yet Jesus, in a sense also thirsted for the faith of that woman, as he thirsts for all of us to have faith.

God the Father sent him to quench our thirst for eternal life, giving us his love, but to give us this gift Jesus asks for our faith. The all-powerful nature of God’s Love always respects human freedom; it knocks at the door of our hearts and waits patiently for us to answer. Physical thirst is most often quenched with water and in the meeting with the Samaritan woman the symbol of water also stands out, reminding us of the sacrament of Baptism, the source of new life for faith in God’s Grace. “Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give”, Jesus said, “will never thirst; the water that I shall give will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life”

This water represents the Holy Spirit, the great “gift” that Jesus came to bring on the part of God the Father. Whoever is reborn by water and by the Holy Spirit, that is, in Baptism, enters into a real relationship with God and can worship him “in spirit and in truth” (Jn 4:23, 24), as Jesus went on to reveal to the Samaritan woman. Through our meeting with Jesus Christ and to the gift of the Holy Spirit, our faith attains fulfilment. This life-giving water sustains us on our journey through this world as fresh water sustains the weary traveller.

Each one of us can identify ourselves with the Samaritan woman: Jesus is waiting for us, especially in this Season of Lent, to speak to our hearts, to my heart. Let us pause a moment in silence, in our room or in a church or in a separate place. Let us listen to his voice which tells us “If you only knew what God is offering...”. May the Virgin Mary help us not to miss this appointment, on which our true happiness depends. (Pope Benedict XVI)



### 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](http://www.ennisparish.com/webcam)

Radio link:106.4fm

#### St. Joseph's:

Monday to Friday 10.30am

Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm

Sunday 1 0am & 11.45am

[www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/stjosephs-church-webcam](http://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/](http://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](mailto: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 8th March, 2026

## Contact: Fr. Tom Ryan Tel. 065 6869098



### Cathedral

#### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Declan Ward, Turnpike Rd. **1st Anniv.**  
 Moira Coffey, Claureen Drive.  
 Noel O'Grady, Oak Park.  
 Audrey Woods Keogh, Iniscarragh & Newmarket-on-Fergus.  
 Joan Moloney, Considine Rd.  
 Catherine Fitzpatrick, Kilkee.  
 John O'Sullivan, Fountain.  
 Annette O'Brien, Ard Aoibhinn, Limerick Rd.  
 Billy Kelly, Charlestown, Co. Mayo & Chiswick, London  
 Special Intention.  
 Thomas Connole, Old Military Barracks, Kilrush Rd. & Kilcorney, Kilfenora.

**Sun 8th 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** John Fleming, Marian Avenue.  
**11.30am:** Jack O'Sullivan, Willow Park. **MM.**  
 Anthony O'Connell, Abbey St. **1st Anniv.**  
 John Curran, St. Flannan's Drive. **1st Anniv.**  
 Kitty Tierney, Cahercalla.  
 Des & Peggy Carroll, Corrovorrin.  
 Margaret Hayes, Clonroad.

**Mon 7.40am:** Holy Souls.  
**11am:** Susan Meaney, Victoria Court.  
**7.30pm:** Tony Coffey, Clancy Park.

**Tues 7.40am** Book of Intentions.  
**11am:** Nell Foster Smith, Corrovorrin Crescent.  
 Rita & Tony Kenny, Hermitage.  
**7.30pm:** Bridget O'Brien.

**Wed 7.40am:** No intention booked.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** Martin & Bridie Downes, Doonbeg.  
 Michael & Nan Pickford, Drumbiggle Rd.

**8pm:** Ceremony of Light—Ennis National School.  
**Thurs 7.40am:** Holy Souls.  
 Peggy O'Keeffe, Kincora Park.  
**11am:** Ann Moroney, Cornmarket.  
**7.30pm:** Matt, Mary & Harry Hogan, Tobertaoscaín.  
 William & Mary Frances Pickford, Drumbiggle Rd.

**Fri 7.40am:** Mass for the People.  
**11am:** Jack & Lil Davoren, Kilmaley.  
 Dan & Peggy Fleming, Tipperary.  
**7.30pm:** Denis Fitzgibbon, Marian Ave.

**Sat: 11am:** Dan & Marian McNamara, College Green.  
**6.30pm:** Tom Sheehan, Brookville & Beara, Cork.  
 Paddy Singleton, Hermitage.  
 Hal & Eva Fraser, Considine's Tce.  
 Eileen Kierse, St. Michael's Villas.  
 James Vaughan, The Market.  
 Richard Crotty, Willow Park.

**Sun 15th 8am:** Mary Ellen McInerney, Doora.  
**9.30am:** Leo Guy, Circular Rd.  
 John Neylon, Kilmorane, Darragh.  
**11.30am:** Patrick O'Donoghue, Limerick & Ennis.  
 Elizabeth & Catherine Kilmartin & Family, Caherbarna, Liscannor.  
 Frances Cosgrove, Ard na Gréine.  
 Michael O'Neill, Carmody St.  
 Angela Reidy, Gort na mBláth, Gort Rd.  
 Peter Fox, High St. & Clareabbey, Clarecastle.  
 Peter Wilkie, Hermitage & Kearney Family, Elm Hill, O'Callaghan's Mills.  
 Ciara Fox and Deceased Family, Hermitage.

**1pm:** Mass for Polish Community.  
**5pm:** Mass for Brazilian Community.

**Cathedral Renovation Appeal**  
 In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donation of €250. Your generosity to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal is much appreciated. Thank you.

#### Our Lenten Journey—Week 3



**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 Clares'
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 at Cathedral 8pm—10pm

**Stations of the Cross**  
 Friday at Cathedral 8pm

**Adult Faith Development**  
 9th March from 8pm to 9pm in Clarecastle Daycare Centre.

#### Ceremony of Light



The pupils of Ennis National School preparing for Confirmation will celebrate the Ceremony of Light on Wednesday at 8pm in the Cathedral.



### St. Joseph's

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat: 7pm:** Colum Flynn, Lifford House, Glenoir. **MM.**  
 Eileen O'Brien, St. Senan's Rd. **1st Anniv.**  
 Jim Tobin, Tulla Rd.  
 Jim O'Driscoll, Ennis & Castleconnell & Deceased O'Driscoll Family, Castleconnell.

**Sun 8th 10am:** Pat Fitzpatrick, Coraveen, Lifford.  
**11.45am:** Eddie & Imelda Micks, The Crescent.  
 John Eddie Sheridan, Marian Ave.  
 Clive Frawley, Ennis.

**Mon 10.30am:** William & Elizabeth O'Dea.  
**Tues 10.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Wed 10.30am:** John Burke, Carlow.  
**Thu 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Fri 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Sat: 10.30am:** Josephine Craig, Meadow Court.  
 Gerry Woods, Knockaderry, Tulla Rd.

**7pm:** Terry Lynch, Kilkee & Ennis. **MM.**  
**Sun 15th 10am:** John Daly, Drumcliffe Rd.  
**11.45am:** Anthony Cullinan, Barnhill, Doora. **1st Anniv.**  
 Joe & Mary Moroney, Old Corrovorrin.

### Cloughleigh

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sun 8th 11am:** Special Intention  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
 Special Intention.  
**Thu 9.30am:** Scoil Christí Rí Confirmation. No Mass

#### Lourdes Pilgrimages

Two Pilgrimages from the Diocese as follows:  
 Wednesday 24th June to Monday 29th June;  
 Monday 28th Sept to Saturday 3rd October.  
 Bookings at joewalshtours.ie; Tel. 01 2410800.

#### Sponsor a Sick Pilgrim

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.

#### Education Fund—Thank You

Thank you for supporting the Education Fund Collection last weekend. The sum of €3,835 was donated. Your generosity is much appreciated.

#### Adult Faith Formation



During these Lenten Days, you are invited to take time to reflect on your faith in the Adult Faith Formation Night in Clarecastle Daycare Centre on this Monday Night from 8pm to 9pm.

#### Columbarium

Joseph O'Neill from Eternum Columbarium will be available in the Cathedral on Monday and Tuesday 23rd & 24th March from 9am to 6pm for those interested in reserving the last few niches in the Columbarium.

To make an appointment please text 085 2148301

**Cora's Coffee Morning for  
John Conroy's Hospice Jinja, Uganda**



Cora of our Parish Office is joining John Conroy's Team heading to Uganda in July to volunteer in Hospice Jinja.

Cora is holding a fundraising Coffee Morning in the Cathedral Chapter Room after 9.30am and 11.30am Masses on this Sunday.

Cora is paying all her own expenses and funds raised will go directly to the Hospice Jinja Account.

Please call for tea/coffee and support this worthy fundraiser.

You can also donate on the link hereunder:

<https://www.idonate.ie/crowdfunder/corahahessyncnulty> Mile buiochas.

**Marian Avenue Grotto Meeting**

Meeting to elect new committee for Marian Avenue Grotto takes place upstairs at Steele's Bar on Wednesday 18th March next at 7pm. Marian Avenue and its Grotto celebrates 70th anniversary this year. All welcome.

**Labhair Gaeilge Linn**

During the month of March we embrace the Irish Language in our Masses and Liturgies.

**Trócaire**

On the third week of Lent, we continue to hear the cry of the poor and by our generosity to Trócaire we respond and share the little we have with those who have nothing. Thank you.

**Easter Chicks**

To celebrate Mothers' Day next weekend, Easter Chicks with a Cadbury's Egg will be on sale after all Masses — €3 each or 3 for €10. Proceeds to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal.

**Chair Exercises for Seniors** every Wednesday at Cloughleigh Community Centre 3pm to 4 pm Gentle and fun exercises

For more information please call Brigid on 086 8428618

**REST IN PEACE**



**Maureen Murphy**, Corrovorrin Grove;

**David Hearne**, Clonroadmore;

**Sharon Keane**, Erinaghbeg, Fountain & Redcastle, Co. Donegal;

**Denis Fitzgibbon**, Marian Ave. & Thailand.

**Rooted in Christ**

In the last century, the earth has been destroyed and devastated more than in all the millions of years behind us.

If we want our earth to survive, we have to do something immediately.

Let us pray that we may always have the eyes of St. Francis to see God in everything and the heart of St. Francis to care for all that is alive, all that can be destroyed or restored.

**Prayer for Peace**

Heavenly Father

In the midst of turmoil, be our stillness,  
Where there is hatred, sow compassion.

Where there is violence,  
make us instruments of peace.

Comfort the broken, protect the vulnerable,  
and guide the leaders of the world  
toward wisdom and restraint.

Grant us the courage to build understanding,  
Even when division seems easier.

May your peace,  
which passes all understanding  
ever keep our hearts and minds,  
United in love.

**The Woman at the Well**

Can I place myself in the shoes of the Samaritan woman in today's Gospel? Drawing water is a daily chore but I am glad that there is a good well within walking distance.

Then one day I meet a man there who talks about giving me living water.

What does he mean? Where is there better water than in Jacob's Well?

What does he mean that anyone who drinks the water he has to give will never be thirsty again?

He talks about a spring inside myself that will well up to eternal life.

Have I met the Christ, the one who can quench the thirst of my soul?

"I who am speaking to you", said Jesus, "I am he".



**Ennis Blood Donation Clinic** at West County Hotel Ennis on Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th March 4:50pm - 8:10pm

Phone 1800 222 111 for appointment. New Donors welcome at all clinics.

Former UK residents now welcome to donate. If you Can't Donate, You can still save lives –

Encourage someone who can. This would help us greatly as 2026 has seen a spike in demand for blood. The Blood Transfusion service is under pressure to maintain supply of all types of blood to Irish hospitals.

**An Evening of Live Music and Deep Rest**

Friday 13th March in Maria Asumpta Hall

7:30pm Clare singer and sound artist Fiona Guiheen will offer a 90-minute lying-down live music experience, creating a peaceful space to pause, switch off from the busyness of daily life, and deeply rest. Simply come, lie back, and relax.

**Sr. Eileen's Cúinne**

**An Tríú Domhnach den Charghas.**

Is é seo an tríú Domhnach den Charghas. Táimid leath bealaigh tríd an gCarghas agus is féidir linn ár rúin a athnuachan. Inniu, léiríonn Íosa dúinn gurb é féin foinse na beatha síoraí. Is sa Tiarna amháin, is féidir linn an tart is bunúsaí a shásamh.

A Íosa Críost, thaistil tú trí bhailte agus sráidbhailte ag cur cóir leighis ar gach galar agus ag freastal ar dhaoine breoite. Tar i gcabhair orainn anois agus cuir cosc ar leathadh domhada galair agus tú ag léiriú do ghrá dúinn. **Go raibh a neart agus a sláinte acu trí chúram leighis ardchaighdeán. Saor sinn ó eagla a chuireann cosc ar náisiúin oibriú le chéile agus ar chomharsa ag cabhrú lena Áiméan**

**This is the third Sunday of Lent.** We are halfway through the season of Lent and we can renew our resolutions. Today, Jesus shows us that he is the source of eternal life. Only in him alone can we satisfy the most fundamental thirst.

**This is my prayer for all. May your misfortunes be few and rich in blessings. May you be slow to make enemies and quick to make friends but rich or poor quick or slow may you know nothing but happiness from this day forward. Amen**

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, and prevent the spread of disease worldwide, so that we may experience your healing love. **May the sick regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another. Amen.**

**The Annual Matt Talbot Novena** will continue on Wednesday, March 11th, at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction.

Bishop Ger Nash will be the celebrant on the night. Tulla Native, Bishop Nash was appointed by Pope Francis to be Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Ossory along with his current responsibility as Bishop of Ferns.

During the Mass, we will remember in a special way our Faithful Departed, praying particularly for all the founding members of the Matt Talbot Novena.

You are warmly invited to join us on this pilgrimage through Lent. Attending the Novena could be a meaningful Lenten resolution.

**Clare Roots' Society Lecture** at Clare Education Centre, Government Buildings, Kilrush Road, Ennis, V95 F782

Irish Surnames and Sources: Through Origins, Invasions, Conquest and Colonisation by Lorna on Thursday, 19 March 2025 at 7:30pm.

**College of FET Ennis—Open Evening**

College of FET Ennis Campus is open to the public on Tuesday, March 10th, 9am to 1pm and 6pm to 8pm. Come explore our facilities and range of courses. All welcome. Book Now on Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/4u0SR16>

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

**My eyes are always on the Lord,  
For he rescues my feet from the snare  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
For I am alone and poor.**

### 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 book of Exodus. Ex 17.3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the people of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

### The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

#### Response:

**O that today you would listen to His voice:  
'Harden not your hearts'.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
Hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before Him, giving thanks,  
With songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
Let us kneel before the God who made us  
For he is our God and we  
The people who belong to his pasture,  
The flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the desert,

when your fathers put me to the test;  
When they tried me,  
though they saw my work.' **R.**

### A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. Rm 5.1-2, 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given us. We were still helpless when at the appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

### The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word  
of God!**

**Lord, you are really the Saviour of the  
world; give me the living water, so that I  
may never get thirsty.**

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word  
of God!**

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jn 4.:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is  
offering  
and who it is that is saying to  
you:  
Give me a drink,  
you would have been the one  
to ask,  
and he would have given you  
living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered  
'and the well is deep: how could you get  
this living water? Are you a greater man  
than our father Jacob who gave us this well  
and drank from it himself with his sons and  
his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get  
thirsty again:  
but anyone who drinks the water  
that I shall give  
will never be thirsty again:  
the water that I shall give will turn  
into a spring inside him, welling  
up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that  
water, so that I may never get thirsty and  
never have to come here again to draw  
water.'

### 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

**For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,  
the water I shall give will become in him  
a spring welling up to eternal life.**