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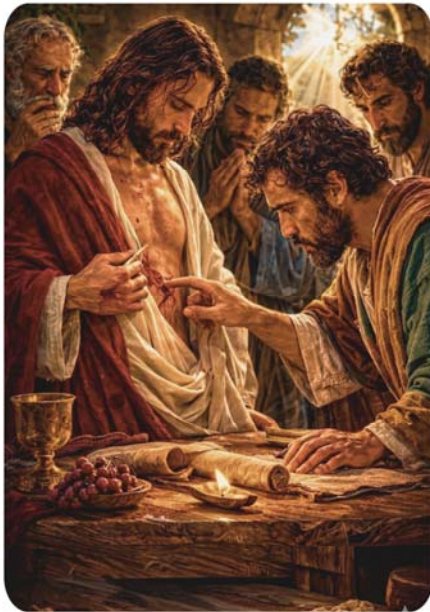
NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR A

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday 12th April 2026



In today's Gospel, we come in contact with Thomas the sceptic, the doubting one "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in His hand and can put my fingers into the holes they made and unless I can put my hand into His side, I refuse to believe". Certainly, Thomas was not easily convinced. Indeed many of Jesus' disciples also doubted, when they heard the excited testimony of the woman who had been to the empty tomb ("they did not believe" Luke 24V11).

Some time later, when Jesus appeared to His disciples in Galilee, they did not believe that this was the Jesus who lived so closely with them for three years.

Its good the Gospel records that the disciples were sceptical, for it proves that they were not easily fooled. As a result, their testimony carries much weight. Their desire for proof helps us to be sure that Jesus did, in fact, rise from the dead. It also assures us that God does not want us to be gullible and that He can ring sturdy faith out of doubt.

Jesus' gentle rebuke evoked a firm confession from Thomas "My Lord and my God". Thomas is the first to carry his belief so far. No other apostle has yet said to Jesus "My God"! From this poor unbelieving Thomas, Jesus has elicited the most beautiful Act of Faith given in the Gospel.

Let us pray that we too may recite from our hearts "My Lord and My God". In the dark moments of our lives, let us offer to God the only gift we can offer Him here below - that of believing in Him.

"Without seeing You we love You.

Without seeing You we believe.

*And we sing Lord in joy your glory.
You are our Saviour, we believe in You."*

LORD. YOU HAVE NOURISHED US
WITH YOUR EASTER SACRAMENTS.
FILL US WITH
YOUR SPIRIT,
AND MAKE US
ONE IN PEACE
AND LOVE.



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, Friday & Saturday

11-1 noon & 4-5 pm

Baptisms

Can be booked through the Parish Office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday in the Cathedral from 5pm until 7pm

Presbyteries

Cathedral:- 6824043;

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Priest on Duty 12th April, 2026
Contact Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Jonathan Curtin, Park Ave. MM.
 Noel O'Loughlin, Carmody St. **1st Anniv.**
 PJ Coote, Cahercalla Estate.
 PJ Meaney, Cranny, Kilrush.
 Nell & Mary Ryan, Stonepark, Barefield.
 O'Brien & Marrinan Families, Tobertaoscáin.
 Frank Roche, Dalcassian Park.
 Betty Cunniffe, Greendale & Tramore.
 Eileen Gannon, John Paul Avenue.
 Michael Joe Haren, Toloughboy, Connolly.
 Louis Clune, Breaffa West, Lissycasey.

Sun 12th 8am: Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families,
 Ennis & Cork.

9.30am: Josephine & Patrick Kelly, Ard na Gréine.

11.30am: Christy & Breda Carpenter & Family,.
 Hermitage Rd.
 Jean O'Donoghue, Ennis & Limerick.
 William McGovern, 'St. Martin's', College View.
 Mary Ann Ryan, Knockalough, Kilmihil.
 Kathleen & Christy O'Donovan, Ard na Gréine.
 Tony Lillis, Edenvale.
 Paddy & Dolly Lillis, O'Connell St.

Mon: 7.40am: Michael Meaney, Lissycasey.
 Michael Kelly, Summerhill.

11am: Thomas & Annie Hynes, Limerick Rd.
 Kathleen Cunningham, Aylerie, Labasheeda.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Tues:7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Martin Higgins, Drumbiggle Rd.
 Chris, Zdzisia & Irus, Poland.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Wed 7.40am: Philomena Duffy, Carrigatoher, Nenagh.
 Sheila & Tom Coote, St. Michael's Villas.

11am: Norrie Power & Family, Considine's Terrace.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Thurs 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: Special Intention.

7.30pm: Mary, Paddy & Jack Moroney,
 Drehid na nGabhar.
 Katie & Jack Keane, Clonlara.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Denis & Josephine Rice, Circular Rd;
 Malone Family, Abbey St,
 Maureen McAllister (nee Rice)

7.30pm: Assumpta Whelan, Iniscarragh.

Sat:11am: Aileen Patricia Kennedy, Inisfail,
 Golflinks Rd. & London. MM.
 Dylan White, "Ardglas", Clonroadbeg.

1st Anniv
 Carol Barron nee Lillis, Derrymore,
 Tulla Rd. **1st Anniv**

6.30pm: Tony Downes, Drumbiggle Rd. MM
 Hilda Tuohy **1st Anniv** & son Brian, Drumcarranmor,
 Loughville.
 Cyril O'Dowd, Clonroad. **1st Anniv**
 Mary & Joe Forde, Fountain.
 Brid McCullough, Dalcassian Drive.
 Jim Ball, Connolly Villas.
 Dermot & Mary O'Donoghue, Kilfenora.
 Lily Cleary, Ennis.

Sun 19th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: John Feeney, St. Michael's Villas.
 Bernard Mahony, Moveen, Kilkee.

11.30am: P.J. Summerly, Gort Rd., Ennis. MM
 Michael Considine, Corrovorrin Drive.
 Enzo D'Auria, Clonoradmore.
 Gerard Shannon, Boloughera, Lissycasey.
 Patricia Hinkley nee McNamara, Old Turnpike Rd & UK

Priests' Easter Collection

The Bishop and Priests who serve the parish from the Abbey Pastoral Area thank all who contributed to the Easter Collection last weekend. If you were away or forgot, your contribution is still appreciated.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday after Easter is now known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Devotions will take place in the Cathedral on this Sunday starting at 2pm. Confessions from 2pm to 3pm with Mass at 3.30pm.

Dates for First Holy Communion & Confirmation



Wednesday 22nd April:

St. Anne's School
 Confirmation
 St. Joseph's Church 11.30am

Saturday 25th April:

After Schools' Programme
 Confirmation
 & First Holy Communion
 Cathedral 12 noon

Saturday 9th May:

CBS Confirmation
 St. Joseph's Church 11am

Saturday 9th May:

Ennis NS First Holy Communion
 The Cathedral 11am

Saturday 23rd May:

CBS First Holy Communion.
 St. Joseph's Church 11am

Saturday 23rd May:

Holy Family School
 First Holy Communion
 The Cathedral 11am

Saturday 23rd May:

Scoil Christ Rí First Holy Communion
 Cloughleigh Church 11am

Friday 29th May

St. Anne's School
 First Holy Communion
 St. Joseph's Church 11.30am

Saturday 30th May:

Gaelscoil Mhicil Cíosóg
 First Holy Communion
 The Cathedral 12 noon

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: John Darcy, Shanaway Rd.
 Kevin Lynch, Ennis.
 Kevin & Cissie Lynch, Kilrush.

Sun 12th 10am: No intention booked.

11.45am: John English, St. Senan's Rd.
 Mary Rose McMahon, Shannon Park. **1st Anniv.**
 Martin Griffin, Kincora Park.
 Martin Cotter, St. Senan's Rd.

Mon 10.30am: Peadar O'Brien, St. Senan's Rd.

Tues 10.30am: Book of intentions.
 Syl Cosgrove, Fern Hill.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: Tommy Moloney, Marian Avenue.

Fri 10.30am: Paddy Keown, Corofin.

Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.

7pm: No intention booked.

Sun 19th 10am: No intention booked.

11.45am: Patrick Power, Castlelawn, Tulla Rd.
 Joe Daly, Lifford Rd.

Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 12th 11am: Kevin Maxwell, Shallee Drive.
 Special Intention.

Mon 9.30am: Bridget Croke, Knockerra.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 19th 11am: Flan & Fr. Frank Cassidy & family,
 Cusack Rd.
 Monica Brooks, Drumcaurin, Fountain.
 Mary McMahon, John Paul Avenue.

Lourdes Pilgrimage



Our June Pilgrimage is completely full.
 To book for the Autumn Pilgrimage 28th September to 3rd October, please contact joewalshtours.ie or phone 01 2410800.



A gentle reminder to please return your Trócaire contributions or box. Your offering will make a difference to those most in need. Our thanks to all who have already done so.

Collection for Holy Places

Thank you for your kind donations to the collection for Holy Places on Good Friday. The sum of €2,086.72 was donated. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Critical First Responders Fundraiser

Critical First Responders in County Clare are holding a Golf Classic Fundraiser on Saturday, April 25th at Ennis Golf Club, to raise funds for life-saving equipment and training. Please contact Helen on 0851295844 for further information and to book a tee time. Thank you for your support.

Divine Mercy Sunday



This Sunday April 12th at 2pm at the Cathedral Led by Fr. Ger Jones. Confessions, Devotions, Mass & Benediction.

Prayer of Entrustment to Divine Mercy

O Lord, our God.

We place our trust in You,

Because you are mercy itself.

We repent of our sins and turn to You for mercy.

We trust You to provide for our every need, according to Your will.

Help us to forgive others as You forgive us.

We promise to be merciful

by our deeds, words and prayers.

Though we have fears

because of human weakness,

we rely on Your infinite goodness and mercy.

We entrust to You the future of our planet,

our Church, our nations,

our families and all our needs.

With loud cries we implore your mercy on us and on the whole world.

Look upon us,

created in your image and likeness.

Form us in the Heart of Mary

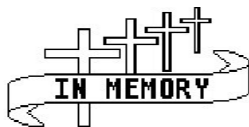
by the power of the Holy Spirit

into the living images of mercy.

May all come to know the depth of Your mercy and sing the praises of Your mercy forever.

Amen!

REST IN PEACE



Mary Hanrahan, Ard Aoibhinn & late Hanrahans' Supermarket, Clonroadmore;

Gerard (Gerry) Leonard, Rockfield, Nooan, Ruan & Kevin Barry Avenue;

Niamh Coote (nee Reid), Ballycoree, Gort Rd.;

Lt Col (Rtd) David Griffin, Ravensdale, Dundalk & O'Connell Street;

Baby Isaac McDonagh, John Paul Ave.;

Margaret (Peg) Hussey, Ashfield Park, Gort Road;

Denis Molloy, London, nephew of the late Christy McAllister, Hermitage;

Máire Ní Rónáin, Kilmaley, sister of Martin Ronan, Rice College;

John Fagan, Springfield Orchard.

80 Years of Service



We congratulate Mary Moloney, Steele's Terrace who on Easter Sunday was honoured by the Franciscan Province with a special Franciscan Medal in gratitude for 80 years of continuous service to the Friary Choir.

The medal was presented by Fr. Brendan McGrath, OFM, Guardian Ennis Friary.

We wish Mary many more years of praising God in song.

Road Safety Event

A free Safety Information & Demonstration Event for older road users will take place on Saturday, 18th April from 2pm – 4pm at Clare Marts, Quin Road, Ennis.

Organised by the Clare Older People's Council and Clare County Council's Age Friendly Programme, the event will feature demonstrations of safe driving practices for roads and roundabouts, advice for pedestrians and cyclists, and free car/van tyre checks, with parking available on site.

Gardai property marking also available on the day.

Bealtaine Art Expo Event

The Bealtaine Art Expo will take place on 16th April at Temple Gate Hotel featuring a collection of artworks created by clients of Clarecastle Day Care Centre, Carrigoran Day Care Centre, Raheen Day Care Centre, the Community Nursing Unit, and Ennistymon Community Hospital.

The event runs from 10am to 4pm, with an evening viewing from 6pm to 8pm. Admission is free. Selected artworks will also be showcased throughout May in Ennis, Shannon, Scariff, and Ennistymon Libraries.

Pilgrimage to Merjugorje

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 20th to 27th May. Places available flying directly from Shannon to Mostar for €895.00. Further info from Jimmy on (065) 9059328.

Chair Exercise for over 60's

Resume in Kincora Park and Cloughleigh Community centre April 15th.

For more information contact Trish 0868507227

Newly Baptised

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

Alejandro Moreno Serrano;

Samuel Kazi



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

2nd Sunday of Easter



An Dara Domhnach den Cháisc Domhnach na Trócaire.

I Mí Aibreáin, bí linn, a Thiarna. Is í Inniu an Dara Domhnach den Cháisc. Tá íosa aiséirithe ó mharbh agus tá áthas agus lúcháir croí orainn. Tá ár Slánaitheoir ina rí ar an gcruithú.

Tá Sé inár measc ag fógairt arís agus arís eile go bhfuil lá na fuascailte tagtha. Inniu ceiliúrtar Domhnach Thrócaire Dé. Is é Naomh Eoin Pól II a bhunaigh an fhéile seo i mí na Bealtaine 2000. Spreagadh deabhóid Trócaire Dé trí scríbhinní Siúr Faustina, bean rialta ón bPolainn a fuair bás sa bhliain 1938 agus í in aois tríocha trí bhliain. Ní aon rud nua an teachtaireacht maidir le Trócaire Dé.

Ach meabhraíonn sé dúinn gur mhúin an Eaglais i gcónaí sa Scrioptúr agus sa traidisiún go bhfuil Dia trócaireach agus go bhfuil maithiúnas ar fáil do gach peaca. Tá a thrócaire i bhfad níos mó ná aon pheaca. Níl le déanamh againn ach teacht os comhair Dé go humhail agus muinín a bheith againn as a thrócaire. Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá inniu: A Thobair na Beatha, Trócaire Dé glanrúnda, imchluáigh an domhan uile agus doirt Tú féin anuas orainn. Áiméan.

Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

Lord, be with us during the month of April.

Today is the second Sunday after Easter. Jesus is risen from the dead and we are full of joy. Our Saviour is king of creation. He is among us proclaiming again and again that the day of redemption has come.

Today is also Divine Mercy Sunday. It was instituted by St John Paul II in May 2000. The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina a Polish nun who died in 1938 aged thirty-three years. The message of God's Divine Mercy is nothing new.



National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on 18th May - 25th May. For further information, please

visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek

The Triskel Ensemble with soprano Helen Hancock will perform an uplifting concert of musical theatre, opera, Irish airs, movie themes and popular classical music. Helen Hancock is a Galway-based soprano, acclaimed for her expressive artistry and for the warm rapport she creates with the audience.

Saturday 25th April at 8pm at St Columba's Church, Bindon Street, Tickets €22 general admission and €10 children, plus booking fee <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1982685059385?aff=oddtcreator>

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Receive the joy of your glory,
giving thanks to God,
who has called you into the heavenly kingdom,
alleluia.

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 Acts of the Apostles

Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the
teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the
breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the
apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything
in common; they sold their goods and possessions
and shared out the proceeds among themselves
according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but
met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they
shared their food gladly and generously; they
praised God and were looked up to by everyone.
Day by day the Lord added to their community
those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is
good, For his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

His love has no end.

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

R.

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
But the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
He was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
In the tents of the just. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
A marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord:
We rejoice and are glad. **R**

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

1 Pt 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a
new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ
from the dead, so that we have a sure hope
and the promise of an inheritance that can
never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away,
because it is being kept for you in the heavens.
Through your faith, God's power will guard you
until the salvation which has been prepared is
revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of
great joy for you, even though you may for a
short time have to bear being plagued by all
sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is
revealed, your faith will have been tested and
proved like gold - only it is more precious than
gold, which is corruptible even though it
bears testing by fire - and then you will have
praise and glory and honour. You did not see
him, yet you love him; and still without seeing
him, you are already filled with joy so glorious
that it cannot be described, because you be-
lieve; and you are sure of the end to which your
faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your
souls.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus said: 'You believe because
you can see me.'*

*Happy are those who have not seen
and yet believe.'*

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jh 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of
the week, the doors were closed in the room
where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews.
Jesus came and stood among them. He said to
them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them
his hands and his side. The disciples were filled
with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to
them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the
Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.
When the disciples said, 'We have seen the
Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that
the nails made in his hands and can put my
finger into the holes they made, and unless I
can put my hand into his side, I refuse to
believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in
the house again and Thomas was with them.
The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and
stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said.
Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger
here; look, here are my hands. Give me your
hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but
believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my
God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen
and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus
worked and the disciples saw, but they are not
recorded in this book. These are recorded so
that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God, and that believing this you may
have life through his name.

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 Fa-
ther 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 for-
giveness of sins and I look forward to the resur-
rection of the dead and the life of the world to
come. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

**Bring your hand and feel the place of the
nails, And do not be unbelieving but
believing, Alleluia**