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# ENNIS PARISH

# NEWSLETTER

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR A

LUKE 24:13-35

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**T**he Emmaus story in today's Mass invites us to open our eyes to the presence of the Risen Lord in our lives. It tells of the encounter of Cleopas and his companion with a stranger as they walked away from Jerusalem downcast and deflated after the cruel and humiliating death of Jesus, crucified between two thieves on the hill of Calvary, betrayed by Judas, one of his disciples.



They are discussing the tragic and dramatic events that took place as people gathered to celebrate the great feast of Passover. Sad and disappointed they share with the stranger their feelings of grief and puzzlement as to why this good man who had been welcomed so enthusiastically a few days earlier had to die so violently.

Jesus, the Nazarene, who was a mighty prophet, had offered them such great hope to redeem Israel in these troubled times. It had been rumoured that he was alive.

Then the stranger opened up, "Oh, how foolish you are! So slow to believe." He proceeded to interpret the scriptures for them helping them to understand "why the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory".

At the end of their 10 km journey, they invite the stranger to an Inn to stay and dine with them. "As it happened, he took bread said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them " Their eyes were opened and they recognised him. He disappeared from their sight. They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning as we conversed with him on the road."

So Cleopas and his companion returned to Jerusalem where they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread. We too are reminded of times in our lives when we were totally discouraged...we walked aimlessly along the road, our faces downcast, disappointed in a relationship or hurt by a friend. Then Jesus came in the guise of a stranger, who listened as we told our story!

The narrative of the journey to Emmaus is a model of our liturgy. At Mass on Sunday, the Scriptures are read and explained and Bread is broken. Hopefully this leads us to a recognition of the Risen Lord and fires us with enthusiasm to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth.

### 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 10am & 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, 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;

Email: [info@ennisparish.com](mailto:info@ennisparish.com)

Kincora Park:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

#### Ennis Parish Web Site:

[http: www.ennisparish.com](http://www.ennisparish.com)

Facebook :

[http : facebook.com/ennisparish](http://facebook.com/ennisparish)

### Cathedral

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Tony Downes, Drumbiggle Rd. MM  
 Hilda 1st Anniv & Brian, Drumcarranmore, 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.  
 Gerard Shannon, Boloughera, Lissycasey.

**Sun 19th 8am:** Bridget Rodgers, Crusheen.  
**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.  
 Patricia Hinkley nee McNamara, Old Turnpike Rd & England.  
 Kathleen Flanagan, Doonbeg.  
 John David Jennings, Dun Laoghaire & Beechpark.  
 Coulter & O'Donovan Families.

**Mon 7.40am:** No intention booked.  
**11am:** Seamus Purcell, Ard na Gréine & Kildare.  
 The Halpin Family, O'Connell St.  
**7.30pm:** No intention booked.  
**Tues 7.40am:** Book of Intentions.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** Tom & Fr. Hugh Briody, Co. Meath.  
**Wed 7.40am:** No intention booked.  
**11am:** Simon & Margaret McCarthy, Clohanes, Doonbeg & Sr. Pius McCarthy.  
**7.30pm:** Pakie & Frances Eustace, Kilrush Rd.  
 Mary & Joseph Moloney, Hermitage.  
**Thurs 7.40am:** No intention booked.  
**11am:** Michael & Katie Herron, Donegal.  
 Eileen (Dolly) Barron, Newmarket-on-Fergus.  
**7.30pm:** Rita & Tony Kenny, Hermitage & Enright & Kenny Families.  
**Fri 7.40am:** Mass for the People.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** Veronica Fenton, Ard na Gréine.  
**Sat: 11am:** Dwain Walzer, Rochester, New York.  
 Rita & Willie O'Dwyer, Station Court & Lahinch.  
 Ellen O'Sullivan, Castlewood Park.  
**6.30pm:** Sr. Mary O'Connell, St. Xavier's, Convent of Mercy. 1st Anniv.  
 Bridget, Seán & Fr. Mike O'Keefe, Ballymacahill, Barefield.  
 Joe Maloney, Claireen.

**Sun 26th 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** Ned Collins, St. Flannan's Tce.  
 Lizzie Neylon, Parnell St.  
 Monsignor Ignatius Murphy, Kilkee.  
 Eleanor Murphy, Inch.  
 Theresa & William Clohessy, Drumcliffe.  
 Mary, Anne & John Ryan, Knockalough, Kilmihil.  
**11.30am:** Michael Kelly, John Paul Ave & Quin. MM.  
 Eddie Daly, Hermitage.  
 Mary Carroll, Kilrush Rd.  
 Danny & Marie Moran, Shanaway.

Ennis Parish  
 Development Fund  
 for Sunday, 12th April  
 Fund €5,726  
 Online €1,046

### Vocations Sunday



Next weekend we celebrate Vocations' Sunday, a day of special prayer for all discerning a call to Priesthood, Religious Life, Diaconate or Lay Ministry. Have you ever felt a quiet nudge towards something deeper, a sense that God may be calling you to serve as a Priest, Religious Sister or Brother? You are not alone. Vocations grow through prayer, conversation and small steps of trust. As we prepare for Vocations' Sunday, consider spending ten minutes in Eucharistic Adoration or grabbing a coffee with someone who has taken that path. If you are asking 'Could this be for me?', that's already a blessing. Reach out to Fr. Michael Geraghty, Vocations' Director, Killaloe Diocese at [vocations@killaloe-diocese.ie](mailto:vocations@killaloe-diocese.ie) or Fr. Liam Kelly, OFM, Franciscan Vocations' Director at [irishfranciscansofm@gmail.com](mailto:irishfranciscansofm@gmail.com); 087 396 0262



The children from St. Anne's School will celebrate the Sacrament on Wednesday at 11.30am in St. Joseph's Church.

On Saturday next the children from our After Schools' Programme will celebrate First Holy Communion and Confirmation at 12 noon in the Cathedral. Please pray for the children and their families at this special time.

### Newly Baptised



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

**Kaliyah Savannah** Butler;  
**Paudie Noel** Fennell;  
**Inara Evelyn** Nes;

### St. Joseph's

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat 7pm:** No intention booked.  
**Sun 19th 10am:** Nancy Tubridy, Doonbeg.  
**11.45am:** Joe Daly, Lifford Rd.  
 Patrick Power, Castlelawn, Tulla Rd.  
**Mon 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Tues 10.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Wed: No. 10.30am: Mass**  
**11.30am:** St. Anne's School Confirmation Mass.  
**Thu 10.30am:** Margaret McMahon, Dysart & Cork.  
**Fri 10.30am:** Val Hogan, Morrissey Ave.  
**Sat: 10.30am:** Nuala Gallagher, Sligo  
 Mary Conway, Larchill.  
**7pm:** Barry Coughlan, Corrovorrin.  
 Joe & Patrick Conway & Theresa Kalkhuf.  
**Sun 26th 10am:** Martin & Kathleen Kelly, Old Gort Rd. & Baby Emma, Toonagh.  
**11.45am:** Ita & Paddy Real, Francis St.  
 Kay & Vincent Banks, Scotland.

### Cloughleigh

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sun 19th 11am:** Flan & Fr. Frank Cassidy & family, Cusack Rd.  
 Monica Brooks, Drumcaurin, Fountain.  
 Mary McMahon, John Paul Avenue.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Fri 9.30am:** Michael Costelloe, Cranny.  
 Mary & Michael Costelloe, Cranny.  
**Sun 26th 11am:** Michael Hoare, Morrissey Ave.  
 Eugene White, Mungret & Considine Rd.  
 Special Intention.

### Easter Chicks

The sale of Easter Chicks raised €8,514. Thanks to all who helped make it such a success.

The proceeds will go towards the Cathedral Renovation Appeal. The project is currently at Tender Stage and it is envisaged works will begin on the grounds and on the heating conversion in June.

Many thanks to all who support the Cathedral Renovation Appeal that makes this work possible.

### Blessing for the Gift of New Life



The Abbey Pastoral Area have organised a blessing for the Gift of New Life for all expectant parents in St. Mary's Church, Quin on Tuesday 12th May at 8.30pm.

Please let any expectant parent know of this ceremony with a Céad Mille Fáilte for everyone.

# CRITICAL

Critical first responders in County Clare are holding A Golf Classic fundraiser on Saturday, April 25th in 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.

**Ennis Flower and Garden Club** present Linda Sheehan, Co Limerick, for a Garden Talk, on Tuesday April 21st at Treacys' West County Hotel.

Doors open at 7.30pm, Garden Talk commences at 8.15pm sharp, €10 non members.

All welcome. Plants raffled on the night, contact [ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com)

## Blood Donation Clinic



Blood Donors are asked to attend Blood Donation Clinic at West County Hotel Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 3:50pm – 8:10pm  
Phone 1800 222 111 for appointment  
New donors are always welcome.  
Former UK residents now eligible to donate.

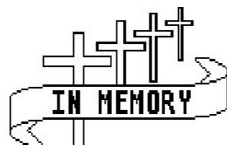
## Ennis Tidy Towns Meet Up



Ennis Tidy Towns meet-up in Abbey Street carpark on Mondays at 7pm and Tuesday at 7pm if Monday is a Bank Holiday April to September.

New volunteers are always welcome - just rock up with a smile!"

## REST IN PEACE



**Mary Cronin nee Queally,**  
Limerick Rd.;

**Pauline O'Brien,**  
Urlanmore, Newmarket-on-Fergus;

**Julius Kroka,** Shannon.

**Fr. Diarmuid O'Riain OFM,**  
Franciscan Friary, Multyfarnham  
& formerly of Ennis Friary.

## Pope Francis 1st Anniversary



Tuesday 21st April is the First Anniversary of the death of Pope Francis. May he rest in peace, Amen.

## Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & San Giovanni Rotondo



Escorted Group Pilgrimage accompanied by Spiritual Director. Return flights from Shannon to Rome (Ciampino)/Naples to Shannon. Daily Mass & Spiritual Activities. Further info Mary Kelly 065 683 5519  
€1,455 29<sup>th</sup> Sept to 6<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2026  
Marian Pilgrimage [www.marian.ie](http://www.marian.ie)

The Triskel Ensemble with soprano Helen Hancock will perform an uplifting concert of musical theatre, opera, Irish airs, movie themes and popular classical music.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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>

## Spring Prayer



Drawn upward by some hidden power,  
Life is cracking the crust of earth  
And bursting forth from limb and stem.

Your aroma, O Life-giver,  
Is upon the springtime wind,  
And I feel its power stirring deep within.

Green is your colour, O God,  
The green of new life  
That lovingly transfigures  
earth's dreariness,  
Long held prisoner  
By the icy web of winter's cold.

Green up my heart with hope,  
In your perpetual promise of life.  
Send forth from my soul  
New shoots, fresh buds  
Eager to grow in your divine image.  
We ask this in your name. Amen

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne



Inniu, an Tríú Domhnach d'én Cháise..  
Bíonn Críost aiséirithé in éinzeacht linn d'én shíor. Ba eheart dúinn éistzeacht go humhail lena bhriathar trí mhéán na Scríoptúr, frzastal ar flifrzéann agus Comaoinezeach Naofa a ghlaicadh.

Fl Thiarna, is tú an Finné fiordhílis.  
Cuir ar ehumas d'Éaglaisé fianaisé a dhéanamh léat gan stad gan staonadh. Fliméan.

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter.  
The risen Christ is always with us.  
We ought to listen humbly to his word in the Scriptures, attend Mass and receive Holy Communion.

Lord, you are the faithful and true witness, the first-born from the dead.  
May The Church never cease to proclaim you to the world. Amen.

## Meditation and Gentle Movement

Mondays from 10 - 11.45 am in Cloughleigh Community Hall, Davitt Terrace, Ennis V95 K31X. €5 Donation. Info: Mary Lillis 087 9701130

## Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 20<sup>th</sup> May to 27<sup>th</sup> May. Flying from Shannon to Mostar direct for €895. for more information contact Rachel 087 6747869.

## Clare Roots' Society Lecture



The 1926 census at last! What this means for genealogy in Ireland will be delivered by Claire Bradley in the Clare Education Centre, Government Buildings, Kilrush Road, Ennis, V95 F782, on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

## Free Talk on Bereavement

Free Talk on Bereavement on -Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 7pm - 8.30pm at Milford Care Centre, Education Department, Castletroy, Limerick. More info from 061 485800 or [socialwork@milfordcarecentre.ie](mailto:socialwork@milfordcarecentre.ie)

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, 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.

Ac 2:14.22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the  
Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice:  
Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Je-  
sus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by  
God by the miracles and portents and signs that  
God worked through him when he was among you,  
as you all know. This man, who was put into your  
power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge  
of God, you took and had crucified by men outside  
the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life,  
freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was im-  
possible for him to be held in its power.

Brothers and Sisters, no one can deny that  
the patriarch David himself is dead and buried:  
his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet,  
and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make  
one of his descendants succeed him on the throne,  
what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrec-  
tion of the Christ: he is the one who was not aban-  
doned to Hades, and whose body did not experience  
corruption. God raised this man, Jesus to life, and all  
of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the  
heights by God's right hand, he has received from  
the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and  
what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spir-  
it.

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

**Response: Show us, Lord, the path of life.**

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you,  
I say to the Lord: 'you are my God.'

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
It is you yourself who are my prize. **R.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
Who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
Since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad,  
Even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
Nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life,  
The fullness of joy in your presence,  
At your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

## A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

1 P 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one  
who has no favourites and judges everyone  
according to what he has done, you must be  
scrupulously careful as long as you are living  
away from your home. Remember, the ransom  
that was paid to free you from the useless way  
of life your ancestors handed down was not paid  
in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor  
gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without  
spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known  
since before the world was made, has been  
revealed only in our time, the end of the ages,  
for your sake. Through him you now have faith  
in God, who raised him from the dead and gave  
him glory for that very reason - so that you  
would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.  
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us  
*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lk 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way  
to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from  
Jerusalem, and they were talking together about  
all that had happened. Now as they talked this  
over, Jesus himself came up and walked by  
their side; but something prevented them from  
recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters  
are you discussing as you walk along?' They  
stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered  
him, 'You must be the only person staying in  
Jerusalem who does not know the things that  
have been happening there these last few days.'  
'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of  
Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a  
great prophet by the things he said and did in  
the sight of God and of the whole people; and  
how our chief priests and our leaders handed  
him over to be sentenced to death, and had him  
crucified. Our own hope had been that he would  
be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all:  
two whole days have gone by since it all  
happened; and some women from our group  
have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the

early morning and when they did not find the  
body, they came back to tell us they had seen a  
vision of angels who declared he was alive.  
Some of our friends went to the tomb and found  
everything exactly as the women had reported,  
but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow  
to believe the full message of the prophets! Was  
it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and  
so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with  
Moses and going through all the prophets, he  
explained to them the passages throughout the  
scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they  
were going, he made as if to go on; but they  
pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly  
evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.'  
So he went in to stay with them. Now while he  
was with them at table, he took the bread and  
said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it  
to them. And their eyes were opened and they  
recognised him; but he had vanished from their  
sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our  
hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the  
road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to  
Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven  
assembled together with their companions, who  
said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen  
and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their  
story of what had happened on the road and  
how they had recognised him at the breaking of  
bread.

## 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 be-  
came man. For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was bur-  
ied, and rose again on the third day in accord-  
ance 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

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus  
In the breaking of the bread, alleluia.