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NEWSLETTER

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR A

JOHN 14:15-21

Sunday 10th May 2026

It's beginning to dawn on the disciples that Jesus could well be leaving them; are they to be on their own with the task of building church, sharing the Good News? Isn't it possible that they felt anxious at the task set out before them, how to tell people about the Way of living that Jesus taught and lived himself. And what does anxiety do except eat at layers of confidence we might have?

Jesus sees this, he knows this and he tells them that there will be help; in fact, something more than mere help but a powerful Advocate – someone on their side who will breathe life into their efforts to serve God, to continue keeping the commandments.



And it's interesting to reflect on what Jesus says about this – keeping the commandments is not done to win God's love – it's already been received.

They keep the commandments out of their love for Jesus. God's love is already poured out on us, God's Spirit is already poured out upon us. That's often forgotten when we are struggling in life and in faith and many people are quick to point out mistakes and errors and point the fingers.

Indeed, there are many who say we have to keep seeking the mercy and love of God and confessing our sins, but doesn't that miss the point of the Resurrection? Peter's letter tells us that Christ died once for sins, and leads us to God. Isn't this why Jesus promises to ask the Father for 'Another Advocate'? So, we might struggle in faith but that's when we can recall that we have been given an Advocate to help us, for the Holy Spirit is a reminder that we in faith, we do not meet condemnation or judgement but salvation and freedom.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus repeats his teaching – the one keeps my commandments will be one who loves me. This is a wonderful life-affirming passage to encourage us along our faith and life journey.

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 1 0am & 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: Fr. Ger Jones - Sunday 10th May 2026

Contact: 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: David Murphy, Ashfield Park **1st Anniv.**
John Browne, 'St. Anthony's', Cusack Rd.
Martina Foley, Shanaway Road.
Anthony Daly, Golf Links Rd.

Sun 10th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Mary Clancy, Kilnamona.

11.30am: Brid **1st Anniv.** & Cyril Kelly, Edenvale.
Anne McMahon, Morrissey Ave.
Margaret Staunton, Gallows Hill.
John & Rebecca Hogan, Shanaway Rd.
Anne Mangan, Turnpike Rd.
Ann & Robin Lacey, College Green.
Ruth Hanley, Willsgrove.

Mon: 7.40am: John Meaney, Surrey.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Christina Whelan, College Park.

Tues:7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Christy & Nora Daly, College View.

7.30pm: Patricia & Alfie O'Neill, St Michael's Villas.
PJ & Jack Dinan Hermitage.

Wed 7.40am: Special Intention.

11am: Paraic O'Fatharta, Inis Mean.

Patrick, Bridget, John, Thomas & Caoimhe Whelan,
Dalcassian Park.

7.30pm: St. Flannan's Graduation Mass.

Thurs 7.40am: Donors' Intention.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Anthony O'Loughlin, St. Michael's Villas.

Gerry Moroney, Loughville, Lahinch Rd.
Ann & Martin O'Grady, College Pk.
Gertie & Bernard Bleasdale, Corrovorrin.
Joe & Mary Moloney, Hermitage.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Bridget & Michael O'Halloran, Roslevan.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Sat:11am: Johnny & Kathleen O'Loughlin, Old Gort Rd.
Tom Lillis, Kilkee.

Marian Guinane, Park Avenue.

6.30pm: Michael O'Brien, Summerhill.

Marie Gardiner, Considine's Tce.
Frank Hassett, Ard na Greine.
Mary **1st Anniv** & Frank Corey, Loughville.
Brid & deceased Flanagan family,
Loughville & Ballygriffey.
Breda Hassett, Drumbiggle Road.
Healy & Deasy Families Cork.
Coughlan & Browne Families Ennis.

Sun 17th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Aidan **1st Anniv** & Marie Deegan,
Ashfield, Cusack Rd.

11.30am: Michael & Una O'Meara, Limerick Rd.
Sheila & Martin Cotter & decd family, Loughville.
Dónall MacMathúna, Ballybeg.
James Kelly, Collins Park.
Mary Quinn, Carlow & Watford, UK.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 10th 11am: Bernadette Moloney, Cloughleigh.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.



Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €500; €200. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Thank you

Our gratitude for your generosity of €4,796 to assist sick pilgrims travel to Lourdes.

For your generosity to the Holy Land appeal on Good Friday of €5,314 to support the Christian Community of Palestine.

Newly Baptised



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

Maisie Mae Clune;
Lúca Michael Glynn;
James Francis Glynn.

Congratulations

We congratulate the children from Ennis CBS who were Confirmed and the children from Ennis National School who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday.

Milford Care Centre Invitation

You are invited to attend a Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for those people who have died under the care of Milford Care Centre. We look forward to sharing with you this act of remembrance and thanksgiving at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Castletroy, this Sunday 10th May at 3pm. Please feel free to invite family and friends to join you in solidarity and support.



Month's Mind Mass for Mary Cronin, Limerick Road, on Friday 15th May; St. Flannan's College Chapel at 7pm.



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Tom Stack, Lifford Rd.

Tommy Guilfoyle, St. Clare's, Turnpike.

John, Seán & Rose O'Sullivan, Kevin Barry Ave.

Sun 10th 10am: Chrissie Clune, Ballymacahill.

Mary & Tony Strand, Shannon Park.

11.45am: John Doohan, Kincora Park.

Eileen, Patrick & Michael Griffin,
Loughburke, Kilmaley.

Mon 10.30am: Maura & Con O'Donovan, Cork.

Tues 10.30am: Book of intentions.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: Tom Roche, Kincora Pk.

Fri 10.30am: Eileen & Murphy family, St. Anne's Tce.

Sat: 10.30am: Andy McTiernan, Sligo.

7pm: Jimmy & Theresa Madigan, Marian Ave.

Sun 17th 10am: Maura Burke, Carlow.

Brendan Derrane, The Crescent. **1st Anniv**

Kathleen Burke, Knockanoura, Tulla Rd.

Johnny, Mark & Cathal Mulcaire, Cahercalla Heights.

11.45am: No intention booked.

Blessing of Expectant Parents



Abbey Pastoral Area Blessing the Gift of New Life For Expectant Parents at St Mary's Church, Quin on this Tuesday 12th May, 8.30pm. All welcome.

Graduation Masses

Secondary Schools in our Parish are preparing to send forth the leaving cert Class of 2026.

On Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Cathedral, St. Flannan's College Graduation Mass will be celebrated.

Prayer for Exam Students

O God help all students doing exams this year.

Help them to remember well,

to think clearly

and not to be excited.

Help them to try their hardest

and to do their best,.

Amen.



May the Month of Mary



May is the month of Mary. An opportunity for a May Altar in your home or class room and also an opportunity to pray the Rosary. We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly during May.

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flowers of the rarest
bring blossoms the fairest,
from gardens and woodlands
and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Chorus:

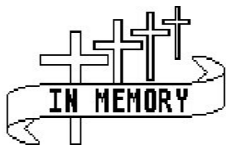
*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

The Rosary will be prayed each evening during the month of May at the following grottos in the parish:

Rosary in honour of Our Lady

- Dalcassian Park daily 6pm
- Hermitage Grotto daily 6.30pm
- Marian Avenue Grotto daily 7pm
- Corrovorrin Crescent daily 7pm & Saturday at 5pm
- Gallows Hill daily 7pm
- St. Michael's Villas daily 7.30pm
- Loughville Grotto daily 8pm
- Fountain Grotto daily 8.30pm
- Buttermarket Grotto daily 6pm
- Ballybeg Grotto daily
- St. Joseph's Well daily 6pm
- McHugh Villas 7pm

Rest in peace



Beatrice Foley, Woodlawn,
Shanaway Rd.;

Anne O'Loughlin (nee Brigdale),
St. Michael's Villas. Funeral Mass
this Sunday Afternoon at 3pm in the
Cathedral.

Brian Kelly, Spencilhill, grandson of
George & Jo Dilger.



Sr. Clare Setright

22nd December 1938 - 20th April 2026

Clare Anne was born in Lisdoonvarna on 22nd December 1938 to John and Maeve Setright. Her primary education was in Lisdoonvarna and her secondary education in Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis.

Clare entered the Convent of Mercy, Ennis on Mercy Day 24th September 1958, making her first Profession on 31st July 1961 and final Profession on 27th July 1964. She attended UCC from 1964-67 where she qualified as a secondary school teacher of English and Irish. Her profession motto was "Thy will be done" and it was to Lemoore, California that she was to be asked to go and taught there for 12 years. She moved to other communities in America and taught there for a further 23 years, until 1999. On returning to Ireland, Clare became part of the team in Mercy International Centre, Baggot Street, Dublin and moved into parish ministry in Dublin for 12 years.

Clare had a great sense of humour, was an avid reader and organist. She died peacefully on Monday 20th April, 2026 in the care of the staff of McAuley House, Beaumont, Dublin. Her wish was to be buried with the Sisters in the Mercy plot in Drumcliffe Cemetery with whom she generously shared the Mercy charism for over 60 years. Her funeral Mass took place in the Cathedral on Friday 24th April, followed by burial.

"Thy will be done".

Meditate in Pink online meditation retreat led by Mary Lally, in collaboration with the National Breast Cancer Research Institute. **11am-3pm Sunday, 24th May, €28 – all proceeds to charity.** Call Mary 0872764539 for details.

Irish Cancer Society urgently needs donations of clothes and bric a brac to help raise vital funds for cancer support. Tel. 065-6848826. Irish Cancer Society, Woodquay, Ennis. V95EP86.

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.

**Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday 3rd May
Fund: €6,373
Online: €249.50**

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Machnamh don tSeachtain.

Glac sos chun machnaimh a dhéanamh,
is foinse an nirt é.

Glac sos chun léitheoireachta a dhéanamh,
is cloch chúinne na heagna í.

Glac sos chun spraoi a dhéanamh,
is é rún an chroí óig.

Glac sos chun bheith suaimhneach,
is deis é bheith i láthair Dé.

Glac sos chun bheith san airdeall,
is deis é bheith cabhrach.

Glac sos chun bheith grámhar,
is olltabhartas é ó Dhia.

Glac sos chun bheith gealgháireach,
is fuinneamh anama é.

Glac sos chun bheith cairdiúil,
is bealach an tsonais é.

Glac sos chun aisingle cothaíonn sé feasacht.
Glac sos chun urnaí,

is é an chumhacht is mó ar domhan.

Take time to think, it is the source of power.

Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to play,

it is the secret of staying young.

Take time to be quiet,

it is the moment to seek God.

Take time to be aware,

it is the opportunity to help others.

Take time to love and be loved,

it is God's greatest gift.

Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.

Take time to be friendly,

it is the road to happiness.

Take time to dream,

it is what the future is made of.

Take time to pray,

it is the greatest power on earth.

Planted in the love of the Father

Planted in the love of the Father

You can grow, dear one,

You can grow.

Watered by the spring of the Spirit

His fruit you'll show,

His fruit you'll show.

And when the sun scorches,

And the thorns threaten,

And the storms around life's garden blow –

Your roots will hold,

And hold secure,

Because you're planted

in the love of the Father.

Daphne Kitching

5-Day Residential Retreat July 2026:

Led by Fr. Prince Clarence SJ

This is an opportunity to reflect on life in light of God's boundless love and to develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of Jesus.

Dates: **July 20th – 24th**

Venue: De La Salle Retreat Centre, Castletown, Co. Laois, R32 N6D8. These retreats are strictly residential. Visit our website for more details:

www.ruachcatholicministry.org

Contact: Oonagh 086 1736181 or

Phyllis 085 7733037

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
Proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, 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 8:5-8.14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed
the Christ to them. The people united in
welcoming the message Philip preached, either
because they had heard of the miracles he
worked or because they saw them for
themselves. There were, for example, unclean
spirits that came shrieking out of many who were
possessed, and several paralytics and cripples
were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing
in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that
Samaria had accepted the word of God, they
sent Peter and John to them, and they went
down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to
receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not
come down on any of them: they had only been
baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then
they laid hands on them, and they received the
Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' **R**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **R**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R**

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
Nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter. 1 Pt 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts,
and always have your answer ready for
people who ask you the reason for the hope
that you all have. But give it with courtesy
and respect and with a clear conscience, so
that those who slander you when you are
living a good life in Christ may be proved
wrong in the accusations that they bring.
And if it is the will of God that you should
suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than
for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was,
had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to
lead us to God. In the body he was put to
death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will
keep my word,
And my Father will love him, and we shall
come to him.'**
Alleluia.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jn 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my
commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will
give you another Advocate to be with
you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom
the world can never receive since it
neither sees nor knows him; but you
know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer
see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I
am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my
commandments and keeps them will be
the one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be

loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself
to him.'

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

**If you love me, keep my commandments,
says the Lord,
And I will ask the Father and he will send
you another Paraclete,
To abide with you for ever, alleluia.**