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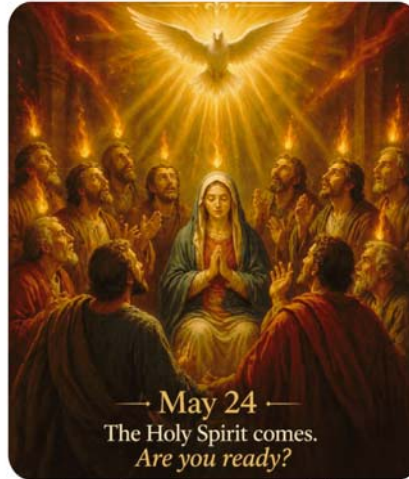
PENETECOST SUNDAY

YEAR A

JOHN 20:19-23

Sunday 24th May 2026

Today, we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, in which the liturgy has us relive the birth of the Church, according to what St Luke narrates in the book of the Acts of the Apostles. Fifty days after Easter, the Holy Spirit descended on the community of disciples, We can therefore say that the Church had its solemn beginning, its birth, with the descent of the Holy Spirit.



— May 24 —
The Holy Spirit comes.
Are you ready?

In this extraordinary event we find the four essential and qualifying characteristics of the Church: the Church is one, like the community at Pentecost, who were united in prayer.

The Church is holy, not by her own merits, but because, animated by the Holy Spirit, she keeps her focus on Christ, to become conformed to him and to his love.

The Church is catholic, because the Gospel is destined for all peoples, and for this, already at the beginning, the Holy Spirit made her speak all languages.

The Church is apostolic, because, built upon the foundation of the Apostles, she faithfully keeps their teaching through the uninterrupted chain of episcopal succession.

What is just as important is the Church by her nature is missionary, and from the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit does not cease to move her along the ways of the world to the ends of the earth and to the end of time.

This reality, which remains true to this day, is already anticipated in the Book of Acts, where the spread of the good news from the Hebrews to the pagans, from Jerusalem to Rome, is described. Rome represents the pagan world, and hence, all people who are outside of the ancient People of God. Actually, Acts concludes with the arrival of the Gospel to Rome.

We are called to bring the good news to all people, to the Church of all times, to a Church that speaks all languages and extends herself to all cultures, But also to those near us, in our communities and families who are in need of the message of Jesus and of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Dear brothers and sisters, the first Pentecost took place when Mary Most Holy was present amid the disciples in the Upper Room in Jerusalem and prayed. Today, too, let us entrust ourselves to her maternal intercession, so that the Holy Spirit may descend in abundance upon the Church in our day, fill the hearts of all the faithful and enkindle in them the fire of his love.

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
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 11-12 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

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Priest on Duty 24th May, 2026
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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 6.30pm: Teresa 1st Anniv & Tom McGrath, Coole Lodge, Francis St.
 Sr. Clare Setright, St. Xavier's Convent. **MM.**
 Peter Considine, Dromadrehid, Kilrush Rd.
 Frank & Sally O'Dea, Park Ave.
 Brendan Sullivan, "Rossa", Clonroad.
 Angela White, Considine Rd.
 Paddy O'Connell, Shanballa, Lahinch Rd.
 Julius Gajauskas & Algirday Jecka, Lithuania.
 Martin Mounsey, Marian Ave.

Sun 24th 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: Mary & Gerard Davoren, Kilcorney, Kilfenora.
11.30am: Laurence Curtin, Miltown. **MM**
 Mary & Paddy Broderick, Loughville.
 John & Bridie Murray, Mullagh.
 Chacko Joseph & Rosanna Devasia, India.
 Eamon Moloney, McNamara Park.

1pm: Mass for the Ukrainian Community.
Mon: 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: Delia Reidy, Golf Links Rd.
7.30pm: Harry Guinnane, Hermitage.
Tues:7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: Philip Ostenso, Florida.
7.30pm: Seán Cleary, Miltown Malbay.
 Anne White, College Grove.
Wed 7.40am: Holy Souls.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: No intention booked.
Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Gerard Marrinan, Hermitage.
Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Bridie Kelly, Carmody St.
 Cathal Ryan, Shanaway Rd.
7.30pm: William, Eileen & John Kerin, Hermitage.
 Michael & Susan Flanagan & Margaret Clancy, Doonbeg.
Sat:11am: Keith George Loftus, Ennis. **MM.**
12noon: First Holy Communion, Gaelscoil.
6.30pm: Flan Ryan, Drumcliffe Rd.
 Shay Moloney, Hazelwood & Ard Aoibhinn.
 Brian Malone, O'Connell St. & Castlelawn.
 Flan Hehir, Toonagh.
 Kieran O'Regan, Woodview, Shanaway Road.

Sun 31st 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: Eileen & Owen Griffin, Pauline Lucey & Una O'Donoghue, Buttermarket.
 Bridget & Michael Keane, Kilrush Rd.
11.30am: Christy & Bridie Murphy, Hermitage.
 Mary & Jackie (John) Hanrahan, St. Michael's Villas.
 Jack Kenneally, Waterpark Heights.
1pm: Mass for the Polish Community.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge a donation of €1,000. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

First Holy Communion



On Friday next 29th May the children from St. Anne's School will celebrate First Holy Communion at St. Joseph's Church.

On the following day the children from the Gael Scoil will celebrate First Holy Communion at 12 noon in the Cathedral.

Please keep the children, their parents and teachers in your prayers this coming week as they prepare for the Sacrament.



Fleadh Nua Choir Workshop & Aifreann Traidisiúnta

Choir Workshop Saturday 30th May at Scout Hall 11.30am to 12.30pm. This workshop is in preparation for Aifreann Traidisiúnta, the Traditional Mass at Fleadh Nua on Sunday 31st May at 11.30am in the Cathedral. Workshop will be led by Fiona Walsh, Musical Director at the Cathedral and Therese McInerney, Traditional Musician. All welcome. Enquiries enniscathedralchoir@gmail.com



Fleadh Nua 2026

We welcome all who have come to Ennis to celebrate the best of our music, song and dance. The Fleadh Nua Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Sunday 31st May at 11.30am.

Newly Baptised

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

Erin Annie O'Riordan



St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Martin Tierney, Drumcliffe. 1st Anniv
 Jimmy & Dilly O'Halloran, St. Senan's Rd.
 Noreen Carroll, Ennis & Naas.
Sun 24th 10am: Brendan Mounsey, Marian Ave.
11.45am: Christy Rushe, College Rd.
 P.J. & Eileen O'Loughlin, Kevin Barry Ave.
Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.
Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.
Thu 10.30am: Maureen & Joe Skelly, New Rd.
Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.
11.30am: First Holy Communion St. Anne's NS.
Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.
7pm: John & Mary Roughan, Shannon Park.
 Pat Scully, Clancy Park.
 Teresa Scully, Childers' Rd.
Sun 31st 10am: Seamus O'Sullivan, Rosanore.
 Mark Farren, Corrovorrin Grove.
 Niall White, Lifford Rd.

Marian Avenue Mass

On May 28th at 7pm, a special Mass will be celebrated at the Grotto of Our Lady in Marian Avenue in remembrance of all deceased residents from Marian Avenue, the Old Boreen, Steeles Terrace, and Old Gort Road. The Mass will also mark the 70th anniversary of Marian Avenue.

Month's Mind Masses

Saturday 30th May
 12 noon St. Joseph's Church, Miltown Malbay —
Canon Seamus Mullin;
 7.30pm St. Joseph's Church, Kilmaley —
Canon Michael McLaughlin.

PILGRIMAGES

The Pilgrimage Season is now in full swing.
Knock Shrine: Our Diocesan Pilgrimage will be on Sunday 5th July.
Lough Derg: The season opens on 1st June to 13th August. Our Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from Bank Holiday Monday 3rd August to Wednesday 5th August.
 For both pilgrimages a bus will operate, More details later.
Lourdes: Our Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage will take place from Monday 28th September to Saturday 3rd October. To reserve a seat contact joewalshstours.ie

EXAMS

With State Exams beginning on Wednesday 3rd June, we pray daily for all exam students. Exam Prayer Cards are available in all our churches.

O God, help all students doing exams.
 Help them to remember clearly;
 Help them to think well and to try their hardest
 And to do their best.

St. Carlos Acutis, pray for them.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 24th 11am: Paddy, Kitty, Martin & Agnes Kennedy, Kilcurrish, Fountain.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Cloughleigh Comhaltas Seisiún

Rambling House— A great night of traditional music, singing, story telling, dance plus cupán tae at Cois na hAbhna Tuesday 26th May 7.30pm. All welcome.

May the Month of Mary



*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.*

In this the final week of May, Devotions will take place in the following Grottos this week.

- Dalcassian Park daily 6pm. Devotions on Tuesday 26th @ 7.30pm for deceased and living residents in the surrounding area.
- Hermitage Grotto daily 6.30pm
- Marian Avenue Grotto daily 7pm
- Corrovorrin Crescent daily 7pm & Saturday at 5pm. Mass at 7.30pm on Monday 25th in St. Joseph's Church.
- Gallows Hill daily 7pm
- St. Michael's Villas daily 7.30pm
- Benediction on Monday 25th @ 7.30pm
- Loughville Grotto daily 8pm. Rosary & Benediction 25th May @ 8pm.
- Fountain Grotto daily 8.30pm
- Buttermarket Grotto daily 6pm Benediction on Thursday 28th @ 7pm
- Ballybeg Grotto daily
- St. Joseph's Well daily 6pm
- McHugh Villas 7pm
- Rosary & Benediction on Lees Rd. Grotto on Friday 29th may at 7pm

St. Anthony's Novena



This year's Novena begins in the Friary on Thursday 4th June, concluding on Saturday 13th June, the Feast of St. Anthony.

Each day there will be two sessions at 10am and 7.30pm and on Sunday 7th June at 11am only. The session on Sunday 7th June, the Feast of Corpus Christi, will be televised live on RTE 1 Television.

This year Fr. Tom Ryan will lead the Novena and all are welcome.

Blessing of lilies and children on St. Anthony's Day.

REST IN PEACE



Liam Bluett, formerly Ard na Gréine;

John Begley, Tallaght, Dublin, late of St. Senan's Rd.;

Mick Coyne, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.

Ordination to the Priesthood



On Sunday next at 3pm, the Feast of the Holy Trinity, Ian Cunningham, son of Caroline and Denis and brother of Sarah, Elm Park and a professed Franciscan Friar, will be ordained to the priesthood in the Friary here in Ennis for service in the Franciscan Province of Ireland and Britain.

Please keep Ian in your prayers this week as he makes final preparations for his Ordination. Bro. Ian will celebrate his First Mass on Bank Holiday Monday 1st June at 10am in the Friary and he will celebrate the 7.30pm Mass on Tuesday 2nd June in the Cathedral. After both masses he will give his first blessing to all present.

Spirit of God

Somewhere between breakfast and tea on Pentecost Day, the membership of the Church ballooned by over 2000%!

It is any wonder then, that down through the centuries Christians have longed for a second Pentecost?

However, to expect another Pentecost is on a par with seeking another Creation, another Messiah, another Crucifixion and Resurrection. Like them, Pentecost was a singular act of God in history.

The one imperative recorded in Scripture relating to the Spirit is in the Letter to the Ephesians, 'be filled with the Spirit.' All God's people have received the Spirit because where Christ is, the Spirit is, with all His rich diversity of gifts.

A pre-Pentecostal spiritual health check could, however, point us in a more rewarding direction than longing for a second Pentecost. The spirit-filled Christian becomes more aware of Christ because the Spirit constantly directs attention towards Him/Her.

Spirit filled Christians concern themselves with self-giving and service.

The blessings of the Spirit are to be spent and shared, so, paradoxically, to be emptied by giving is to be filled by the Spirit.

We need the Spirit's filling daily so that His fruits may ripen in us.

*Spirit of holiness, wisdom and faithfulness,
Breath of the Lord,
Blowing strong and free,
Strength of our serving
And joy of our worship -
Spirit of God, bring your fullness to me!*



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne Domhnach Cincise 2026



Ceiliúraimid inniu teacht an Spioraid Naomh ar na hAspail. Líonadh Muire, na hAspail agus cairde Íosa leis an Spiorad Naomh. Chuaigh na hAspail amach láithreach ag fógairt an dea-scéala faoi bheatha, bhás agus aiséirí ár dTiarna. Déan aspail dinn a Thiarna chun dea-scéala do ghrá a scaipeadh, pé áit a mbeimid.

Fearaimid fíorchaoin fáilte roimh chách chuig an Fleadh Nua, chun ár gcultúr idir cheol, rince, an Ghaeilge agus seanchas a chomórath agus a bhlaiseadh. Tá súil againn go bhfuil sibh ag baint sult agus sonas as bheith linn.

I ngaol Dé, i ngrá Dé, i dtoil Dé, i súil Dé, i rún Dé, i gcúram Dé go gcónaímid.

We celebrate today the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. Pentecost Sunday.

The Mother of God, the Apostles and the friends of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Apostles went out immediately spreading the good news of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. May we be your apostles spreading the good news wherever we are.

We extend a warm welcome to all who have come to experience and celebrate our culture of music, dancing, Gaeilge and storytelling during the Fleadh Nua. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

May we live in the kinship of God, in the love of God, in the will of God, in the sight of God, in the mystery of God, in the care of God

Free Choir Concert

Laetare Vocal Ensemble, Dublin conducted by Róisín Blunnie with Loinnir Chamber Choir, Ennis conducted by Fiona Walsh Sunday 31st May 6pm at Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul, Ennis. Admission Free. All welcome.

Fridge Magnets

Fridge Magnets of various Saints, Popes and ones of special devotion are available in both the Cathedral and Friary.

Our thanks to Anthony Moore for making them available to the parish.

These magnets displayed in people's homes help spread devotion and prayer in people's lives and homes.

Poor Clare Monastery

Please note there will be no Rosary or Evening Prayer in the Monastery Chapel until Sunday 14th June.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 17th May, 2026

Fund €4,628
Online €343

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Spirit of God dwelling within us,
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 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles
had all met in one room, when suddenly they
heard what sounded like a powerful wind from
heaven, the noise of which filled the entire
house in which they were sitting; and
something appeared to them that seemed
like tongues of fire; these separated and came
to rest on the head of each of them. They were
all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to
speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave
them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in
Jerusalem from every nation under heaven,
and at this sound they all assembled, each one
bewildered to hear these men speaking his own
language. They were amazed and
astonished. "Surely" they said "all these
speaking are Galileans? How does it happen
that each of us hears them in his own native
language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites;
people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and
Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and

Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya
round Cyrene; as well as visitors from
Rome - Jews and proselytes alike -
Cretans and Arabs; we hear them
preaching in our own language about the
marvels of God."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
And renew the face of the earth.*

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R**

You take back your spirit, they die,
Returning to the dust from which they
came.
You send forth your spirit, they are
created;
And you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him. **R**
I find my joy in the Lord.

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

1 Cor 12:3-7.12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he
is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the
same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to
be done, but always to the same Lord;
working in all sorts of different ways in
different people, it is the same God who is
working in all of them. The particular way
in which the Spirit is given to each person
is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made
up of many parts, is a single unit because
all these parts, though many, make one
body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit
we were all baptised, Jews as well as
Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and
one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your
faithful,
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jn 20:19-2

In the evening of 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.'

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 were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God,
alleluia**