



Ss.Peter & Paul Cathedral | St.Joseph's Church | Cloughleigh | Friary | Poor Clares

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# NEWSLETTER

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR A

JOHN 14:1-12

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

### JESUS, EASTER'S SIGNPOST

**T**homas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said 'I am the way, the truth and the life.'

As the stone was rolled away from the tomb, the news of the Risen Christ seems to have caused the Disciples to have rolled away with varying levels of confidence in the news that Jesus, while risen, will play the most significant role in their lives.

Questions emerge, understandably, as to their direction, and their knowledge of 'the Father' as the ultimate satisfaction. So Jesus sets about the answers ... he reassures them that he will continue to be 'the way' and in their knowledge of him lies their knowledge of 'the Father'. Not just for those questioning Disciples ... Easter must remain for us a similar roll of these questions. Easter found those Disciples confronted with the death of Jesus .... As with them as they wandered from Jerusalem so with us ... the journey beyond the Funeral ritual into the days and weeks that follow, our questions about death of someone we've loved needs to be caught up with this promise of Jesus being 'the way to the Father'.

**John O Donohue** articulated a profoundly intimate view of death and divinity, suggesting the departed are not far away but present, transfigured into "secret angels" and a "divine depth" of love.

He often described God and the afterlife as closer to us than we are to ourselves, transforming death into an unseen, nurturing presence.

As this conversation with Jesus nears its conclusion, Jesus says .. **'You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me'** .... This profoundly intimate relationship between Jesus and the Father is key ... because in this relationship we to are wrapped up for eternity. 'So that where I am you may be too'.



### 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, 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)  
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**Priest on Duty 3rd May, 2026**  
**Contact Fr. Jibin - Tel 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Richard Dwyer, Tobartaoscain. **MM**  
 Joe Arthur, Gort Rd.  
 Michael & Kitty Kenneally, Fergus Park.  
 David Slattery, John Paul Ave.  
 Dominic Mulry, Willsgrove.  
 Dan & Mary Doorty, Tulla Rd.  
 Lena Kennedy, Shannon & Gort Rd.

**Sun 3rd 8am:** Joe McNerney, Doora & Houston Texas.  
 Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families, Ennis & Cork.

**9.30am:** Ann & John Keane, Hermitage.  
 Clare Burke, Mill Rd.

**11.30am:** James Naughton, Dalcassian Drive.  
 Owen Linnane, Parnell St.  
 Lucy McCarthy, Tulla Rd.

**1pm:** Mass for the Polish Community.

**Mon: No 7.40am Mass—Bank Holiday.**

**11am:** Mary Boohan, Kildysart Rd.

**7.30pm:** Pat McCullagh, Tulla Rd.

**Tues: 7.40am** Book of Intentions.

**11am:** Mary & Patrick Keane, McNamara Park.  
 Chris Meaney, Limerick Rd.

**7.30pm:** Martin Judge.  
 Tommy McGann, Belharbour.  
 Mary, Anne & Frank Caulfield, Monaghan.  
 Louis Treanor, Monaghan.

**Wed 7.40am:** Mabel Bell, Clarecastle.

**11am:** Paddy, Kathleen & Kieran O'Loughlin,  
 St. Michael's Villas.

**7.30pm:** McAllister Family, Hermitage.  
 Denis Molloy, London.

**Thurs 7.40am:** Bernie & Mary Hennessy, Kilkee.

**11am:** Josephine Latchem, Aughanteeroe.

**7.30pm:** Paschal Molloy, Hermitage.  
 Michael O'Doherty, Childers' Road.

**Fri 7.40am:** Mass for the People.

**11am:** Anne (Nancy) & Bryan MacMahon, Woodlawn.  
 Patrick Roberts, Bristol.  
 Special Intention.

**7.30pm:** Mary Hanrahan, Ard Aoibhinn &  
 late Hanrahans' Foodmarket. **MM.**  
 John Fagan, Springfield Orchard. **MM.**

**Sat: 11am: Ennis NS—First Holy Communion.**

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

**Sun 10th 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** No intention booked.

**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.

**Cathedral Renovation Appeal**

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donation of €2,000. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

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**Parish Office**  
**The Parish Office will be closed**  
**all day on Wednesday 6th May**  
**due to Stocktaking.**  
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**Lourdes Appeal**

This weekend the second collection at all Masses is an appeal to support sick and assisted pilgrims to travel to Lourdes on our Diocesan Pilgrimage in June.

It is through the generosity and kindness of people that our sick and disabled are able to travel to the Grotto of Lourdes.

Thank you for your kindness.

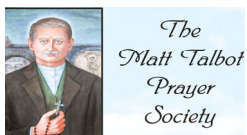
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**Bank Holiday Monday**  
**Masses this Monday 4th May**  
 Poor Clares' 8.30am;  
 Friary 10am;  
 Cathedral 11am;  
 Cathedral 7.30pm  
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**Friary News**

The monthly mass for SFO members will take place on Wednesday 6th May at 10am in the Friary. We will pray the office after mass.

Also, there will be evening meeting in the Friary Parlour at 7.30 pm for those unable to attend the morning meeting.

**Matt Talbot Prayer Society**



Monthly Mass for all suffering or sharing in the life of addiction takes places on Monday at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

**Newly Baptised**

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

**Croia Mary Seery;**

**Killian Peter Reid Johnston;**

**Jack Barry McDonagh.**

**St. Joseph's**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat 7pm:** Frank Gibbons, Kincora Park.  
 Nora Ryan, Old Gort Rd.

**Sun 3rd 10am:** No intention booked.  
**11.45am:** No intention booked.

**Mon 10.30am: Bank Holiday—No Mass.**

**Tues 10.30am:** Bridget Nugent.

**Wed 10.30am:** Eileen Leydon, London.

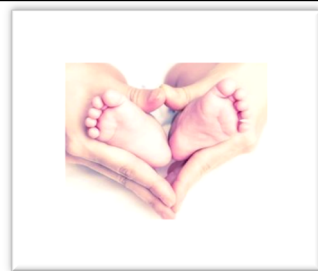
**Thu 10.30am:** Eileen Cosgrove, Kincora Park.

**Fri 10.30am:** John & Margaret McDermott, Doonbeg.  
 Special Intention.

**Sat: 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**11am: CBS Confirmation.**  
**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.



**Blessing of Expectant Parents**

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

**Confirmation**

The children from Ennis CBS will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Fintan in St. Joseph's Church on Saturday next 9th May at 11am.

**First Holy Communion**

The children from Ennis National School will celebrate the Sacrament at the 11am Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 9th May.

**Blessed Edmund Rice**

It is 199 years this year since the first two Christian Brothers arrived in Ennis and sowed a seed that has flourished.

Today Ennis CBS and Rice College owe a great debt of gratitude to these two brothers for laying the foundation that these schools flourish on today.

On Tuesday 5th May, we celebrate the Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice and it is thirty years since the Beatification of Blessed Edmund Rice in Rome in October, 2006 by the late Pope John Paul II.

We thank Brothers Dick, Denis & Michael for continuing the Edmund Rice presence in our town and for all the great opportunities the Brothers created for so many people in our parish.



**Cloughleigh**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sun 3rd May:** Noel Fawl, Gordon Drive.  
 Bridget Egan, Corofin.

**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.

**Sun 10th May 11am:** Bernadette Moloney,  
 Cloughleigh.

## 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
- 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

## REST IN PEACE

**Canon Michael McLaughlin**, Inch;

**Canon Seamus Mullin**,  
Miltown Malbay;

**Molly Dinan**, St. Michael's Villas;

**Mary McMahan**, Tulla Rd., Ennis.

**Mary Shannon (née O'Brien)**,  
Clancy Park;

**Nellie Cahill**, Pallasgreen, sister of Sr.  
Jane Horan, St. Xavier's Convent;

**Lisa Marie Quigley**, Tuamgraney,  
Daughter of Pattie & Johnny Quigley.

**Paul King**, Moyard, Shanballa, Lahinch Rd.  
Funeral Mass in Cathedral on Monday at  
11am.

**Rose Cooke (nee Fox)**, Hermitage &  
Durham, Newcastle, sister of Dolores &  
Patricia Fox.



## Canon Michael McLaughlin 2 August, 1936 – 24th April, 2026



Canon Michael was a much loved and respected priest of the Killaloe Diocese. A proud Miltown Malbay man, he was educated at St. Flannan's College and St. Patrick's College, Carlow and ordained a priest on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1960.

His ministry brought him to Galway, Ardagh and Clonmacnoise and Clonfert Dioceses. In the Killaloe Diocese he ministered in Clonakenny and Silvermines in County Tipperary and as Chaplain to the Cahercalla Hospital and in the parish of Inch, Kilmaley and Connolly.

For over forty years he served as Chaplain to the sick in Lourdes and in 2010 he was appointed a Chaplain of the Sanctuary by the Bishop of Tarbes & Lourdes.

Canon Michael was quiet and unassuming, who never sought the spotlight, yet his kindness, wisdom and compassion made him a guiding light for so many. His gift for listening made him one of the most sought after confessors and his ministry of this Sacrament was exceptional in the amount of time he gave to so many people seeking his help.

During his years as a Hospital Chaplain, he brought comfort and hope to so many young mothers at the time of birth and the elderly at the time of death.

As a priest Canon Michael fostered faith, community and prayer in all aspects of his priestly life and ministry.

In recent years his eyesight was failing but he still was able to be available to people and journey with them in their moments of sorrow and joy.

On Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, Canon Michael was laid to rest in the grounds of St. John's Church, Kilmaley where he faithfully celebrated mass each week.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.

### Clare Youth Service

Clare Youth Service Youth Leadership Programme, looking for youth leaders aged 16-18yrs to take part in Summer camp focusing on building core leadership skills; for info contact Helena on 0858047580.

### 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, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm. Please feel free to invite family and friends to join you in solidarity and support.

## Canon Seamus Mullin 6th August. 1931—24th April, 2026



Canon Seamus was born in Kilrush, educated by the Christian Brothers and in St. Flannan's College and studied for the priesthood in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth where he was ordained a priest on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 1956.

All four priests ordained for the Killaloe Diocese that day served in Ennis—Pat Taaffe, Brendan O'Donoghue, Reuben Butler and Seamus.

All of Canon Seamus' seventy years of ministry were spent in two parishes, Ennis and Miltown Malbay.

He served in St. Flannan's College for twenty-five years as teacher and president and in 1982 came to St. Joseph's here in Ennis as Administrator. He worked in our parish for seven years before his appointment in 1989 as Parish Priest of Miltown Malbay, where he remained until the day he died last Friday.

Noted for his love of Irish Language and Gaelic Games especially football, he was Diocesan Director of the Charismatic Renewal and was the oldest priest of the Diocese.

Canon Seamus was laid to rest in the grounds of St. Joseph's Church, Miltown Malbay on Wednesday afternoon, 29<sup>th</sup> April.

May the light of heaven shine on him.



Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking Visitation and Telephone volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please apply via the ALONE website at [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie) or for further information please contact Aoife Dennehy on 086-0120221 or via email [Aoife.dennehy@alone.ie](mailto:Aoife.dennehy@alone.ie)

*If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call 0818 222 024.'*

**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. Thank you to all volunteers and customers for their ongoing support.

**Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday, 26th April**

**Fund €6,998  
Online €696.50**

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

**O sing a new song to the Lord,  
For he has worked wonders;  
In the sight of the nations  
He has shown his deliverance, 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 6:1-7**

About this time, when the number of disciples was  
increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint  
against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their  
own widows were being overlooked. So the  
Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and  
addressed them, "It would not be right for us to  
neglect the word of God so as to give out food;  
You, brothers, must select from among your-  
selves seven men of good reputation, filled with  
the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this  
duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to  
prayer and to the service of the word." The whole  
assembly approved of this proposal and elected  
Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit,  
together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon,  
Parmentas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to  
Judaism. They presented these to the apostles,  
who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread:  
the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly  
increased, and a large group of priests made their  
submission to the faith.

## The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm:

**May your love be upon us,  
O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;

For praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
With a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R**

For the word of the Lord is faithful  
And all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
And fills the earth with his love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
On those who hope in his love,  
To rescue their souls from death,  
To keep them alive in famine. **R**

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

**1Pt 2:4-9**

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but  
chosen by God and precious to him; set your-  
selves close to him so that you too, the holy  
priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices  
which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God,  
may be living stones making a spiritual house.  
As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a pre-  
cious cornerstone that I have chosen and the  
man who rests his trust on it will not be disap-  
pointed. That means that for you who are believ-  
ers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone  
rejected by the builders has proved to be the  
keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to  
bring men down. They stumble over it be-  
cause they do not believe in the word; it was the  
fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a  
consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing  
the praises of God who called you out of the  
darkness into his wonderful light.

## The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus said: 'I am the Way,  
the Truth and the Life.**

**No one can come to the Father  
except through me.' Alleluia!**

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

**Jn 14:1-12**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's  
house;

if there were not, I should have told  
you.

I am going now to prepare a place for  
you,

and after I have gone and prepared  
you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I  
am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where  
you are going, so how can we  
know the way?'

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the  
Life.

No one can come to the Father except  
through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have  
seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then  
we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all  
this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still  
do not know me?'

"To have seen me is to have seen the  
Father, so how can you say, "Let us see  
the Father"?"

Do you not believe that I am in the Father  
and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as  
from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing  
this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am  
in the Father and the Father is in me; be-  
lieve it on the evidence of this work, if for  
no other reason.

"I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes  
in me will perform the same works as I do  
myself, he will perform even greater works,  
because I am going to the Father.'

## 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 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

**I am the true vine and you are the branches,  
says the Lord.**

**Whoever remains in me and I in him,  
Bears fruit in plenty.**

**Alleluia.**