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NEWSLETTER

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

MATTHEW 10:26-33

Sunday 21st June 2026

THE LONGEST DAY!!

Imagine living in a place with 24 hour sunlight!!! Well, why not head to Svalbard which is in Norway and is the world's northernmost permanent settlement enjoying nearly four months of continuous sunlight. Here in Ireland we are feasting on our own length of day with the summer solstice these days. Next Tuesday June 23rd is St. John's Eve and in times past an evening in which bonfires were lit throughout the land to honour the summer solstice. I have memories of bonfires being lit on hilltops on St. John's Eve and the fascination as a child with the sparks that fly from the flames and the sight of other bonfires on far distant hills. In many ways there was a sense of belonging to a story much greater than myself and filling me with a sense of reassurance and hope.



It reminds me of the winter solstice celebrating the shortest day captured in the building of Newgrange and the reassurance of the light entering the chamber. We can hear an echo in our landscape these days as we celebrate the summer solstice with similar thoughts and prayers.

In today's readings we have words of reassurance. In our First Reading we have the Prophet Jeremiah sharing the words; 'The Lord is at my side'. In our Second Reading St. Paul wrote to the Christian Community in Rome the reassuring words; 'Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift'. And in our Gospel from Matthew we have the oft used words of Jesus; 'Do not be afraid'.

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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

Cathedral:- 6824043;
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Priest on Duty 21st June, 2026
Contact Fr. Jibin - Tel. 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Thomas O'Connell, Fountain Cross.
1st Anniv.

Brid 1st Anniv. & John Malone, 'Clareview', Ballybeg,
 Geraldine Nihill, Ros na Rí, Shanaway Rd.
 Carmel & Frankie Dinan, McNamara Park.
 Mary Brooks, Pearse Avenue, Cloughleigh.
 Mary Keane, Kilrush Rd.
 Bridie Kearney, Gordon Drive.

Sun 21st 8am: Special Intention.

9.30am: Thomas Cosgrove, Ard na Gréine.
 Damian & Seamus Higgins, McHugh Villas.

11.30am: Joe Shannon, Gordon Drive.
 Mary Paddy & Greg Shannon, Cornmarket St.
 Bobby Burke Clareen.

John Jr. & John Sr. Scahill, Fountain.

Matt Corry, Loughville.

Maureen Kitson, Marian Ave.

James Lynch, 'Hillcrest', Limerick Rd.

Margaret Geraghty, Kincora Park.

Vivienne Guerin, St. Michael's Villas.

1pm: Mass for the Polish Community.

Mon 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: Eileen & George Bradley, Drumcliffe Rd.

Margaret & James Meehan, Killimer, Kilrush.

7.30pm: Susan & David Kavanagh, Clancy Park

Catherine, Patrick & John Doohan, Connolly.

Maureen & Michael Coleman Sr & Jr., Ard na Gréine.

Tues:7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Special Intention.

Rita Floyd, Birdhill, Co. Tipperary. **MM.**

7.30pm: Kathleen, Michael & Mahony Family,
 Hermitage.

Bro. Seán McNamara, Christian Brothers, New Rd.

Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Special Intention.

7.30pm: Mabel & Cormac McGuinness,

Isolde McGuinness Marshall & Edith Colgan,
 Clonroadmore.

Gerard Fitzpatrick. Toonagh, Fountain.

Thurs 7.40am: May & Michael Whelan, Toonagh.

11am: Darren Stack, Cappahard.

7.30pm: Paddy & Anne Greene, Lanesboro.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Julia O'Connell, Cork.

7.30pm: Gabrielle O'Grady, Ballycoree. **1st Anniv.**

Sat:11am: Mick Moloney, Lahinch Rd.

Bernie Ruane, Kilrush Rd.

John Joe & Bridget Loftus, Buttermarket.

6.30pm: Mattie, Eileen & Brendan Burke, Golf Links Rd.

Jim Collins, Greendale. **1st Anniv.**

Gerald A. Cronin, 'La Salette', Clare Rd.

Sun 28th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Seán **1st Anniv.** & Noreen Murphy, Kilrush Rd.

11.30am: O'Malley Clan Mass.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €100 x 2. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Peter's Euro & Diocesan Administration Appeal

Next Sunday, 28th, the Sunday closest to the Feast of SS Peter & Paul, 29th June, the annual appeal of both Pope Leo and Bishop Fintan to support the work of the Church globally and in our Diocese takes place as Second Collection at all masses.

This appeal helps finance the proclamation of the Gospel in all parts of the world. Your generosity to this appeal is very much appreciated.

Day for Life



This Sunday we celebrate the Day for Life with the theme this year 'The Humanity of the Unborn Child'.

In a week in which our Dáil voted on the proposal to eliminate the three day waiting period before an abortion takes place in Ireland, every life is sacred from the womb to the tomb.

Flowers at the Cathedral



Our thanks to James and Mary O'Grady for the beautiful display of flowers in front of the Cathedral and on the Cathedral Grounds.

Many hours of dedication and work go into making our sacred spaces so beautiful.

Thank you Mary & James.

Newly Baptised



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

Kris Russen Milar;

Maisie Raye Hogan

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Patrick Hartney, Mountain View. **1st Anniv.**

Sun 21st 10am: Damian Moroney, Steele's Tce.

11.45am: Joe, Nell, Tom & Noreen Walsh, Clonroad.

Josephine & John Lavin, The Crescent, Lifford.

Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: Mary, Paddy & Danny O'Donoghue & Deceased Family, Corofin.

Thu 10.30am: Gerard Fitzpatrick, Toonagh, Fountain.

Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.

Sat: 10.30am: Michael Purtill, Kilkee.

Noel & Teresa Naughton, Kincora Park.

7pm: Deceased O'Brien, Brennan & Delaney

Families & Patricia O'Looney.

Tom & Mary Butler, Marian Avenue.

Maura Tobin, Tulla Rd.

Paddy & Chrissie Kearney, Kincora Park.

Sun 28th 10am: Mary Courtney, Ogonelloe &

Feakle. **1st Anniv.**

11.45am: Betty Burke, Lifford Rd.

Thomas, John and Deceased Mee

Family, Miltown Malbay.

Alfie Hanrahan, Shannon Park &

Bartick, Clarecastle.

Val Cosgrove, Ballyalla.

Lourdes

We ask you to join in prayer with our Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Fintan who will be in Lourdes from Wednesday next 24th June to Monday 29th June, the feast of SS Peter & Paul.

Petitions for the grotto to be in by 5pm on Tuesday to the Parish Office.

*Grant us Lord,
 the joy of constant health
 in mind and body,
 and through the intercession of
 Our Lady of Lourdes,
 May we be freed from present sorrow and
 filled with everlasting joy,
 through Christ Our Lord. Amen.
 Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.
 St. Bernadette, pray for us.*

Lough Derg



This year's Parish and Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg led by Bishop Fintan takes place from Bank Holiday Monday 3rd to Wednesday 5th August. €135 covers the bus and island fee, accommodation and meals. Booking and payment to Ennis Parish Office.

Knock Shrine

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage will be on Sunday 5th July. To book a seat on the bus for Knock, leaving from St. Joseph's on the day, contact Brigdale Coaches on 086 803 4092 or info@brigdalecoaches.com

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 11am: Michael Neylon, Cloughleigh. **1st Anniv.**

Maureen & Michael Hennessy, Shallee Drive.



Franciscan Pilgrimage to Knock



On Sunday next 28th June a bus will leave Tesco, Ennis for this pilgrimage at 10am.

Tickets €20

Bookings can be made at the Friary Office..

Tel. 065 6828751

Hospice Jinja Fundraising Dance

A massive 'Thank You' from Teresa Reynolds to all who supported my fundraising dance on June 12th. It was a huge success. The amount raised on the night was €3,187.20. All donations will go to Hospice Jinja. Thank You.

Healing Retreat led by Fr. Rozo Palic in St. Breacan's Church, Doora 27th—28th June

Saturday 27th 2pm to 7.30pm

2pm Opening Prayer- Catechesis

4pm Eucharistic Adoration.

Meditation—Prayer for inner healing and health

5.30pm Holy Mass and personal blessing.

Sunday 28th June 2.30-6.30pm

2.30pm Retreat continues, Opening prayer

3pm Eucharistic Adoration.

Meditation –Prayer for Inner healing and health

5.30pm Holy Mass and personal blessing.

Irish Sign Language Tour of Scatterly Island

On Thursday June 25th, your OPW tour guide accompanied by an Irish Sign Language Interpreter will take you on an informative tour of Scatterly Island. Ferry departing at 11am.

Bookings can be made at

www.scatterlyislandtours.com

or phone 085-2505514

Challenge



Today's Mass reminds us that, in every generation, believers will be challenged by those who do not accept God

In our First Reading, Jeremiah comes under attack—'Denounce

Him! Let us denounce Him!'

In the Gospel passage we read: 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul'.

The intimidation may be one of terror and persecution or it may be the raised eyebrow, the scornful silence.

The strength to persevere in our belief comes from reminding ourselves of our own worth and God's everlasting love for us.

'There is no need to be afraid;' you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.'

Blessing on Fathers' Day



We thank you God for the gift of fathers, for Godfathers, Grandfathers, Stepfathers and Fathers in Law too.

Send your Holy Spirit upon our Fathers in whose laps we were cradled on whose knees we were bounced by whose hands we were fed instructed and at times corrected in whose company we learnt to play and pray at whose side we heard your word and celebrate your mysteries.

Hear their pains and disappointments, forgive all that needs to be forgiven.

Give to them the God they have always given to others, welcome into your arms those who have died, fill this world, O God, with a Father's love. Amen.

Parking in the Cathedral

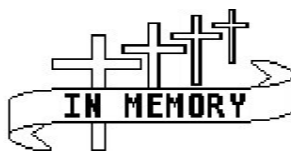


With work starting on the grounds of the Cathedral in the coming weeks, there will be no parking in the Cathedral Grounds from **6th July**.

Pedestrian access will be available at all times.

Apologies for this inconvenience but it is necessary for safety.

REST IN PEACE



David Purcell,

Clonmel & formerly John Paul Ave;

Detta Hehir nee Whelan, Kildysart Rd.,

Clarecastle & Newcastle Rd., Galway;

Veronica Connell (nee Lynch),

Barefield & late Loughville.

James Breen

Ballyknock, Kilnamona.



Over the summer months, we take a look back at parish life as recorded by the weekly newsletter. Sunday 20th June, 1999

- ◆ Fr. John Molloy was the priest on duty;
- ◆ Fathers' Day was celebrated;
- ◆ World Youth Day was taking place in Rome in 2000. Fr. Donagh O'Meara was looking for 19 to 30 year olds to go on pilgrimage;
- ◆ A warning to look out for the Gardai on 26th June who were cycling 100 miles around the county for the District Day Care Centre, Ennistymon;
- ◆ A watch was found on a gate in St. Michael's Villas;
- ◆ Day of Prayer was held in Emmanuel House, Clonfert;
- ◆ Cahercalla Community Hospital were looking for Third Level Students for a summer scheme;
- ◆ Allanah Gillian Sweeney was the latest member of the Church Community to be baptised;
- ◆ Bingo on Sunday in the Community Centre;
- ◆ Pioneer Retreat Day held in the Friary Hall and led by Fr. Micheál McInerney, Clarecastle;
- ◆ Engaged Couples Weekend at Esker Retreat Centre.
- ◆ Clarecare Holidays in McAuley House, Spanish Point;
- ◆ Parish Development Fund €3,621;
- ◆ Two concerts in the Friary in aid of St. Clare's School;

◆ Remembered in death:

*Bridget Ballinger, Gort Road;
Kalen O'Brien, McNamara Park;
Frank Griffin, Limerick Road;
Emma Duke, drowned in Australia;
Mary Cussen, Kilmihil;
Marcella Corey, Kilrush Road.*

- ◆ St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society went to Knock on pilgrimage.

"Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence."

Pope Francis

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 14th June

Fund €4,338
Online €942

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is the strength of his people,
A saving refuge for the one
he has anointed.

Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them forever.

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 prophet Jeremiah:

Jr 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!"

Denounce him! let us denounce him!

All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,

'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.'

Then we will master him

And take our revenge!

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;

My opponents will stumble, mastered, con-
founded by their failure!

Everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be
theirs.

But you, Lord of hosts, you who probe with
justice,

Who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me
see the vengeance you will take on them.

For I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord,

For he has delivered the soul of the needy

From the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

In your great love, answer me, O God

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
That shame covers my face,
That I have become a stranger to my broth-
ers,

an alien to my own mother's sons.

I burn with zeal for your house

and taunts against your fall on me. **R.**

This is my prayer to you,

my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God,

with your help that never fails:

Lord, answer, for your love is kind;

in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

The poor when they see it will be glad

and God-seeking hearts will revive;

for the Lord listens to the needy;

and does not spurn his servants in their
chains.

Let the heavens and the earth give him
praise,

The sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans **Rm 5:12-15**

Sin entered the world through one man, and
through sin death, and thus death has
spread through the whole human race be-
cause everyone has sinned. Sin existed in
the world long before the Law was given.
There was no law and so no one could be
accused on the sin of 'law-breaking', yet
death reigned over all from Adam to Moses,
even though their sin, unlike that of Adam,
was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come,
but the gift itself considerably outweighed
the fall. If it is certain that through one man's
fall so many died, it is even more certain that
divine grace, coming through the one man,
Jesus Christ, came to so many as an
abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**The Word was made flesh and lived
among us;**

To all who did accept him

**He gave power to become children of
God.**

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew **Mt.10:26-33**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:

'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now
covered will be uncovered, and everything
now hidden will be made clear. What I say to
you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you
hear in whisper, proclaim from the
house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the
body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather
who can destroy both body and soul in hell.
Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny?
And yet not one falls to the ground without
your Father knowing. Why, every hair on
your head has been counted. So there is no
need to be afraid; you are worth more than
hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me
in the presence of men, I will declare myself
for him in the presence of my Father in
heaven. But the one who disowns me in the
presence of men, I will disown in the
presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visi-
ble 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.**

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Communion Antiphon

**The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
And you give them their food in due
season.**