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# NEWSLETTER

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

MATTHEW 10:37-42

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026



29<sup>th</sup> June - Solemnity  
Ss. Peter and Paul



**T**his week on the 29th June we celebrate the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul to whom our diocesan cathedral is dedicated and who guided the early Church just after the time of Jesus. Both died as martyrs for the faith in Rome, during the persecutions of Emperor Nero in the early 60s, just thirty years after the death of Jesus.

Each of these two saints is important for different reasons. Peter and Paul had very important tasks in the early Church: Peter maintaining the unity in the Church, and Paul who taught the Jewish people that Jesus is the fulfillment of their Old Testament hopes and taught the Gentiles that Jesus is the Saviour. Whenever you see images of Peter and Paul, usually Peter is holding a key symbolizing his duty as head of the Church, and Paul is holding the Bible symbolizing his preaching.

It is interesting to note the personalities of both Peter and Paul. Peter was impetuous. Paul had a fiery personality.

As we look at the personalities of Peter and Paul, we see that God called them to use their personalities to spread the Gospel—Peter to use his impetuous love to look after the flock, and Paul to use his strength of character to ensure that the non-Jewish people would be welcomed into the Church. It is a reminder to us that our talents and our weaknesses too can become God's means of helping others, if we allow. We don't have to be perfect for God to work through us; God can work through us, faults and all, as he did with Peter and Paul.

## 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

11-12 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;

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

Kincora Park:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

### Ennis Parish Web Site:

<http://www.ennisparish.com>

Facebook :

<http://facebook.com/ennisparish>

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*God works through our imperfections—using our unique personalities, strengths, and even our weaknesses to fulfill His purpose.*

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**Priest on Duty 28th June, 2026**  
**Contact: Fr. Ger Jones 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Jim Collins, Greendale. **1st Anniv.**  
 Mattie, Eileen & Brendan Burke, Golf Links Rd.  
 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.

**Mon 7.40am:** Special Intention.

**11am :** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** John, Marie & Peter Sheridan, Ennis & Canterbury.

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

**11am:** Georgina, Joseph & Moloney Family, Old Mill St.

**7.30pm:** No intentions booked.

**Wed 7.40am:** No intentions booked.

**11am:** Catherine Considine, Ballyreen, Doolin.  
 Daniel, Mary & Bernadette O'Sullivan, Brosna, Co. Kerry.

**7.30pm:** Mary Higgins, Clancy Park. **MM.**  
 Brid Staunton, College Green.

**Thurs 7.40am:** John Martin Meaney, Surrey, UK.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Mary & John Scanlan, Dalcassian Ave.  
 Maggie, Joe & Bridie Cullinan, Tullassa, Inch.

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

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

**7.30pm:** No intention booked.

**Sat:11am:** Annie, Paddy & John Flanagan,  
 Carrahan, Tulla.

**6.30pm:** Paulette Flynn, Turnpike Rd.  
 Rita Briody, Dublin.  
 Jimmy Kenny, Clohanmore, Mullagh.

**Sun 5th 8am:** Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families,  
 Ennis & Cork.

**9.30am:** Paddy Singleton, Hermitage.

**11.30am:** James Hegarty, 'Moorhaun House', Fountain.  
 Eleanor Ford, Castlewood Park.  
 Paddy Naughton, Clare Rd.  
 Angela Ball, Hermitage.

Mary V. Marsoloais, (nee Guilfoyle), USA & Ennis. **MM**

**Cathedral Renovation Appeal**

We acknowledge €9,000 received in memory of a benefactor who left this donation in their will for the Cathedral Renovation Appeal. We very much appreciate such thoughtfulness and generosity.

**Parking in the Cathedral**



With work starting on the grounds of the Cathedral on 1st July, there will be no parking in the Cathedral Grounds from **Monday 6th July**. Pedestrian access will be available at all times. Apologies for this inconvenience but it is necessary for safety.

**First Friday of July**

This Friday 3rd July, the sick and housebound of the parish will receive sacraments at home. Are you unable to come to Sunday Mass? Your situation may be due to short or long term illness. There may be other reasons preventing you from leaving your home. If this notice applies to you and you wish to receive Holy Communion at home please contact the Parish Office. You may prefer to ask a family member or friend to contact the priests on your behalf. It is important to remember that you are a valued member of our parish community.

**The monthly mass for SFO members will take place on Wednesday 1st July next at 10am in the Friary. We will pray the office after mass.**

**Newly Baptised**



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

**Ciaran Jamie** Coote;  
**Katerina** Baslogova;  
**Oisín Christopher** Garvey;  
**Noah** Greene.

**St. Joseph's**



**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat 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.  
 Val Cosgrove, Ballyalla.  
 Alfie Hanrahan, Shannon Park & Barntick, Clarecastle.

**Mon 10.30am:** Lilian Loughnane (nee Pickford) St. Joseph's Hospital. **MM.**

**Tues 10.30am:** Book of Intentions.

**Wed 10.30am:** Frank O'Gorman, Marian Ave.

**Thu 10.30am:** No intentions booked.

**Fri 10.30am:** No intentions booked.

**Sat: 10.30am:** No intentions booked.

**7pm:** Catherine Tobin, Cahercalla Estate. **1st Anniv.**  
 Gerry Hynes, Drumcliffe & Marian Ave. **1st Anniv**  
 Brian Gilligan, Greenlawn, Lissane, Clarecastle.

**Sun 5th 10am:** No intentions booked.

**11.45am:** Ruairí Frawley, Enniscorthy, Wexford & Marian Avenue. **MM**  
 Eileen & Kevin Kelly, McHugh Villas & Blackburn, England.

**Peter's Euros & Diocesan Needs Appeal**

The Second Collection at all Masses this weekend is to support both Pope Leo and Bishop Fintan in their work of sharing the Gospel at both Diocesan and international level. Your generosity as the baskets are passed around is very much appreciated. A gesture to support the Pope and Bishop in their mission.

**Schools Out!**

As the school year draws to a close we say thanks to the teachers and staff of all our Catholic Schools in the parish for their dedicated, hard work over the past year, in sharing their faith and their love with our children. It is not easy to be a dedicated Catholic Teacher in today's society, but our teachers have to be commended for all that they do to inspire our children and form them in the values of the Gospel, just like SS Peter & Paul whose feast we celebrate this week.



**Rest in Peace**

**Martin Shannon**, Kilnaboy, brother of Eilish, McHugh Villas; 

**Delia Roughan (nee Scahill)**, Ballaghboy, Doora, Fountain & Kildysart Rd.

**Ferdie O'Donoghue**, Clancy Park.

**Catherine O'Sullivan**, London, O'Connell St., Ennis & Lissane, Clarecastle.

**Dermot McDonagh**, Dublin & formerly Clonroad, brother of Cecil, Shanaway.

**Cloughleigh**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sun 28th 11am:** Michael Neylon, Cloughleigh. **1st Anniv.**  
 Maureen & Michael Hennessy, Shallee Drive.

**Welcome - Fáilte**

This Sunday we welcome the O'Malley Clan who will participate at the 11.30am Mass in the Cathedral. Welcome to Canon Donough O'Malley from Limerick who will celebrate the mass as part of the O'Malley gathering in Ennis this weekend.

**Money Found:**

A sum of money was found in the Friary office during the St. Anthony's Novena. Owner please contact: Fr. Anthony of the Friary Office.

**Bracelet Found:**

A bracelet was found outside the Parish Office on Sunday 21st June. Please contact Parish Office.

Ennis Parish Development Fund  
 for Sunday, 21st June  
 Fund: €5,374 / Online: €311

## Feast of Saints Peter & Paul Patrons of the Parish



Monday we celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. They are certainly household names in the history of the Church and they bring us back to the exciting and dangerous first century of Christianity and its early thrusts into the primitive and pagan world. Peter was personally introduced to Jesus by his brother Andrew while Paul came to the Church much later and in a dramatic fashion.

Paul was dedicated to his Jewish Roots and was a vehement anti-Christian. In fact he was on his way to round up a group of Christians, when he was knocked off his horse, met the Risen Lord and all his former hatred was baptised into a river of love. This divine love and grace filled his life and gave him the energy to preach the Gospel to the known gentile world. These two men often had their differences about some questions of religion but were completely united in their preaching about Jesus, passionate men of conviction and totally dedicated to what they believed in. Paul sees himself as having been appointed by God to be the apostle of the Gentiles, and he is openly disappointed when he discover that Cephas (Peter) has stopped eating with the Gentiles because of pressure from others in Jerusalem. Paul tells us how he stands up to Peter and he writes; 'When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face since he was manifestly in the wrong'. But while he opposed Peter, it is important for him to win Peter's support. Peter stands as the authority figure who has the power to bring both groups together and so avoided a division in the early Church.

Peter is one of the most interesting characters in the Gospel. It's clear that he had leadership qualities but it's also clear that he had glaring weaknesses. In the Gospels we see his up and downs – sometimes he is brave, other times very cowardly. He is almost too human and probably not our idea of a Saint or even the ideal person to be the head of Christ's Church. However it is interesting to see how Jesus dealt with him – how he helped him to grow into the man who was ready to lay down his life for him and who eventually did just that. This growth was a gradual thing and there were some regressions and failures along the way but this is how the growth happens.

To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often.

### **SNA / Intellectual Disability Practice, QQI Level 5**

This course equips learners with the knowledge and skills to support individuals in living their best lives. It focuses on enabling people to actively participate in their own lives, while enhancing their well-being, dignity, and long-term independence. Please call into the College of FET, Kilrush Campus, Cooraclare Road, Kilrush V15VX36, call Rebecca at 065-9052131 or email: francis.benson@lcteb.ie

## Pilgrimage Season



### **KNOCK SHRINE:**

#### **Franciscan Pilgrimage to Knock:**

On this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June a bus will leave from Ennis for this pilgrimage. Bookings can be made at the Friary Office – Tel 065 6828751.

#### **Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage:**

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July ceremonies begin at 2pm with Rosary 2.30pm, Anointing of the Sick and 3pm Concelebrated Mass at the Basilica followed by Rosary Procession and Benediction.

To book a seat on the bus leaving from St. Joseph's at 9.30am on the morning of 5<sup>th</sup> July, contact Brigdale Coaches Tel. 086 8034092 or info@brigdalecoaches.com (preferable)

### **LOUGH DERG:**

This year's Parish and Diocesan pilgrimage to Lough Derg led by Bishop Fintan takes place from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August. €135 covers the bus and Island fee. Booking and payment to the Parish Office.

### **CROAGH PATRICK:**

Reek Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July. Mass and Confessions on the summit from 8am to 2pm on the day.

### **LOURDES:**

Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage  
28<sup>th</sup> September - 3<sup>rd</sup> October.  
Details on posters in Church or Parish Office.

**Diocesan Religious Advisor for Primary Schools (Part-Time).** The Diocese seeks a committed and enthusiastic individual who will support our primary schools in nurturing the faith development of children and strengthening Catholic education across the Diocese. Part-Time (approximately 20 hours per week).  
Reporting to: The Bishop, Diocesan Secretary and diocesan staff.

Applications to be submitted to the Diocesan Secretary, Killaloe Diocesan Office, Westbourne, Ennis, Co. Clare, V95 W63H, g.jones@killaloe-diocese.ie before Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

## Appointments – Diocese of Killaloe – Summer 2026

Bishop Fintan has made the following Diocesan Appointments, effective on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August:

**Fr. Brendan Kyne, VF**, *Radharc na nOileán*, resident in Ballycorick to be Co-PP in the Ollatrim Pastoral Area, resident in the presbytery, Toomevara.

**Fr. Francis Xavier Kochuveetil, Co-PP**, Ollatrim, resident in Toomevara, to be Co-PP, Inis Cathaigh Pastoral Area, resident in Kilrush.

**Fr. Ignatius McCormack**, resident in Nenagh to be available, *pro-tem* to provide pastoral assistance to both the *Odhrán* and *Cois Deirge* Pastoral Areas.

**Fr. Michael Collins, Co-PP**, *Inis Cathaigh*, Resident in Kilrush to be Co-PP, Abbey Pastoral Area, resident in Ennis and to continue as Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation and Mission.

**Fr. Antun Pašalić, CC**, Cronan Pastoral Area, resident Roscrea to be Co-PP in *Radharc na nOileán*, resident in Ballycorick.

**Fr. Martin Blake, Co-PP**, *Radharc na nOileán*, resident in Kildysart to be Vicar Forane in the pastoral area.

**Fr. Jibin Jose, CC**, Abbey Pastoral Area, resident in Ennis to be Co-PP, Cronan Pastoral Area, resident in Roscrea and to continue in communications and resource person for digital ministry.

Please keep all priests in your prayers at this time of change and new beginnings.

## **Sr. Eileen's Cúinne** Smaoineamh na Seachtaine.

Ní fada go mbeidh na scoileanna go léir dúnta agus teaghlaigh ag dul ar saoire. Go raibh gach duine slán sábháilte ar na bóithre agus cois farraige i rith an tSamhraidh. Aon duine a thug aird ar na meáin chumarsáide le gairid, tá scéalta truamhéalacha cloiste faoi thubaistí uafásacha agus bás ar na bóithre. Dia idir sinn agus an t-olc. Go raibh saoire gan bhrón, gan sceon ag cách.

Sa spioradáltacht Cheilteach bhí ár sinsear an-tugtha do Dhia. Bhí paidir ar leith acu do gach ócáid. Is iad seo a leanas dhá cheann a bhíodh i mbéal an phobail ar son na sábháilteachta:  
Dia idir mé agus uisce mo bháite,  
Dia idir mé agus tine mo dhóite,  
Dia idir mé agus bás gan chairde,  
Dia idir mé agus taisme bhóthar. Áiméan.

Crios Chorp Chríost is Muire,  
Ár dtionlacan fan bóthar,  
Nára turas é in aistear,  
Gura leas dúinn gach orlach. Áiméan.

Soon schools will be closed and families will be going on holidays. May everybody be safe on the roads and at the seaside during the Summer. We have heard sad reports recently in the media of disasters and deaths on the roads. God between us and all harm. May everybody have a holiday free from sadness and fear.

According to Celtic Spirituality our ancestors were devoted to God. They had a prayer for every occasion. The following are two of their prayers for safety:

God between me and the water that may drown me,  
God between me and the fire that may burn me,  
God between me and death in debt,  
God between me and a road accident. Amen.

May the girdle of Jesus and Mary  
Be around us on our journey  
May we have a safe trip  
And benefit from every inch. Amen.

**Grow Mental Health** - Friendly Community based peer support groups for anyone experiencing mental health concerns. Ennis Meeting: Maria Assumpta Hall; Monday 7.30pm/ Tuesday 2pm. Contact Celia 086-1526966/ www.grow.ie

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

**All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!**

### 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 second book of the Kings. **Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16**

One day as Elisha was on his way to  
Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there  
pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he  
always broke his journey for a meal when he  
passed that way. She said to her husband,  
'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly  
passing our way must be a holy man of  
God. Let us build him a small room on the roof,  
and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair  
and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can  
rest there'.

One day when he came, he retired to  
the upper room and lay down. 'What can be  
done for her?' he asked. Gehazi, his servant  
answered, 'Well, she has no son and her hus-  
band is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant  
called her and she stood at the door. 'This time  
next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in  
your arms.'

**This is the word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

**Response:**

**I will sing for ever of your love,  
O Lord.**

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
Through all ages my mouth will proclaim  
your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for  
ever,  
That your truth is firmly established as the  
heavens. **R**

Happy the people who acclaim such a  
king,  
Who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
Who find their joy every day in your name,  
Who make your justice the source of their  
bliss. **R**

For this is you, O Lord, who are the glory  
of their strength;  
It is by your favour that our might is  
exalted:

For our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
Our king in the keeping of the Holy One of  
Israel. **R**

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

**Rom 6:3-4.8-11**

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus  
we were baptised in his death; in other  
words, when we were baptized we went  
into the tomb with him and joined him in  
death, so that as Christ was raised from  
the dead by the father's glory, we too might  
live a new life.

But we believe that having died with  
Christ we shall return to life with him;  
Christ as we know having been raised from  
the dead will never die again. Death has  
no power over him any more. When he  
died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life  
now is life with God; and in that way, you  
too must consider yourselves to be dead to  
sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Open our heart, O Lord,  
To accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!**

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

**Mt 10:37-42**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:  
'Anyone who prefers father or mother to

me is not worthy of me. Anyone who  
prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy  
of me. Anyone who does not take his  
cross and follow in my footsteps is not  
worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will  
lose it; anyone who loses his life for my  
sake will find it.

Anyone who welcomes you  
welcomes me; and those who welcome me  
welcome the one who sent me.

Anyone who welcomes a prophet  
because he is a prophet will have a  
prophet's reward; and anyone who  
welcomes a holy man because he is a holy  
man will have a holy man's reward.

If anyone gives so much as a cup of  
cold water to one of these little ones  
because he is a disciple, then I tell you  
solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his  
reward.'

## 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 suf-  
fered 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 spo-  
ken 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  
resurrection of the dead and the life of the  
world to come. **Amen.**

## Communion Antiphon

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And all within me, his holy name.**