

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

Email: info@ennisparish.com

ENNIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER

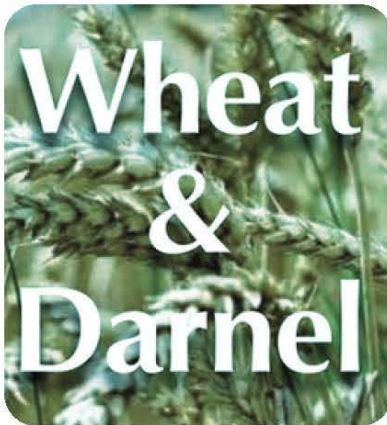
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

MATTHEW 13:24-43

Sunday 19th July 2026

PATIENT JUDGEMENT



“Do you want us to go and weed it out?” ..but he said, “No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it”

Today's Gospel from St Matthew gives us a glance into possibly the Ōme in which Matthew wrote this Gospel ... after Christ's death and Resurrection and some time into the life of the emerging Christian communities.

Jesus would have foreseen these times ahead for his followers as they set seeds of faith and with them expectation of the quality of growth. Matthew writes this dialogue of what Jesus had shared in this parable with the benefit of some hindsight, by way of current context in which he finds himself.

Weeding is always necessary for seeds to flourish into their full potential, however, Jesus understandably is wary of the speed at which the weeding or judgement would happen.

As Christians, we may need the reminder of Jesus' words communicated through St Matthews Gospel, we, as Christians are custodians of the Masters treasure, Jesus, as the Master has given us this treasure like a seed, delicate and in need of an environment for growth, but as custodians, we need Jesus as our reference point.

Weeding as referred to in the Gospel is aligned to the judgements we feel qualified to make .. But like the Field owner who held back the over eager servants who wanted to engage in rigorous weeding .. It might be true that Jesus uses the gift of Parable telling so we in our time might show a little restraint and leave such judgements to the one who sent him in the first place... a God of compassion.

We recognise compassion in the willingness of someone to imagine himself into the life of another person. We recognize its presence in the withholding of huge negative moralistic judgment. We see compassion in the expression of mercy, in the refusal to label someone with a short circuiting terminology that condemns her, even though her actions may be awkward. We see compassion in an openness to the greater mystery of the other person. The present situation, deed or misdeed is not the full story of the individual, there is a greater presence behind the deed or the person than society usually acknowledges. Above all, we see the presence of compassion as the vulnerability to be disturbed about awful things that are going on.

*John O Donohue from an interview entitled
“The presence of compassion”*

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;
Email: info@ennisparish.com
Kincora Park:- 6829584
Cloughleigh:- 6797489;
Friary:- 6828751

Ennis Parish Web Site:

<http://www.ennisparish.com>

Facebook:

<http://facebook.com/ennisparish>



Priest on Duty 19th July, 2026

Contact Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Michael O'Connor, Ros na Rí, Shanaway Rd.
Stephen (Broddy) & Kathleen McCarthy &
McCarthy & Fagan Families, Considine Tce.
Isacc Leite Da Silva, Gort Road & Brazil.
John Brigdale, Clancy Park.
Maureen Mahony, Tulla & Hermitage.

Sun 19th: 8am: No Intention Booked.

9.30am: Brenda Flynn, Fergus Park &
Peggy Flynn, Connolly Villas.

11.30am: Susan Devaux, USA. **1st Anniv.**
John Cahir, St. Michael's Villas.
John & Nancy Howard, St. Michael's Villas.
Mick, Mai & Carmel Finn, Lisdoonvarna.
Mary Coote, Turnpike Road.

Mon: 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Micky Casey, Turnpike Rd
Susan, Patsy, Mary & Thomas Cahill, Clare Rd.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Griffin Family, Ayle, Feakle.
Kathleen O'Looney (nee Gallagher), Ennistymon.

7.30pm: Mona Kelly, Kilrush Rd.
Gretta & Pete Burke, Ashline House, Kilrush Rd.

Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Angela Grennan, College Rd. **1st Anniv.**
Bernard, Mary, Michael & Bernie Dilger,
Connolly Villas.

Mary Hobday (nee Baby Dinan) & John Dinan,
Kilrush Rd.

Michael Slattery, Clonroadbeg.

Jimmy, Maisie & Pat Henchy, Ennistymon.

Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Gian Franco Alborante.

7.30pm: Jamie Coote, Cusack Rd.
Mary Guilfoyle Sheridan, Marian Ave.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Michael & Agnes Murphy, Wood Quay.

7.30pm: Tola Culliney, Orchard Grove.

Sat: 11am: Mai **1st Anniv** & Edmund Cahill,
Ros an Oir & Corofin.

Brid & Martin Crowe, St. Michael's Villas

6.30pm: Ann Ferrigan, Gallows Hill. **1st Anniv.**

Mary Crowley, Cahercalla Estate. **1st Anniv.**

Patrice O'Loughlin, Old Military Barracks. **1st Anniv.**
Tom Kelly, Phoenix Court.

Christina Coughlan, Clonroadbeg.

Oliver & Bridie Cassidy, Turnpike Rd.

Mary O'Sullivan, Drumcliffe Rd.

Paddy Mahony, Considine Rd. & Parnell St.

Sun 26th 8am: Don Maher, Clonaslee, Co. Laois.

9.30am: Paschal & Betty Hanrahan, Collins Park.
Denis Harnedy, Boston.

11.30am: David Russell, Abbeyville.

Brendan O'Donoghue, Castletawn, Tulla Rd.

Mary Smyth (nee Dunne) Feakle & Clare Rd.

Theresa & Patrick Sullivan, Ennis.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €1,000 & €500. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Cathedral Works

Work is continuing on the Cathedral Grounds. Thank you for your understanding as the grounds continue to be a **NO PARKING ZONE.**

Our Cathedral remains open at all times and entry to the Parish Office is via Station Road.

Pilgrimages



Lough Derg

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage from Bank Holiday Monday 3rd to Wednesday 5th August led by Bishop Fintan. Bus & Island Fee €135.

The bus departs from the Cathedral, Ennis at 7am on Monday 3rd August. To reserve a seat, please contact Ennis Parish Office 065 6824043.

Knock Shrine

Grandparents' Day, Sunday 26th July, the Feast Day of SS Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus,

Croagh Patrick

Reek Sunday 26th July. Mass on the summit hourly from 8am to 2pm with Mass in Irish at 10am.

Lourdes

Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage from Monday 28th September to Saturday 3rd October.

Burren Outdoor Retreat

Friday 4th to Sunday 6th September. Would you like to come with us on a journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of this place renew you in body and soul. Residential (people within easy reach may commute). Contact Mary at 087 970 1130 for information or Des at 085 161 4951 for bookings.

Newly Baptised

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

Danny Seán Gleeson;
Fiadh Corcoran



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Brendan & Berrie McMahon, Lahinch Rd.
Kathleen Coughlan, Steele's Terrace.

Sun 19th 10am: Buddy Brown, Corrovorran Crescent.

11.45am: No intention booked.

Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.

Sat: 10.30am: Eilish Reidy, Dangan, Tulla.
Sr. Maureen Dunne, The Square.

7pm: Delia Roughan, Abbeyview, Ballaghboy. **MM.**
Augustine O'Leary, The Crescent.

Sun 26th 10am: Eamon Stenson, Shannon &
O'Callaghan's Mills.

11.45am: Patricia McEnnis, Lifford Rd. **1st Anniv.**
Carmel O'Neill, Lifford Rd.

Mai & Michael McEnery, Kilnamona &

O'Grady & McEnery Families.

Mary O'Keeffe, Fernhill, Gort Rd.

Nancy Tubridy, Doonbeg.

Confession Times July & August



Cathedral:

Monday to Friday 7pm to 7.20pm
Saturday after the Vigil Mass.

Friary:

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday 11am to 12 noon.

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary



Franciscan
Missionaries of
Mary

We welcome the Sisters of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary who will speak at all masses in the Cathedral this weekend on their missionary work. The Sisters will take up a retiring collection at the door to support their missions. Next weekend the sisters will speak at all masses in St. Joseph's Church.

Patience

There is a tendency in most of us to demand instant judgment. We want to see the perceived wrongdoer punished immediately.

Fortunately in our first reading today, the writer tries to answer the question - Why does God allow the bad to flourish? Why is God patient with Israel's enemy.

The Gospel passage has the same message - patience and forbearance with wrongdoers.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Maureen Moroney & Family, Clare Rd.
& Miltown Malbay,.

Fri 9.30am: Mary Ryan, Cusack Rd.

Franciscan Jubilee Year



To celebrate the 800th anniversary of the passing of St. Francis into glory, the Secular Franciscans in Ennis are organising a special jubilee outing to the historic Franciscan Friary, Multyfarnham, Co. Westmeath on Sunday 16th August.

Mass, Jubilee Prayers, Tour of the Gardens and lunch. All in ticket €50. Limited numbers. Tickets available at the Friary Office.

Everyone welcome to experience a beautiful part of the country.

On this Sunday 19th July, Mass will be televised live on RTE1 television at 11am from the Friary in Multyfarnham.

Fridge Magnets

Fridge magnets celebrating the lives of saints and significant people are available as gifts in both the Friary and Cathedral with proceeds going to support the Friary and Cathedral. Our thanks to Anthony Moore for his support of this project

Pioneer Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Pioneer and Friends Pilgrimage to Lourdes 5th August next. Hotel Agena 5 nights Full Board €925pp (Insurance Extra).

Departs Shannon Airport 5th August -Bus from Knock Airport.

Spiritual Director Fr Joe Delaney. For further details please contact Fr Joe Delaney 087 6660408 or Michael Rattigan 087 2929372

Part-Time Carers Required

St. Xavier's Convent of Mercy, Ennis is seeking kind, compassionate and reliable Part-Time Carers to join their team in supporting the Sisters' requirements.

QQ1 Level 5 in Healthcare Support is essential.

A caring, respectful and professional approach to providing person-centred support. If interested please contact **086 81 20854** for more information.



REST IN PEACE



Mary Coughlan (nee Murphy),
York & late Parnell Street;

Dick Fitzgerald, French Court, Clonroad;

Vincent di Placido, Edinburgh,
Father of Vincent di Placido;

Jim Cummins, Roscrea,
brother of Sr. Terri, Ardlea Rd.

BLAST FROM THE PAST!

This week we look back on parish life according to our newsletter to 18th July, 1999.

- ◆ Fr. John Bane was on duty.
- ◆ The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock was organised for the 8th August with the bus costing £6 and students £3.
- ◆ New members of the Christian Community included Eoghan Perill, Niamh Anne O'Shea, Oisín Cavanagh, Sineád Margaret Mary Rooney. Stephen Christopher Knox, Colm Barry Shanahan and Alma Mai Brigdale.
- ◆ Tony Carmody and Anthony Daly and all associated with both Senior and Minor Clare Teams who were in action that weekend were wished well.
- ◆ A Day of Prayer to Emmanuel House of Prayer was taking place on 31st July.
- ◆ A Professional Acting Course in Queen's Hotel was held.
- ◆ Parish Funds acknowledged £4,884.
- ◆ Some choir members attended the Maynooth Summer School of Music.
- ◆ Fr. Jerry Griffin from Clonroad was celebrating fifty years since his ordination. A Columban Missionary Fr. Jerry had spent all those fifty years in Japan.
- ◆ Work on the stained glass windows for Cloughleigh Oratory was progressing to celebrate twenty-one years of the oratory. Abbey Stained Glass, Dublin and Pat Leyden, Upmarket Glass, Ennis were the suppliers.
- ◆ John Monahan's Poetry Book was available for sale in Cloughleigh with proceeds to the Stained Glass Appeal.
- ◆ Those who died included Peg O'Loughlin, Loughville and Vincent O'Dea, Waterpark View.
- ◆ Ennis Rugby Club has a Summer Camp organised for junior members.

Come and enjoy our "Rambling House"

Seisiún hosted by Cloughleigh CCE with lots of singing, story telling, traditional music, dancing and the cupán tae at Cois na hAbhna 8pm; Friday 24th July.



An Evening of Live Music and Deep Rest
Wednesday 22nd July in Marie Asumpta Hall at 7:30pm.

Clare singer and sound artist Fiona Guiheen will offer a 90-minute lying-down live music experience, creating a peaceful space to pause, switch off from the busyness of daily life, and deeply rest. This is open to everyone. Simply come, lie back, and relax.

Booking: 087-6240839

A Gardener's Prayer



Holy Father, grant me strength
as I cultivate Your beautiful earth.
Guide my hands to tend to the seeds
and nurture the growing plants.
Bless my efforts in creating
a garden filled with life.

May Your divine presence be felt
in every blossom and every leaf.
Grant me wisdom to know
when to water and when to prune.
Help me to be patient as I wait
for the fruits of my labour to appear.

Protect my garden from
pests and disease,
so it may thrive in abundance.
Teach me to be a steward
of Your creation,
caring for it with love and reverence.

May my garden be a place of solace,
beauty, and inspiration for all who visit.

Thank you God for sun and showers
Thank you for each lovely flower
Thank you for each stately tree
Through all these, you speak to me.

There is something about the
silence in a Church on a
summer's day. The world
passes by outside, almost
unnoticed.

The sounds of summer feel the
need to escape to a 'lonely
place' so that we can get our bearings in a fast
moving world.

Our local churches hold a sacred place in our
community where we can go at any time to
recharge in the stillness and quiet.

During these summer days, why not take time to
visit local churches and experience that stillness
and quiet?



**Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 12th July, 2026**

**Fund €5,646
Online €305**

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
And praise your name, O Lord,
for it is good.

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 book of Wisdom.

Ws 12:13-16-19

There is no God, other than you, who cares for
everything, to whom you might have to prove
that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to
all.
You show your strength when your sovereign
power is questioned and you expose the
insolence of those who know it; but, disposing
of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience, for you
have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to
your people how the virtuous person must be
kindly to his fellow men, and you have given
your sons the good hope that after sin you will
grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: O Lord, you are good and
forgiving.**

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
Full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
And attend to the sound of my voice. **R**

All the nations shall come to adore you
And glorify your name, O Lord:
For you are great and do marvellous
deeds,
You who alone are God. **R**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
Slow to anger, O Lord,
Abounding in love and truth,
Turn and take pity on me. **R**

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

Rm 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our
weakness. For when we cannot choose
words in order to pray properly, the Spirit
Himself expresses our plea in a way that
could never be put into words, and God
who knows everything in our hearts knows
perfectly well what he means, and that
the pleas of the saints expressed by the
Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
So that we can see what hope his call
holds for us.**

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds,
'The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a man who sowed good seed
in his field. While everybody was asleep
his enemy came, sowed darnel all among
the wheat, and made off. When the new
wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel
appeared as well. The owner's servants
went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good
seed that you sowed in your field? If so,
where does the darnel come from?" "Some
enemy has done this" he answered. And
the servants said — "Do you want us to go
and weed it out?"

But he said, "No, because when you weed
out the darnel you might pull up the wheat
with it. Let them both grow till the harvest;
and at harvest time I shall say to the reap-
ers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bun-
dles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into
my barn." '

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 Pon-
tius Pilate, he suffered death and was bur-
ied, and rose again on the third day In ac-
cordance 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

**Behold, I stand at the door and knock,
says the Lord.**

**If anyone hears my voice and opens the
door to me,**

**I will enter his house and dine with him,
and he with me.**