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NEWSLETTER

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MATTHEW 14:13-21

Sunday 2nd August 2026

God Enters Our Wilderness with His Super abundance

Today's Gospel, Jesus is faced with a massive, hungry crowd. The disciples say, "Send them away... we have only five loaves and two fish (Mt 14: 15- 17)". That phrase- "only five loaves"- echoes our own lives: "I only have little time.... Only little money.. only a small voice". But Jesus takes the "only", blesses it, breaks it, and turns it into abundance. The miracle isn't just about bread; it's about how divine generosity begins when we offer our scarcity.



This conflict between divine generosity and human scarcity is at the heart of today's gospel. Jesus has just heard about John the Baptist's death. He seeks solitude but finds a needy crowd. Instead of turning them away, "He had compassion on them and healed their sick (Mt 14:14)". He doesn't start with full baskets. He starts with what the disciples think is not enough. But in God's hands, what is insufficient becomes more than enough. The leftovers- twelve baskets full - are not an afterthought: they are a sign of God's overflowing grace.

Feeding the Multitude is indeed a Miracle of Sharing the generosity of God.

What does this mean for us today? We live in a world where the fear of scarcity rules. In this world of economic uncertainty, climate crises, rising inequality, and spiritual exhaustion, the temptation is to cling- to hold back, to retreat. But the Gospel calls us to a different logic. Can we trust that what we offer, even if small, will be enough in God's hands?. Can we build communities not of competition, but of communion? In a divided world, the miracle of the loaves is not just a story- it is a blueprint for Christian living

How will we live this out? Will we continue to say, "I only have..?" Or will we dare to bring our small gifts to Jesus, trusting that He will multiply them? Maybe it's time to call someone who's lonely. Maybe it's a small donation, a word of hope, or the courage to pray for someone who's struggling. As Jesus said in Luke 6:38, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure.. will be poured into your lap". Let's challenge ourselves this week: where do we operate from fear, and where can we begin to act in faith?.

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 2nd August, 2026 Contact Fr. Pat Malone—065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Teresa Kenny, Rathflyn, Corofin.
Martin Linnane, Considine Rd.
Kathleen & PJ McMahon, Ballybeg.
Tim, Susan, Tadhg & Margaret Queally, Drumcliffe.
Kathleen & Patrick Coffey, Balla, Co. Mayo.
Niall McCullough, Dalcassian Drive.

Sun 2nd 8am: Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families,
Ennis & Cork.

9.30am: Kitty Guy, Circular Rd.
William & Teresa Clohessy, Drumcliffe.
James O'Leary, College Grove.

11.30am: Peggy Naughton, Dalcassian Drive.
Kevin Byrne, Galway.
Mary Hickey, Cahercalla Estate.
Patrick O'Loughlin, Drumcaranmore.
Patrick, Mary Kate & Ashling O'Loughlin, Kilshanny.
Baby Harry Ryan, College Green.
Daniel & Bridget Considine, Turnpike Rd. &
Tobertaoscáin.
David Cullinan, Clonroad.

Mon: 7.40am: No Mass —Bank Holiday.

11am: Mary Kelly, St. Michael's Villas. **MM.**
Anne & Martin Griffin, Shanaway Rd.
Rita Ryan, Summerhill.

7.30pm: Bridget & Frank O'Brien, Clonmoney.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: John Minitier, Clonroadmore.
Michael Moroney, Lower Limerick Rd.
Pat Joe Doohan, Main Street, Kildysart.
Michael Sheehan, Cragbrien, Tiermaclane.
George, Kathleen & Michael Dinan, Hermitage.

Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Mary & Dermot O'Donoghue, Kilfenora.
Mary & Joe Hehir, O'Hermitage.

Thurs 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: Lil & Jack Davoren, Kilmaley.

7.30pm: Colm & Paddy Flynn, Corrovarrin. & Lifford.
Nora & Tony Sharkey, Cahercalla Estate.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Pat Connellan, Gallows Hill.
Mary Hennessy, College Green.

7.30pm: Shane Woods, Woodview, Shanaway. **MM.**

Sat 11am: Mary Brennan, Doonmore, Doonbeg,
1st Anniv.
Kevin & Jane McKeon, Clonroad.

6.30pm: Mary Casey, Cahercalla Estate & Cranny.

Sun 9th 8am: Paul Cahill, Inisfree, Roslevan.

9.30am: Brendan Wall, Inchbeg.

11.30am: James Guilfoyle, Woodlands, Cahercalla.
Mary Crowley Connoles, Ennistymon.
Bridget O'Loughlin, Ennistymon.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €200 & , €100. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Priests' August Collection

The August Collection for the Bishop and Priests of the parish who serve in the Abbey Pastoral Area will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.

Envelopes are available for this collection and we thank you for your continuous generosity and support to your priests.

Lough Derg



The day has finally arrived for the annual pilgrimage to Lough Derg.

The bus will depart the Cathedral at 7am on Monday Morning, returning on Wednesday Afternoon.

Let us unite in prayer with the Bishop and all pilgrims on these days.

Bishop Ger Nash



We congratulate Bishop Ger Nash on his appointment by Pope Leo as the new Bishop of Ossory in addition to his responsibilities as Bishop of Ferns.

Bishop Ger was ordained a priest for the Killaloe Diocese on 15th June, 1991 and served as a priest of our Diocese until he was appointed by the late Pope Francis as Bishop of Ferns on 11 June, 2021 during Covid times.

Please keep Bishop Ger in your prayers at this time.

Newly Baptised



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

Croia Pauline Burke
Tobias Sandor;
Jasmin Sandorova;
Leyla Sandorova;

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Betty Mounsey, Marian Avenue.
Sun 2nd 10am: Kathleen & Pat O'Mahony, Tulla Rd.
11.45am: Tom Kearney, Gordon Drive.
Mon 10.30am: No Mass – Bank Holiday.
Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.
Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.
Fri 10.30am: Mary O'Dwyer, Coolmeen.
Sat: 10.30am: Mary Nugent, St. Senan's Rd.
Dympna Payne, Ennis & America.
Máire Finn, Oak Park.
7pm: Maureen Ryan, Kevin Barry Ave. **1st Anniv.**
Sun 9th 10am: Patrick Carmody, Kincora Park.
Gerry Leyden, Steele's Tce.
Michael & Frances McLoughlin, Mayo.
11.45am: No intention booked.



Sr Nuala Glynn of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary has written to express her gratitude at both the warmth of the welcome she received as well as the generous response to the missionary appeal at masses in St Joseph's last weekend. The total received was €3,680.28 and the prayers of the Sisters will be offered for all.

Thinking of Becoming Catholic?



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for adults who

- ◆ have never been baptised;
- ◆ belong to another Christian tradition;
- ◆ are baptised Catholics but haven't received Confirmation or Eucharist;

The journey begins this autumn. To find out more contact the Parish Office or talk to any of the priests. Our thanks to Andy Tierney and Joy Hensey who co-ordinate this Adult Faith Formation in our Diocese.

Bank Holiday Monday Mass Times

8.30am	Poor Clare Monastery
10am	Friary
11am & 7.30pm	Cathedral

First Friday of August



Friday next 7th August is the First Friday. Sick and housebound parishioners will receive sacraments at home.

If you know of any housebound parishioner who would like to receive the sacraments, please contact the parish office.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Ennis Parish Development Fund
for Sunday 26th July,
Fund €5,775
Online €186

Step by Step to Feed the Next Child



Global school feeding charity Mary's Meals will hold their annual Step by Step to Feed the Next Child - Walk to Knock from 7th to 15th August. Walkers will arrive in Ennis around 4pm on Saturday 8th August and will be leaving Barefield at 8.30am on Sunday 9th August, heading for Gort.

Please come out and encourage the walkers, and if you're able to do so, donate in the buckets or visit marysmeals.ie to donate online. It costs just €22 to feed a child for a whole school year, and 11c provides one school meal. All donations, big or small, are very welcome.

Calling all Curtins / Mac CurtAins

The fourteenth international gathering of the Curtin Clan will take place in The Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain Street, Cork from October 9th to 11th 2026. The gathering will include Curtin / MacCurtain Family connections, stories of Tomás MacCurtain (the Lord Mayor of Cork who was assassinated on his birthday in 1920), The Curtin DNA project updates, Irish music and dance etc. See www.curtin.org for full details of the weekend and booking. Please spread the word. Beidh fáilte roimh chách!

St. Anthony's Herald

The latest edition of St. Anthony's Magazine supporting the work of the Franciscan Missions is available in both the Friary and Cathedral. €2 per copy - one of the ways of saying thanks to St. Anthony and supporting the Missions. The latest edition features the ordination of Ennis Native Fr. Ian Cunningham OFM last May and other stories of great interest in this Jubilee Year of Franciscan life.

SFO Monthly Mass

Monthly mass for SFO members will take place on Wednesday 5th August, 2026 at 10am in the Friary. We will pray the office after mass. Also, there will be an evening meeting in the Friary Parlour at 7.30 pm for those unable to attend the morning meeting.

REST IN PEACE



Tomás de Builéir, Victoria Court;

Geraldine Mahon, Walsh Island, Co. Offaly, sister of Fr. John Bane;

Gerard Downey, Ugonino, Florence, Italy, late Hermitage & Chapel Lane;

Mary Forde, Clancy Park;

Jim Hogan, Westport, brother of Fr. Tom Hogan.

Farewell to Fr. Jibin



In the coming days a number of priests across the Diocese are on the move following the Killaloe Diocesan Appointments recently completed by Bishop Fintan. Among those on the move this year is Fr. Jibin who has been appointed a Co-PP of the Cronan Pastoral Area and will reside in Roscrea.

Jibin is a priest of the Missionaries of Incarnation, a Missionary Congregation based in Kerala, India and came to us in the Killaloe Diocese in October, 2024

Since his arrival he has endeared himself gently to the people of Abbey Pastoral Area. His kind and gentle approach to pastoral care is reflective of his missionary vocation which he has generously shared with us here in Ennis, leaving home and family to share the gospel with us.

His creative talent and training in the Ministry of Communication have been put to good use through his work in the field of social media at local and Diocesan level.

We are incredibly grateful for Fr. Jibin's contribution to the life and ministry of the Parish and Pastoral Area, and we pray every grace and blessing on him as he undertakes his new mission and calling in Roscrea.

Matt Talbot Prayer Society



*The
Matt Talbot
Prayer
Society*

The monthly mass for all enrolled in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society, praying for all suffering or sharing in the life of addiction, takes place on Bank Holiday Monday at 7.30pm Mass in the Cathedral.

A Caring Christ

In today's Gospel, Christ feeds a large crowd with five loaves and two fish.

What is the relevance of this gospel passage to our lives?

A clue appears in the introduction where we read that 'He saw a large crowd, took pity on them and healed their sick.'

This despite the fact that He wanted to get away and be on His own after hearing the news of John the Baptist's death.

Christ has compassion for all who turn to Him - if we go to Him in the Eucharist and in prayer, He will help us on our journey.

In particular, He will satisfy our spiritual needs.

'Pay attention, come to Me;
Listen and your soul will live'.

1st Reading—Isaiah

Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Mí Lúnasa

Cuirimis fáilte roimh Mhí Lúnasa, mí na cruithneachta, mí an Fhómhair. Gabhaimid buíochas le Dia as an aimsir álainn a bhí againn le tamall anuas. Go raibh gach duine slán sábháilte ar na bóithre agus ag snámh.

I mí Lúnasa, ceiliúraimis an fómhar. Duine de na déithe ba thábhachtaí i gcultúr na gCeilteach ab ea Lugh. Féile a bhí ann le fáiltiú roimh fhás an arbhair agus roimh thús an fhómhair. Is minic a bhíodh daoine in Éirinn ag déanamh damhsaí agus tinte cnámha le Féile Lúnasa a cheiliúradh. Bhí cuid de na nósanna seo beo go dtí an fichiú haois. De réir an tseanchais ba laoch, file, cruitire, taidhleoir, státaire agus ceardaí é Lugh. Is uaidh a shíolraigh ainm na míosa, Lúnasa, an chéad mhí den fhómhar. In aimsir na gCeilteach ceapadh gur ón ngrian a tháinig torthaí na talún. Tháinig Naomh Pádraig agus mhúin sé gur chruthaigh Dia teas na gréine agus báisteach na spéire chun plandaí a chur ag fás.

Gabhaimis buíochas le Dia as gach ní a fhásann.

Sa Bhíobla, cuirtear in iúl dúinn go bhfuil "tráth breithe, tráth báis, tráth curtha síl, tráth bainte fómhar". (Cóheilit(3:1)A Thiarna bí linn i Mí Lúnasa.

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We welcome the month of August, the month of wheat, the beginning of Autumn. We thank God for the beautiful weather we have had for some time. May everybody be safe on the roads and while swimming.

In August, we celebrate the harvest. Lugh was one of the most important gods in pre-Christian Celtic Culture. Dancing and bonfires were engaged in to celebrate the Feast of Lugh. Some of these customs were still alive until the twentieth century. According to folklore Lugh was a warrior, a hero, a poet, a harpist, a diplomat, a statesman and a craftsman. August (Lughnasa) the first month of Autumn is named after him. In pre-Christian times it was thought that all the crops came from the sun and without it there would be no food and they would die. St. Patrick came and taught that God created the heat of the sun and the rain to help the growth of plants. We thank God for everything that grows.

In the Bible we read that there is: A time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.... (Ecclesiastes 32-3). Lord be with us during the month of August.

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.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**O God come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.**

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 the prophet
Isaiah. Is 55.1-3**

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are
thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
"Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good
things to eat and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you, I will make an everlasting cove-
nant,
out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

**You open wide your hand, O Lord,
you grant our desires.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
Compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you,
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways,
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts **R.**

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Romans. 8.35, 37-39**

Nothing can come between us and the
love of Christ, even if we are troubled or
worried, or being persecuted or lacking
food or clothes, or being threatened or
even attacked.

These are the trials through which we tri-
umph, by the power of him who loved us.
For I am certain of this: neither death nor
life no angel, no prince, nothing that exists,
nothing still to come, not any power, or
height or depth, nor any created thing, can
ever come between us and the love of God
made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.
Alleluia.**

**A reading from the holy Gospel accord-
ing to Matthew. 14.13-21**

When Jesus received the news of John the
Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a
lonely place where they could be by them-
selves.

But the people heard of this and, leaving
the towns, went after him on foot.

So as he stepped ashore, he saw a large
crowd; and he took pity on them and
healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to
him and said,

"This is a lonely place, and the time has
slipped by; so send the people away, and
they can go to the villages to buy them-
selves some food."

Jesus replied,

'There is no need for them to go:

'Give them something to eat yourselves.'
But they answered,
'All we have with us is five loaves and
two fish.'

'Bring them here to me', he said.

He gave orders that the people were to sit
down on the grass;

Then he took the five loaves and the two
fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the
blessing. And breaking the loaves he hand-
ed them to his disciples who gave them to
the crowds.

The all ate as much as they wanted and
they collected the scraps remaining, twelve
baskets full.

Those who ate numbered about five thou-
sand men, to say nothing of women and
children.

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

**I am the bread of life, says the Lord;
whoever comes to me will not hunger
and whoever believes in me will not
thirst.**