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NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

MATTHEW 18:21-35

Sunday 13th September 2026

FORGIVENESS IS FOR HEROES



Though centuries old, Portia's words to Shylock still speak with the eloquence of God, "The quality of mercy is not strained, it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It is twice blessed: it blesseth him that gives, and him that takes." Being "Twice Blessed" means not only embracing God's forgiveness, but it means becoming a forgiving child of God, too.

Forgiveness is for heroes, because true forgiveness takes great courage of heart. Thomas Kepler once wrote that "forgiveness is for heroes." Lawrence Stern, the eighteenth century novelist, wrote that "only the brave know how to forgive." Only the brave know how to forgive, because forgiveness takes great courage when everyone around you is shouting for a "pound of flesh" and revenge. C. S. Lewis wrote that "everybody thinks forgiveness is a good idea until they have something serious to forgive."



Were you not bound
to have pity?

For Dom Helder Camera, it's the slums of Brazil. For Mother Theresa it was the slums of Calcutta. For Jesus Christ it was all humanity mired down in the slum of its own sin on Calvary. As they taunted him and crucified him, I'm sure the disciples and others wondered why Jesus didn't retaliate. Whatever happened to good old divine retribution? Instead he hung there and took it. Why? Because long ago he figured out that God had stopped keeping score. If God has stopped keeping score on us, why are we still keeping score on those around us?

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 10am & 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 13th September, 2026

Contact Fr. David Carroll Tel. 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Marie Halpin, O'Connell St. & Phoenix Court. **MM**
 Mary Cora Coughlan, Corrovorrin Green. **MM**
 Michael Kearse, St. Michael's Villas.
 Seán & Bridie McMahon, Knockanoura, Tulla Rd.
 Tom & Mary Dillon & John Lee, Kilkishen & Broadford.
Sun 13th 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: Patrick Belis, Hogan's Place. **MM**
 Mary O'Connor, Dublin & Conor Sheils. Ennis.
11.30am: Mary Whyms, Cusack Rd. **MM**
 Kitty Tuohy, Station Court. **1st Anniv.**
 Kathleen McGovern, 'St. Martin's', College View.
 Eileen Linnane, Parnell St.
 Michael Tierney, Cahercalla.
 Pauline O'Neill, Clare Rd.
Mon 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am No intention booked.
7.30pm: No intention booked.
Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: Seán Joseph McDonnell, Gallows Hill & Philipppines
 Marissa McDonnell, Cathedral Court & Philipppines.
7.30pm: Nancy Crimmins, Clonroad.
 Deceased members of Dullaghan & McMahon Families.
Wed 7.40am: Holy Souls.
11am: Tony O'Hara, Ennis & Belfast.
7.30pm: Frank Moloney, O'Connell St.
 John & Delia Corey, Loughville.
Thurs 7.40am: James & Mary Shalloo,
 O'Callaghan's Mills.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Kay McNamara, Tulla Road.
Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Stuart Daly, Clancy Park. **1st Anniv.**
Sat: 11am: John, Pat & Mary Finn, Golf Links Rd.
 Eugene Ryan, Shanaway Rd.
6.30pm: Ann Coffey, Hermitage.
 Dan & Mary O'Keeffe, 'Prague', Ardlea Rd.
 Cora Moloney (nee Rice). Claremount, Clarecastle.
Sun 20th 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: Paddy Reidy, Golf Links Rd.
 PJ & Rita Keane, Loughville.
 Anne Smyth, Roscommon.
11.30am: Tony Mulrennan, Clare Rd.
 Bridie & Tony Mahony, Hermitage.
 Maureen Mahohy, London & Tulla.
 Deceased Members of Reserve Defence Forces.
 John & Rebecca Hogan, Shanaway.
 William & Susan Faye, Dublin.
 Finbarr O'Toole, Friars' Close.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 13th 11am: Thomas, Esther & John O'Brien,
 Hermitage.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Gráinne Pendred, Ennis, Clare
 & Dublin.

'Creation is the primary work of God.
 It is only God who creates. Man merely rearranges.'
St. Thomas Aquinas

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €500 and €100. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Sick & Retired Priests

We thank all who contributed €6,006 to this appeal last weekend. Such generosity is very much appreciated.

Bishop Ger Nash



On this Sunday Afternoon at 3pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny, Bishop Ger will be installed as the new Bishop of Ossory in addition to his calling as Bishop of Ferns.

Bishop Ger, a native of Tulla, was ordained for the Killaloe Diocese in his native parish in 1991 and until his calling as Bishop of Ferns five years ago, served as a priest of our Diocese.

Today as he takes on more responsibility we pray for him and assure him of the love and support of his native diocese.

Reserved Defence Forces Annual Mass of Remembrance



Mass of Remembrance for deceased members at the 11.30am Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday next followed by the annual remembrance at the Peace Park, Friars' Walk.

Newly Baptised



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

Daire Patrick O'Connell

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

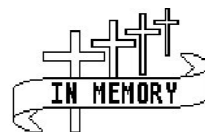
Sat: 7pm: Martin Morrissey, Toberkeel, Gort Rd. **MM**
 Seamus McMahon, Lifford Road. **1st Anniv.**
 Kathleen Torpey, Marian Ave.
 Margaret, Jim, Johnny, Jimmy & Con Butler,
 Clonroad.
Sun 13th 10am: Madeline Keown, Corofin.
11.45am: Carmel Callinan, Shannon Park. **MM**
 Cathy O'Brien.
 Cahir, Quinn & Howard Families, Kilfenora & Corofin.
Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.
Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.
 Special Intention.
Wed 9am: CBS Primary School Opening Year Mass
10.30am: No intention booked.
Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.
Fri 10.30am: St. Anne's School Opening year Mass.
Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.
7pm: Teresa Nagle, Park Row, Francis St. **MM.**
 Maureen Scahill, Dublin & Roscommon.
Sun 20th 10am: Noel Carmody, Kincora Park.
11.45am: Tommy Dullaghan, Corrovorrin Ave.
1st Anniv.
 David Browne, Tulla Rd.
 John & Margaret McNamara, St. Senan's Rd.



Congratulations to Rev. Vicky Lynch, St. Columba's Church of Ireland, Bindon Street, who has been appointed Archdeacon of Limerick, Ardfert and Aghadoe in the Church of Ireland Dioceses of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe.

We wish Archdeacon Vicky every blessing as she takes on these new Diocesan responsibilities.

REST IN PEACE



Anthony Woods, Marian Avenue;

**Kitty Summerville (née Moy), Fergus Lawn,
 Tulla Road, Dublin & Donegal;**

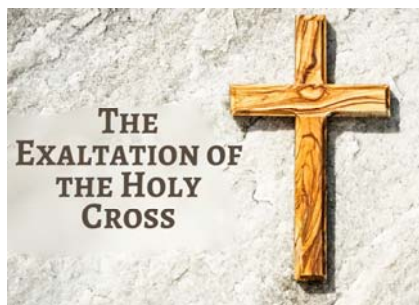
Bózena Krawczyk, Ballymacaula View;

Martin Rynne, Fergus Park;

**Natalie McClean, Ballybofey, Donegal
 & Ennis;**

**Angela Dennehy, Maynooth & Salthill,
 Galway, sister of Carmel Warner, Ennis.**

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Monday 14th September is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It's just one of two days in our calendar that we take time to reflect and honour the cross on which hung the saviour of the world.

On Good Friday, the focus is on the reality of the suffering Jesus endured on that day.

Today's feast allows us more space and time to reflect on the cross and what it means for the followers of Jesus.

The Stations of the Cross are familiar to us from all our churches. They are fourteen pictures or crosses that help us remember the final Journey of Jesus, from the condemnation to His death and burial.

As we pray each Station, we think about Jesus' suffering, His love for us and His willingness to carry the cross for our sake.

The Stations remind us that, even in suffering, God's love is always with us, and the cross leads to the hope of new life.

**'We adore You O Christ
and we praise thee,
Because by Your Holy Cross,
you have redeemed the world.'**

Cahercalla Community Care & Ennis RFC Free Family Fun Day

Cahercalla Community Care & Ennis RFC Free Family Fun Day on Saturday 19th September at Ennis Rugby Club. 10am start. All welcome.

See Ireland's Fittest Family Live with Davy Fitzgerald.

Free Entry. No tickets required.

No fitness required to watch!!

All proceeds to Cahercalla Community Care and Ennis RFC.

**Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 6th September, 2026**

**Fund €6,256
Online €241**

Synodality: Walking Together as a Church



The word Synodality may sound complicated, but its meaning is quite simple: **walking together**.

For the Church in Ireland, synodality is an invitation to listen to one another, to listen to the Holy Spirit, and to ask where God is leading us at this particular moment in the life of the Church. Through our Baptism, we are all part of God's family, and everyone has gifts and experiences that can enrich our Christian community.

The Irish Church is changing. We have fewer priests, changing patterns of Mass attendance, and many people—especially younger generations—who feel less connected to the Church. But this can also be a time of opportunity and renewal. Rather than simply asking how we can preserve the past, synodality encourages us to ask: **What is God calling us to become?**

It is about listening, sharing, praying and discerning together. It invites us to build parish communities that are welcoming, caring, prayerful and open to the gifts of everyone.

To help us reflect on what synodality might mean for our own parish and where the Spirit may be leading us, **you are warmly invited to two evenings of discussion** in the Parish Centre at Ennis Cathedral on **Saturday, September 26th & Saturday, October 24th.**

Come along, listen, share your thoughts and join the conversation.

Everyone is welcome.

Together, let us ask where God is calling our parish—and trust that Christ walks with us on the journey.

Learn the Brush Dance!

Learn the Brush Dance & other dances. Great exercise. No experience necessary Every Tuesday in Cois na hAbhna, Ennis 11am -12 noon. €5.

Contact Mary 0877530235

Please support Clare's Alzheimer's Memory Walk, taking place on Sunday 20th September in Lee's Road, Ennis at 11am.

Meeting beside the entrance to the children's playground. Registration online at www.memorywalk.ie or on the day from 10.30 am. Two routes, 1.3km and 5km. Face painting for kids and refreshments. Dogs welcome.

Annual Tractor Run—Clare Crusaders

Clare Crusaders' Children's Clinic, Barefield Annual Tractor Run on this Sunday starting at 2pm. All tractors welcome. €20 entry per tractor. Children's Tractor Run.

Vintage tractors, cars and cyclists welcome.

Ennis Flower and Garden Club

Ennis Flower and Garden Club present Bernie Dunphy for a floral demonstration on Tuesday September 15th, at Treacys' West County Hotel. Doors open at 7.30pm and demonstration commences at 8.15pm sharp, €10 non members. All welcome. Demonstrators' arrangements raffled on the night.

Golf Classic in support of Clarecastle Day Care Centre Friday September 25th at Woodstock Golf Club.

Fantastic Prizes, Team of 4 €120

Please support this very worthy cause.

Enquiries and to reserve your tee time please call Woodstock Golf Shop at 065 6829463

Peer Led Wellness Café

Drop in for social connection at peer led café in Glór.

Supportive space to meet others. Every Monday except Bank Holidays 10.30am to 12 noon. More info from Rosemary 087 6560854



From Opera to Broadway

Friday 18th September at St. Columba's Church, Bindon Street.

Join Janet Woods, Helen Catherine Ball, Vincent Di Placido, Christopher Callanan & Siobhan Cunningham for two performances of much loved Opera & Broadway favourites. The evening will comprise of three concerts at 6pm, 7.10pm and 8pm.

Opera to Broadway performances at 6.00pm & 8pm.

Pianist Thomas Connolly and musicians from CMM at 7.10pm.

All concerts are free and supported by Clare County Council.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord,
to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

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 Ecclesiastics. Si 27:30 - 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the
vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion
from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh,
he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the
commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear
your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of
the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

**R. The Lord is compassion and love,
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals everyone of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **R**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans. Rom 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its
influence on others; if we live, we live for the
Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so
that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This
explains why Christ both died and came to
life, it was so that he might be the Lord both
of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
You have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how
often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs
me? As often as seven times?' Jesus
answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-
seven times'.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be com-
pared to a king who decided to settle his
accounts with his servants. When the reck-
oning began, they brought him a man who
owed ten thousand talents; but he had no
means of paying, so his master gave orders
that he should be sold, together with his wife
and children and all his possessions, to meet
the debt. At this, the servant threw himself
down at his master's feet. "Give me time", he
said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the
servant's master felt so sorry for him that he
let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as
this servant went out, he happened

to meet a fellow servant who owed him one
hundred denarii; and he seized him by the
throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what
you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell
at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give
me time and I will pay you." But the other
would not agree; on the contrary, he had him
thrown into prison till he should pay the debt.
His fellow servants were deeply distressed
when they saw what had happened, and they
went to their master and reported the whole
affair to him. Then the master sent for him.
"You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all
that debt of yours when you appealed to me.
Were you not bound, then, to have pity on
your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?"
And in his anger the master handed him over
to the torturers till he should pay all his debt.
And that is how my heavenly Father will deal
with you unless you each forgive your brother
from your heart.'

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 as-
cended 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
resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

**How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the
shadow of your wings**