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ENNIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

MATTHEW 21:28-32

Sunday 27th September 2026

Actions speak louder than words
Prayer grounded in honesty and integrity

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

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The regular scene in the Gospel of the vineyard situates this conversation between Jesus and the religious leaders of Jerusalem who had been very suspect of Jesus' predecessor John the Baptist who had been popular among many. Tax collectors and prostitutes had responded to John's call to repentance So, when asked by Jesus to decide between the two sons in his parable



"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." (Matthew 21:28-32) it seems they fell straight into the trap Jesus had laid for them.

Their self righteousness was a regular target for Jesus who was clear what he wanted was mercy not sacrifice (Matthew 9:13) Their apparent piety was rarely matched by their actions and judgements that were meant to flow from such an informed religious position. If asked of us, not our neighbour, not someone regarded as 'holy' .. US ... what might our answer have been if asked by Jesus before we see his response "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him." (Matthew 21:28-32 cont.)



Which of the two did what
his father wanted?

When we say "YES" in our "AMEN" and receive Jesus in this "HOLY COMMUNION" are we prepared to have our moment of reflection in a given day realising we may falter with many moments of "NO" in a given day that may need a Gospel recalibration and renew our YES, to go into the "Vineyard" of our day trusting we will be accompanied by Jesus as we respond to his call to go into his vineyard.

**Lord, help me believe that nothing will happen me today
that you and I can't handle together.**



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 6.30: Assumpta Sheehan, Coopers' Place.
 Ben Sheehan, Turnpike Rd.
 Pat Hynes, Clare Rd.
 Michael, Assumpta, Michelle & Tiana Farrell, Shannon.
 Mary O'Mahony, Phoenix Court.
 Nicholas Grant, Lees' Rd.
 Bridie & Michael Coughlan, Greygrove, Kilmihil.
 Sun 27th 8am: No intention booked.
 9.30am: Bridie Murphy, Co. Sligo.
 Jackie Browne, Ardlea Rd.
 Susan Feore, Ennis.
 11.30am: Jennifer Louise Sherlock, Ruan.
 Berna McGuinness, (nee Moroney), Ennis & London. 1st Anniv.
 Claire O'Brien, Noreen, David, Deirdre, Geraldine & O'Brien Family, Kincora Park & Ruan.
 Mon 7.40am: Special Intention.
 Michael & May Whelan, Toonagh.
 11am: Pauline Clune, Quin.
 7.30pm: Michael & Philomena McMullan, Killarney.
 Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
 11am: Spaight Family, Sixmilebridge.
 7.30pm: Joseph & Bernadette Keane, Summerhill.
 Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.
 11am: Mary Frances O'Dwyer, Ennis & Caher.
 Francis Anthony McDonnell, Parnell St. & Philippines.
 7.30pm: Sheila & David Clohessy, Childers' Rd.
 Thurs 7.40am: Anne Keane (nee Rourke), Aughinish, Kinvara & Loughrea & Keane & Rourke Families.
 11am: Patrick & Josephine Kelly, Ard na Gréine.
 7.30pm: No intention booked.
 Fri 7.40am: Mass for People.
 11am: No intention booked.
 7.30pm: Paddy Nevin, St. Michael's Villas. 1st Anniv.
 Raymundo Sabroso., Philippines.
 Sat: 11am: John Culliney, Westbourne Court & Rath, Dysart. 1st Anniv.
 Daniel, Ellen & Danny Kelly, Marie & John McCarthy, Helen O'Sullivan & Theresa Carroll, Ennis.
 6.30pm: Pat McCarthy, Ardlea Rd. 1st Anniv.
 Gerry, Nell & Mary Ryan, Stonepark.
 Eugene Quinn & Family, Corrovorrin & Loughville.
 Shane Magnier, 'Avalon', Clonroad.
 Eileen Sullivan, 'Rossa', Clonroad.
 Fursey O'Connor, Collins Park.
 Sun 4th 8am: Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families, Ennis & Cork.
 9.30am: No intention booked.
 11.30am: Sheila Moroney, Drumbiggle Rd. 1st Anniv.
 Noreen Greene, College Park.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

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

First Friday



Friday next 2nd is first Friday of October. 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.

Lourdes Pilgrimage



Bishop Fintan and Fr. Tom will lead this year's autumn pilgrimage which departs this Monday from Shannon Airport, returning on Saturday. Please unite with the pilgrims in prayer this week.

Bishop Fintan will be the celebrant of Mass from the Grotto on Friday Morning 2nd October, the Feast of the Guardian Angels at 7.30am Irish Time which can be viewed on the Lourdes website.

Priests' Autumn Collection

The Autumn Collection for the Bishop and Priests who serve the Pastoral Area will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.

Your generosity is very much appreciated and envelopes are available in the porches of our churches.

Ennis Parish
 Development Fund
 for Sunday,
 20th September

Fund €6.173
 Online €146

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Anne Fox, Corrovorrin Green.
 Sun 27th 10am: Helen, Edward, Linda & Cyril Cuddihy, St. Senan's Road.
 11.45am: Sr. Benedict Kenny, Corofin.
 PJ O'Donnell, Ballyalla.
 Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.
 Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.
 Wed 10.30am: Eithne Carey, Pine Grove.
 Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.
 Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.
 Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.
 7pm: Enrolment Mass CBS Sacraments.
 Maureen Derrane, The Crescent.
 Kathleen O'Neill, Mountain View.
 Sun 4th 10am: Enrolment Mass CBS Sacraments
 Frances & Denis Callinan, Shannon Park.
 11.45am: Enrolment Mass CBS

Season of Creation



As we celebrate this year's harvest, we are becoming more conscious of the impact of climate change in all our lives and as the Season of Creation concludes next weekend we are reminded of 7 Environmental Principles

- ⇒ Nature knows best;
- ⇒ All forms of life are equally important;
- ⇒ Everything is connected to everything else;
- ⇒ Everything changes;
- ⇒ Everything must go somewhere;
- ⇒ Ours is a finite earth;
- ⇒ Nature is beautiful; and we are stewards of God's creation.

Let's try hard in the year ahead to practise these principles as best we can.

October the Month of the Rosary



The Rosary is a special prayer in the lives of many people.

The month of October, with the Feast of the Holy Rosary, is a special opportunity to once again renew your love for this prayer, even by praying one decade of the Rosary each day.

Irish Girl Guides—Ladybirds

Irish girl guides - Ladybirds open to all girls aged 5 to 7 years. Location: Room upstairs in Scout hall. Time: 6pm to 7pm.

Ladybirds have a few spaces available for this term.

Please contact Sarah-Kate
 0857409943 if interested.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 27th 11am: Michael & Patrick O'Brien, Cloughleigh Rd.
 Paddy & Josie McMahon, Shanaway. Rd.
 Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
 Wed 9.30am: Frank Crowe, Knockerra, Kilrush.
 Fri 9.30am: Bridget O'Connor, Miltown Malbay.

History Week at Clare Libraries



History Week at Clare Libraries will take place from 3rd-10th October with lunchtime lectures in Ennis Library, a *Women of Clare* exhibition and a walking tour of Ennis.

Contact history@clarecoco.ie or 065 6891317 for details. All events are free of charge.

St. Flannan's College Night Classes & Saturday Workshops for Adults will resume on Wednesday October 7th. Classes



include: Beekeeping, Creative Short Fiction, Cross-stitching, Stained Glass, Memoir Writing, Copper Jewellery, Drawing & Painting, Cake Decorating,

QiGong, Clare Embroidery, Papermaking & Book-Binding and Felting.

Text/phone 083 1090039 for further details and bookings.

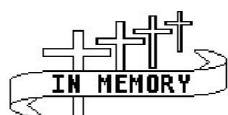
Accord Marriage Preparation Programmes



Are you getting married in 2022? Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service provides Marriage Preparation Programmes for couples choosing to get married in the Catholic Church.

Places are filling quickly so book today for courses in Ennis or Nenagh at www.accord.ie

REST IN PEACE



Anthony O'Callaghan, Cahercalla Estate;

Joe O'Neill, Roslevan;

Barry Boland, Spanish Point, sister of Gertie Hanrahan, Collins Park, Gallows' Hill;

Paddy Cooney, Tulla, brother of Jim Cooney, Shanaway Rd.;

Nathan Browne, Glin, Co.Limerick & Maiville, Kilrush Rd., Ennis.

Cathedral Works Update



Work will begin this Monday Morning on the pavement in front of the Cathedral. This will necessitate the closure of the main door of the cathedral for the duration of this phase of the work.

There will be four entrances to the Cathedral open each day:

- ◆ Grotto Door;
- ◆ Columbarium Door;
- ◆ Both Side Doors.

Funerals will enter and exit by the Columbarium Door.

We ask for your understanding and patience as the work progresses.

Please park responsibly at all times and do not block entrances.

The Parish Office is open and entrance is from Station Road.

Our thanks to all who are contributing to the Renovation Appeal that make this work possible.



Harvest Service

The congregation of St. Columba's, Bindon Street invites everybody to join them for their Sunday Harvest Service on Sunday next 4th October at 11.30am in St. Columba's Church.

Fr. Tom Ryan will be the preacher.

PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD



Lord on this time of tribulation
Hear the prayer we offer
For our suffering world.

May we be united in hope
For the future destiny of our world,
That together we can strive
To make it a better place,
Where our human family
Can live in harmony and peace.

Inspire our political leaders
To find just solutions
To the terror that besets us.

Shine in our darkness
Like a candle,
So that in spite of all the
Uncertainties in our world today
We may hold fast to our trust in you.
Amen

Goodbye September, Hello October



September drifts away,
its gold-leaf days folding
like letters sealed in dusk—
the air still warm enough
to remember summer's breath,
yet tinged with the hush of endings.

October steps forward,
wearing a crown of amber light,
its voice crisp as apple skin,
its touch a quilt of wind and
woodsmoke.
It scatters the last green dreams
and gathers shadows early,
inviting us to sit closer to the fire.

Between them, a doorway swings—
one month's farewell,
another's promise—
and we walk through,
carrying the scent of rain
and the hope of harvest moons.

Author unknown

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
You have done with true judgement,
For we have sinned against you
And not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
And deal with us according to the
bounty of your mercy.

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 Fa-
ther, 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 Ezekiel.

Ezk 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me
as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does
is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is
what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is
unjust? When the upright man renounces
his integrity to commit sin and dies because
of this, he dies because of the evil that he
himself has committed. When the sinner
renounces sin to become law-abiding and
honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen
to renounce all his previous sins; he shall
certainly live; he shall not die'.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response

Remember your mercy, Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth,
and teach me:
For you are God my saviour. R

Remember your mercy, Lord,
And the love you have shown from of
old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
Because of your goodness, O Lord. R

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path
he teaches his way to the poor. R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians. Ph 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to
you, if love can persuade at all, or the
Spirit that we have in common, or any
tenderness and sympathy, then be united
in your convictions and united in your
love, with a common purpose and a com-
mon mind. That is the one thing which
would make me completely happy.
There must be no competition among
you, no conceit; but everybody is to be
self-effacing. Always consider the other
person to be better than yourself, so that
nobody thinks of his own interests first
but everybody thinks of other people's
interests instead. In your minds you must
be the same as Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
And my Father will love him,
And we shall come to him.
Alleluia!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the
elders of the people, 'What is your
opinion? A man had two sons. He went
and said to the first, "My boy, you go and
work in the vineyard today." He
answered, "I will not go", but afterwards

thought better of it and went. The man
then went and said the same thing to the
second who answered, "Certainly, sir",
but did not go. Which of the two did the
father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus
said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax
collectors and prostitutes are making
their way into the kingdom of God before
you. For John came to you, a pattern of
true righteousness, but you did not be-
lieve him, and yet the tax collectors and
prostitutes did. Even after seeing that,
you refused to think better of it and
believe in him.'

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
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.

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant,
O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort
when I am brought low.