



Ennis Parish

Ss Peter & Paul Cathedral, St Joseph's, Chríost Rí Cloughleigh
Abbey Pastoral Area (Ennis, Clarecastle, Doora-Barefield, Quin)
Franciscan Friary & Poor Clare Monastery



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 11 October 2026

Mass times

Cathedral

Mon-Fri: 740am, 11am & 7.30pm

Sat: 11am & Vigil 630pm

Sun: 8am, 930am & 1130am

St Joseph's

Mon – Fri: 1030am

Sat: 1030am & Vigil 7pm

Sun: 10am & 1145am

Chríost Rí Cloughleigh

Mon-Fri: 930am

Sun: 11am

Friary

Mon-Sat: 10am

Sat: Vigil 730pm

Sun: 1030am

Poor Clares

Daily: 745am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Cathedral

Mon-Fri: 7-725pm

Sat: after vigil Mass

Friary

Tues, Fri & Sat:

11am-12noon & 4-5pm

Prisoners' Sunday

The king in this story is certainly not like the God of love and mercy that we are led to believe in by Jesus himself in much of his teaching. So, to understand this Gospel means we must be prepared to dive deeper into them. Could it be that those invited did not come to the banquet as a sign of protest? That they did not drop everything and go because the promises of the king were false, or because in this king's reign there was no justice, or because the poor were left in their poverty. Maybe they did not go to celebrate with the king because the king was not worthy of the title?

Certainly, some people who live in oppressive regimes wind up behaving in ways which are otherwise reprehensible simply because they feel they have no other choice. And it is worth noting that not everyone behaved in this way and yet the king, in his vengeful ways, not only punishes the 'murderers,' but everyone else who called that city home.

I wonder if Jesus would have found himself to be the one who would not pretend to honour a tyrant king by putting on that wedding robe — who in behalf of all of us was thrown into the outer darkness where there was weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The kingdom of heaven is surely a place of equality and justice – but if those who seek to lead and fill it do not act out of love, then which is right, to bow down to them or to refuse to play along. More than ever, the question is for you – how do you understand this parable and why do you take that view?

Parish Office, Station Road, Ennis - 065 6824043; for all bookings and information 9am-5pm Mon-Fri

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Priest on Duty 11th October, 2026

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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Frances Ryan, Willow Park. **1st Anniv.**
John Joe Moroney, Cusack Rd.
Jimmy Kenny, John Paul Ave. & Kilkenny.
Flannan Broderick, Killanena.
Marie Broderick (nee Slattery), Moyriesk, Quin.
Ahmet Omer, Edmonton, London.
Noreen Moloney, Dalcassian Park.
Josie Moloney, McNamara Park.
Nuala Cahill, Drimeen East.
Michael Francis Coughlan, Corrovorrin.

Sun 11th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: James Bradley, Showgrounds' Rd.
Ignacy Knapik, Poland.

11.30am: Michael Moloney, Clarecastle. **MM.**
Geraldine Sheehan, St. Flannan's Drive. **MM.**
Marcus Sweeney, Roscrea & Loughrea. **1st Anniv**
Tom & Bridget Haren, Cahercalla, Kilrush Rd.
Denis James Kennedy, Little Rock, Arkansas.
Mary Kate Burke, Drumbiggle Rd.
Kyle Higgins, Kilmaley.

Mon: 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: No 11am Mass today.

7.30pm: Haulie O'Connell, St. Michael's Villas.
Bridget & Patrick Keane, New York.
Sylvester & Mary Keane, Ennis.
Kay & John Cox, New York.
Sally & Seán Keane, New York.
Kathleen & Michael McGrath, O'Callaghan's Mills.
Seamus & Nora Stokes, Limerick.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: No 11am Mass today.

7.30pm: Patrick, Elizabeth & Amelia Cahill,
Cahercalla Estate.

Wed 7.40am: Sr. Mary Mercy Meaney, Kilkenny.

11am: No 11am Mass today.

7.30pm: James (Jimmy) Brennan, St. Michael's Villas.
1st Anniv.

Irene Meere, & Meere Family, 'Four Winds',
Limerick Rd.

Jack Heaslip, O'Connell St.

Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Paddy & Mary Shanahan, St. Michael's Villas.
Spaight Family, Sixmilebridge.

7.30pm: Eileen Mungovan, Gort na mBláth, Tulla Rd.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Raymond Norton, Ennis. **MM.**

Joan McMahon, Tobertaoscáin. **MM.**

Sat: 11am: Andy Hogan, St. Flannan's Tce.

Bill Ryan, Highfield Park.

Ellen Gill, Sandfield Park.

John, Jane & Gerry McMahon & Ancestors, Co. Clare.
Maura Kelly, Abbey St.

6.30pm: Anne Manton, Ardlea Rd.

Jimmy Moroney, Golf Links Rd.

Francie McMahon, Morrissey Ave.

Nellie Daly, Clare Rd.

Frank Brennan, Clonroad.

Sun 18th 8am: Pat & Mai Tynan (nee Leyden),
College Rd., Ennis & Mill Rd., Limerick.

9.30am: Maura & Eddie Cotter, Cusack Rd.

Frank Moroney & Moroney Family, Hermitage.

11.30am: Anthony O'Callaghan, Cahercalla. **MM.**

Bridget Burke, Park Avenue. **MM.**

Bernadette Connolly, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.

1st Anniv.

James & Bridget Dilleen, Clonroad.

Tony & Mary Carey, Carmody St.

Christopher & Joan Dinan, Waterpark Heights.

Bernard & Martina Browne, 'St. Anthony's',
Circular Rd.

Brid & Billy Walsh, Ballyline, Crusheen.

Diocesan Priests' In Service

On this Sunday Afternoon until lunch time on Wednesday Bishop Fintan and the priests of the Diocese will gather in Loughrea for our annual gathering of fraternal support and reflection. Please pray for your Bishop and priests this week.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there will be no mass in Cloughleigh.

In St. Joseph's Church our Lay Pastoral Ministers will lead a Liturgy of Prayer at 10.30am.

In the Cathedral and thanks to our Franciscan Friars, mass will be celebrated at 7.40am and 7.30pm each day.

Please note there will be no 11am mass but there will be the usual Masses at 7.45am in the Poor Clares and 10am in the Friary.

Priests' Autumn Collection

The Bishop and priests of the Pastoral Area who serve the parish are most grateful for your generosity to the Autumn Collection which took place last weekend.

If you were away or forgot, your generosity will still be appreciated.

Mission Sunday



OCTOBER 18, 2026

Next Sunday 18th October is Mission Sunday, World Day of Prayer and support for Mission and Missionaries.

The Second Collection at all masses next weekend is to give support to our missionaries

Newly Baptised



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

Oliwier Czeslaw Tokarski

Amber Rose O'Loughlin

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Joseph & Mary Hegarty, Shanaway Road.
Sun 11th 10am:

Kathleen Hogan, St. Claire's Tce. MM.

Mary Roberts, Kincora Park.

Martin Daly, 'Mayfield', College Road.

11.45am: May & Michael Tully, Shannon Park.

Mon 10.30am: No Mass today— Lay Led Liturgy.

Tues 10.30am: No Mass today— Lay Led Liturgy.

Wed 10.30am: No Mass today— Lay Led Liturgy.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.

Sat: 10.30am: John Raftery, Galway.

Michael McMahon & Muriel McNerney,

Coolmenbeg, Kilmurry McMahon.

7pm: Cyril & Margaret Hynes & Hynes &

McGann Families, Ennistymon.

Jimmy Shannon, Shannon Park &

Noel Colleran, Quin.

Sun 18th 10am: No intention booked.

11.45am: No intention booked.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11th 11am: Tommy Sherlock, Considine Rd.

Catherine (Kitty) O'Regan, John Paul Ave.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 18th 11am: Patrick & Christina Coote,
Considine's Tce.

St Joseph's Church Choir are seeking new members to join them - say hello on Sundays at 1145am for details of practice etc.



Blessing of New Life & Expectant Parents

Blessing of New Life & Expectant Parents in SS Peter & Paul Church, Clarecastle on Tuesday October 20th at 7pm

for the Abbey Pastoral Area.

All welcome.

Cemetery Sunday

Sunday 1st November, All Saints Day

Columbarium Cathedral	after 11.30am Mass
Corrovorrin Cemetery	2pm
Drumcliffe Cemetery	3pm

REST IN PEACE

Erwin Potus Slovakia, father of Veronika Balis
Hogan's Place, Limerick Road;

Pat Donnellan, Bunratty, brother of Gerry,
St. Michael's Villas;

Peggy Molloy, McNamara Park.



October—Safeguarding Month



A safe parish is one where children and young people are cherished, listened to and protected.

Our safeguarding policies, training and procedures help us to provide safe environments for everyone involved in parish activities.

We are grateful to our Parish Safeguarding Representatives, clergy, staff and volunteers for their continued commitment to this important work.

Safeguarding Refresher Training

Safeguarding Refresher Training which covers both Adults at Risk and Child Safeguarding Training will take place on Wednesday 14th October in the Oakwood Hotel, Shannon from 6.30pm to 9pm with hot finger food from 6.15pm.

The training is for anyone who has not undertaken Safeguarding Refresher Training within the last three years including Priests, Parish Safeguarding Representatives, Leaders/Supervisors of Children's Ministry including Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Youth Ministry, Eucharistic Ministers visiting homes or Nursing Homes, Pastoral Workers and anyone involved in ministry with children or adults at risk.

Please reserve your place by email to office@killaloeodiocese.ie

Cathedral Works Update



Work has begun on the pavement in front of the Cathedral. The main door of the Cathedral will remain closed 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.

Sláinte an Chláir Fundraiser



Ennis Singers Club Annual Fundraiser for Sláinte an Chláir Cancer Centre, Kilnamona is on this Friday, 16th October at 9.15 pm. In The Grove Restaurant, Roslevan. Special Guest: All-Ireland champion storyteller & singer Frances Kennedy, Lis-towel. All welcome

National Synodal Assembly Saturday 17th October, 2026



The National Synodal Assembly for the Catholic Church in Ireland will take place next Saturday 17th October at the City North Hotel, Gormanstown, Co. Meath. Delegates from every Diocese across the country will gather to consider proposals, engage in communal discernment and make practical recommendations for the Church in Ireland. This Assembly marks a key moment in the Irish Synodal Pathway, which began in 2021.

The theme is 'The Living Out of Our Baptism' and discussions will focus on seven priorities:

- Belonging;
- Co-responsibility & Lay Ministry;
- Family;
- Formation and Catechesis;
- Healing;
- Women;
- Youth.

The working document entitled '*Is Not This What God Asks of You?*' has been published and is available to read. Everyone is warmly invited to pray with and reflect on the question that has guided the Synodal Pathway from the beginning.

What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?

We ask all parishioners to keep this important gathering in your prayers.



'Rambling House', Cois na hAbhna, Cloughleigh Comhaltas Tuesday 13th October at 7.30pm. Trad Music, singing, storytelling. Tea & Chat. All welcome

Clarecastle Daycare Centre Open Day, Saturday 17th October 11am to 2pm. Join us to experience a Day at the Centre. Music, Dance, Refreshments and Fun.

Everyone welcome.

Meditation Group Wednesday Mornings 10.30am—11.15am.
Contact Rita 087 954 0139

Sacrament Dates 2027



Celebration of the Sacraments is at the core of our parish life. Details of Sacraments to be celebrated for each school in the parish are as follows:

First Communion

After School Programme	The Cathedral	1 st May	12 noon;
Ennis NS	The Cathedral	8 th May	11am
CBS	St. Joseph's	8 th May	11am;
Gaelscoil Mhicil Cíosóg	Cathedral	15 th May	12 noon;
St. Clare's School	St. Joseph's	21 st May	12 noon;
Holy Family NS	Cathedral	22 nd May	11am;
St. Anne's School	St. Joseph's	28 th May	11am;
Scoil Chríost Rí	Cloughleigh Oratory	29 th May	11am

Confirmation

Gaelscoil Mhicil Cíosóg	Cathedral	12 th February	11am;
Scoil Chríost Rí	Cloughleigh Oratory	12 th march	11am
Ennis NS	Cathedral	9 th April	11am;
CBS	St. Joseph's	10 th April	3pm;
Holy Family NS	Cathedral	16 th April	11am;
After School Programme	Cathedral	1 st May	12 noon;
St. Anne's School	St. Joseph's	6 th May	11.30am;
St. Clare's School	St. Joseph's	12 th May	12 noon

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of 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 prophet Isaiah.

Is 25:6-10

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy,
of fine strained wines.

On this mountain He will remove the
mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
He will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his peoples shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. In the Lord's own house

shall I dwell for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
Where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
To revive my drooping spirit.

R

He guides me along the right path;
He is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
No evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your
staff;
With these you give me comfort.

R

You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes
My head you have anointed with oil;
My cup is overflowing.

R

Surely goodness and kindness
shall follow me

All the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
For ever and ever.

R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians. Ph 4:12-14.19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to
be rich too. I have been through my
initiation and now I am ready for anything
anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach,
poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot
master with the help of the One who gives
me strength. All the same, it was good of
you to share with me in my hardships. In
return my God will fulfil all your needs, in
Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can.
Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Word was made flesh
and lived among us;*

To all who did accept him

He gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of
the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who gave a feast for his
son's wedding. He sent his servants to call
those who had been invited, but they would
not come. Next he sent some more

servants. "Tell those who have been invited
he said "that I have my banquet all
prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have
been slaughtered, everything is ready.
Come to the wedding." But they were not
interested: one went off to his farm, another
to his business, and the rest seized his
servants, maltreated them and killed them.
The king was furious. He despatched his
troops, destroyed those murderers and
burnt their town. Then he said to his
servants, "The wedding is ready; but as
those who were invited proved to be
unworthy, go to the cross-roads in the town
and invite everyone you can find to the
wedding." So these servants went out onto
the roads and collected together everyone
they could find, bad and good alike; and the
wedding hall was filled with guests.

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 Scrip-
tures. 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

**The rich suffer want and go hungry
But those who seek the Lord
lack no blessing.**