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FEAST OF ALL SAINTS - YEAR A – 1ST NOVEMBER 2026

DEFERRING FLEETING WINS FOR AN ETERNAL REWARD



There is a story told of a young family in a supermarket doing their weekly shop. As they come to the till their children spots the strategically placed sweets just where they joined the que. And so begins the stream of *"I want, "can I have", "please, please, please."* The young children know no better. If there are sweets, they need to be eaten right now. But their parents have another idea. Yes, you can have a packed of sweets, but you won't eat them until after your dinner. They are teaching their child the value of delayed gratification. We put off the reward for a later time when it will mean so much more and be a real and richer reward. We postpone short term gains that rob us of something much more valuable.

These are not easy learnt lessons but lessons the child will need to learn as they try and navigate a world that prizes instant gratification. How else will training before the match make any sense. Or practicing a musical instrument before being able to play be worth it. In life we must wait. Life, love and faith rarely rewards us instantly. They take time to mature and grow. But for those who wait and persevere, they experience something that the impatient or rash miss out on.

This is the "they shall be" that Jesus speaks of in our Gospel. Realising the rewards of faith takes time. Striving for peace takes time, effort and the ability to endure many failures. Justice and peace rarely come quickly. They can take years to achieve and many more years to establish themselves. It can take time before we allow mercy to touch our hearts in a way that changes us so that we can gift mercy to another. And for those of us who have had reason to mourn, we know all too well that it takes time before we can begin to glimpse new life and new hope in our hearts.

We live in an impatient world. A world that trains us to expect and demand instant gratification. But our Gospel seems to remind us that sometimes the best things in life come slowly. The Gospel seem to tell us that sometimes it is best put off that instant gain, for a more long-term reward. This is as true of love as it is of faith. Both need time. Both benefit from an investment that takes time to realise themselves.

On this Feast of All Saints this is the "they shall be" we pray for our departed loved one's. The saints are those who trusted that in the next life a reward would be gifted to them for the times they deferred their own needs in the interest of love of God and love of neighbour. They deferred a perceived fleeting win for a prize that was eternal. And this is our prayer for all our departed loved ones that they may now rejoice and be glad about their reward in heaven. Yes, in life they may have had to wait, or defer what the world said they should have embraced because in faith they believed in a reward whereby they would be embraced in the eternal love of God. May they rest in peace.

Mass Times

SAINTS PETER & PAUL CATHEDRAL	*St Joseph's Church*	*Chríost Rí Church Cloughleigh*	*Friary*
Mon – Fri 07.40 -11.00 & 19.30 Sat 11.00 & Vigil 18.30 Sun: 08.00 - 9.30 & 11.30	Mon – Fri: 10.30 Sat: 10.30 & Vigil 19.00 Sun: 10.00 & 11.45	Mon-Fri: 09.30 Sun: 11.00	Mon-Sat: 10.00 Sat: Vigil 19.30 Sun: 10.30 ***Poor Clares*** Daily: 07.45

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Cathedral: Mon-Fri: 19.00 -19.25
Sat: after vigil Mass
Friary: Tues, Fri & Sat: 11.00-12.00 noon

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to organise your child's Baptism and arrange a meeting with our baptismal Team.



Priest on Duty 1st November, 2026
Contact: Fr. Pat Malone—Tel. 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Anne Marie Lucas, Cusack Rd.
Margaret & Tom Coughlan, Clonroadbeg.
Frank & Sadie McInerney, College Green.
Don Scanlan, Willow Park & Scattery Island.
Bridie, Jimmy & Fr. Con Duffy, Tulla.
Nuala Haren, Toloughaboy, Connolly.
Christinas Family, Lithuania.
Rosa Palnez Family, Lithuania.
Sun 1st 8am: Costelloe & O'Donoghue families, Ennis & Cork.
9.30am: Mary O'Neill, Carmody St.
11.30am: Teresa & Billy Fitzgerald, Clare Rd.
Dan Neylon, Ballyalla.
Breda Quinn, Kinvara.
Nuala Kearney, Ennis.
Patrick & Bridget Coughlan, Labasheeda.
Martin, Maureen & O'Halloran family, Claureen.
Patrick & Bridget Coughlan, Labasheeda.
Mon: 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Mass for all deceased in Ennis Parish in the last year.
Tues 7.40am: Book of Intentions.
11am: Tony Breen, Mill Rd & Doonbeg.
7.30pm: Tamara Shannon, Greendale.
Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: Special Intention.
Annie Barry, Hemitage.
Special Intention.
7.30pm: Johnny & Margaret Moroney & family, Hermitage.
Cora & Michael Coughlan, Corrovorrin.
Thurs 7.40am: Holy Souls.
11am: Cyril Crew, Hermitage.
5.15pm Annual Mass for Deceased Clare Co. Council.
7.30pm: Clem & Mary Ryan, Parnell St.
Kathleen Doran, Tulla.
Charles, Mary & Patrick O'Grady, McNamara Park.
Monica & Michael Clohessy, Connolly Villas.
Avis Moran.
Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Sabina Moran.
Special Intention.
7.30pm: Gerry Queally, "Sylvan View", Drumcliffe.
Helena Fitzpatrick, Kilkee.
Sat:11am: Mary Mooney, Brosna, Co. Kerry. 1st Anniv
Gertrude Judge.
David O'Connor, Silvergrove.
6.30pm: Sr. Noreen O'Rourke, St. Xavier's Convent.
Frances Ryan, Willow Park.
Joe Hehir, Considine Rd.
Graham Judkins, London.
Clancy & Desmond Families, Kilrush & Tuam.
Michael Francis Coughlan, Corrovorrin.
Paddy Neylon, Old Gort Rd.
Des Neylon, Gallows Hill.
Sun 8th 8am: Marion & Ted Hanley, Brockley, London.
9.30am: Nellie Forde, Market St.
Delia Lynch, Fergus Park.
Pat Fitzgerald, Ballyduff, Barefield.
Imelda, Michael & Johnny Hayes, Rockmount.
11.30am: Bridget McDonagh, Manchester. MM.
Nora Keavey, Claureen.
Eilish & George Douglas, Belfast.
Christopher Greene, Beechpark.
John Houlihan, College Rd.
John Browne, Knockerra, Kilrush.
Paddy Casey, Parnell St.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge a donation of €20. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

November Masses for the Holy Souls

These masses begin this Monday All Souls' Day and continue throughout the month of November.

Envelopes with the list of your dead can be returned to any of the churches.

Blessing of Graves



This Sunday
Columbarium in the Cathedral after 11.30am Mass
Corrovorrin Cemetery 2pm
Drumcliffe Cemetery 3pm

Remembering our Loved Ones

Our Remembrance Book honouring all who have died in the Parish will be available from the Parish Office from Tuesday of this week.

A donation to cover the cost of printing would be appreciated for each copy.

Newly Baptised



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

Caroline Rose McDonagh;

Caroline Shania McDonagh;

Hugo Cyril White;

Aurelia Sobieszczuk;

Croía Teresa Pyne

St. Joseph's



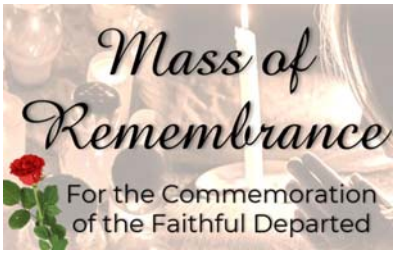
Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Sheila & Gerald Murray, Newmarket-on-Fergus.
Sun 1st 10am: Margaret, John & Canny Family, Corofin.
Mikey McCabe, Tara, Co. Meath.
Carmody Family, Gort Rd.
Kathleen Downes, Marian Ave.
11.45am: Tom, Helen & Mary Cassidy, Ennis & Dublin.
John Joe, Mary & Noel Morgan & Family, Oran, Roscommon.
Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.
Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 10.30am: Holy Souls.
2pm: Mass of Remembrance - St Joseph's Hospital.
Thu 10.30am: Martin & Nora McNulty, Ennistymon.
Fri. 10.30am: No intention booked.
Sat: 10.30am: James & Sheila Corry, Lissycasey.
7pm: Eugene McNamara, Claureen & Cloverhill.
PJ & Vicky Keane, Corrovorrin.
Michael & Mary O'Doherty & daughters, McNamara Park.
Niel Casey, Willow Park.
Sun 6th 10am: Ellen Lyons, Mountain View.
Paddy Fitzgerald, Kilrush Rd.
11.45am: Lorraine Sherlock, Considine Rd.
Agnes Knox, Castlerock, Tulla Rd.
PJ & Agnes Mee & Mee Family, Miltown Malbay.
Foudy Family, Miltown Malbay.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11am: Lilly Brennan, Morrissey Ave. 1st Anniv
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Fri 9.30am: Deceased Eircom Staff Annual Mass.
Sun 11am: Mary, Jimmy & Michael Neylon, Cloughleigh Rd.



The Annual Mass of Remembrance for residents and staff of St Joseph's Hospital, Ennis will take place at 2pm on Wednesday 4 November in St Joseph's Church and all are welcome.

First Friday



Friday next 7th is the first Friday of November. 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.

Blood Donors Needed – Ennis Clinic

Save a life Give Blood

West County Hotel
Monday 2nd November: 4:40pm – 8:10pm
Tuesday 3rd November: 4:40pm – 8:10pm
New donors are very welcome.
For appointments call 1800 222 111.

Clare's Fittest Superstars

Fundraiser for Cahercalla Community Care and Ennis RFC, Friday 13th November, 6pm, Treacy's West County Hotel. Obstacle course, live DJ and raffle. Admission €15 at the door. All welcome.

The Monthly Mass for SFO members will take place on Wednesday 4th November at 10am in the Friary.
The Rite of Profession to SFO Way of Life will take place during the mass. We will pray the office after mass.
There will also be an evening meeting in the Friary Parlour at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

Meditation and Gentle Movement for the next 6 Mondays in Cloughleigh Community Hall V95 K31X from 10 am to 11.45 am. Facilitated by Mary Lillis. Supported by EWCG. Enquiries: 086 1035633. All are welcome.

Fundraising Coffee Morning

Ennis & District Soroptimists together with Mary Lynch are hosting a fundraising Coffee Morning for the Samaritans Ennis and Co. Clare. 11am to 12.30 on Saturday, 14th November, 2026. Venue, Knockaderry House, Knockaderry Grove, Tulla Road, Ennis.
Everyone is welcome. Raffle and prizes. Please support.

REST IN PEACE

Sr. Mary Sexton, Lissycasey, sister of Fr. Pat Sexton & Frances Ashe;

John O'Connell, Gort Road & Cloghaun, Lisdoonvarna;

Sr. Maureen (Mary Margaret) Haugh, Sisters of Mercy, Bóthar na Trócaire, Ennis, and formerly of Shragh, Doonbeg,

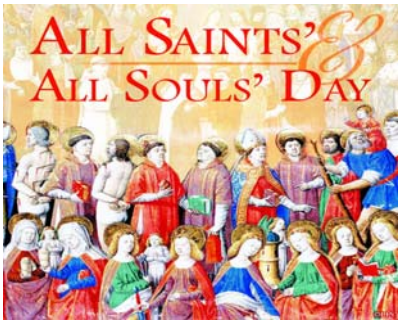
Sabine Helfferich, Abbeyville, Limerick Rd.

Pat Kelly, London & Scoole, Corofin, brother of Tony, Ahern's Tce. & James, Corrovorrin.

Anne Brann, Clareville, Clare Rd. & Cranny.

Jimmy Carroll, Kilrush Rd.

Feast of All Saints



This Sunday 1st November we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. This feast honours us all living and dead. This feast celebrates those gone before us and proclaims with love that the finest common thread among us is that we are children of God, friends of Jesus Christ and the place where God's glory dwells.
In celebrating the feasts of All Saints and All Souls this Sunday and Monday we celebrate and remember.
In praying for our dead we keep their memory alive.

'No one is ever dead
while someone still remembers.'

Feast of All the Saints of Ireland
Friday 6th November



On this day we remember and pray for our fellow countrymen and women who share in the eternal glory of heaven.

Masses of Remembrance



Wednesday 2pm for residents and staff of St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Joseph's Church;

Wednesday 6pm for deceased members and families of An Garda Siochána of the Clare/Tipperary Division in the Cathedral;

Thursday 5.15pm for deceased staff and members of Clare County Council in the Cathedral.

Friday 9.30am in Cloughleigh Church for deceased Eircom Staff.

Please note that there will be no Adoration on Wednesday and Thursday this week

Update on Cathedral Renovation



We apologise for the ongoing teething problems with our new heating system . We hope to have it resolved shortly.

Great progress is happening at the front of the Cathedral with the paving. This will continue this week.

To help facilitate this work, it will be necessary to restrict access to the presbytery side of the Cathedral and to the Columbarium.

Entry to the Columbarium will be from the Grotto side and the Old Ground side of the Cathedral on Station Road.

Hearses will enter the grounds from Station Road and turn right at the Sacristy.

Please note that no cars other than staff and residents are allowed on the grounds of the Cathedral while this work is ongoing. Please respect.

We thank you for your understanding at this time and to all who are contributing to the Renovation Appeal.

We look forward to the completion of the works in a few weeks time.

Congratulations

Club na mBratach
The Banner GAA Club ENNIS Est. 1977

To the Banner GAA Club who were crowned Intermediate HurlingChampions last Sunday. A special word of gratitude to all who do great work for our young people.

Ennis TradFest



We welcome all who will celebrate our rich music tradition in the Ennis TradFest from 5th to 9th November.

Limerick Maternity Hospital
Annual Remembrance Service.

At Church of the Holy Rosary, Limerick Sunday 8th November at 3pm. All welcome.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon
Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in hour of all the Saints, at whose festival the angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

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 Apocalypse
Apoc 7:2-4. 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, "Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, "Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words: "Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, "Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?" I answered him, "You can tell me, my Lord." Then he said, "These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb."

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm
Response:
Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. R.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. R.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. R.

A reading from the first letter of St John
1 Jn 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,
And I will give you rest , says the Lord.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:
'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called children of God,
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.