



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



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 25th October, 2026

Mass times

Cathedral

Mon-Fri: 7.40am, 11am & 7.30pm

Sat: 11am & Vigil 6.30pm

Sun: 8am, 9.30am & 11.30am

St Joseph's

Mon – Fri: 10.30am

Sat: 10.30am & Vigil 7pm

Sun: 10am & 11.45am

Chríost Rí Cloughleigh

Mon-Fri: 9.30am

Sun: 11am

Friary

Mon-Sat: 10am

Sat: Vigil 7.30pm

Sun: 10.30am

Poor Clares

Daily: 7.45am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Cathedral

Mon-Fri: 7-7.25pm

Sat: after vigil Mass

Friary

Tues, Fri & Sat:

11am-12noon

Today's Gospel speaks to us about the *greatest of the commandments*. A doctor of the law questions Jesus about this and He responds with the "great commandment of love": "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (...) and (...) your neighbour as yourself" (vv. 37.39). Love of God and neighbour are inseparable from each other. So, let us pause a bit to reflect on this.

The first: the fact that love for the Lord comes first reminds us that *God always precedes us*, he anticipates us with his infinite tenderness (cf. *Jn 4:19*), with his closeness, with his mercy, for He is always near, tender and merciful. A baby learns to love on their mommy's and daddy's knees, and we learn it in God's arms. The Psalm says, "Like a weaned child in the arms of its mother" (cf. *131:2*). This is how we should feel in God's arms. And there, we absorb the Lord's affection; there, we encounter the love that impels us to give ourselves generously. Saint Paul recalls charity of Christ possesses a loving. And everything cannot truly love others if you which is love of God, love for



And now the second commandment of love. It for neighbour: it means

that by loving our brothers and sisters, we reflect the Father's love like mirrors. *To reflect God's love*, this is the point – to love Him whom we do not see through the brother/sisters whom we do see (cf. *1 Jn 4:20*). One day, Saint Teresa of Calcutta responded to a journalist who asked her if she had illusions about changing the world by which she was doing, "No, I never thought I could change the world! I only wanted to be a drop of clean water, through which God's love could shine" (Meeting with journalists after receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Rome, 1979). This is how she, who was so little, was able to do so much good – by reflecting God's love like a drop. And if at times, looking at her and other saints, we might be moved to think that they are heroes that cannot be imitated, let us think again about that small drop: love is a drop that can change many things. And how can this be done? Taking the first step, always. Sometimes it is not easy to take the first step, to forget things..., to take the first step – let's do that. This is the drop – to take the first step.

So, dear brothers and sisters, thinking about God's love that always precedes us, we can ask ourselves: Am I grateful to the Lord that he loves me first? Do I feel God's love and am I grateful to him? And do I try to reflect His love? Do I strive to love my brothers and sisters, and take this second step?

Pope Francis

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Priest on Duty Sunday 25th October 2026

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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Kay Hanberry, Roslevan.
Mary Mahony, Parnell St.
Ann Marie O'Regan, Orchard Grove, Gort Rd.
Paul Crowley, Cahercalla Estate.
Paulette Fitzpatrick, Harmony Row.
Eamonn & Colette Kelly, Shanaway & Brookville.
Deirdre Keane, Dublin.

Sun 25th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Daragh Hennessy, Avondale.
Kathleen Hanrahan & Pappy Gleeson, Dalcassian Pk.

11.30am: Anne Loftus, Buttermarket. **1st Anniv**
Susan Guinnane, Fountain Post Office. **MM**
Therese O'Brien, Ashfield Pk.
Maura White, Connolly Villas & Liverpool.
Francis White, Considine Rd.
Mary & Matt Corbett, Limerick Rd.
Michael Rynne, Cusack Rd.
Jack & Annie Moloney, Hermitage.
Frank Coffey, Considine Rd.

Mon: 7.40am: No Mass

11am: Kathleen Quinn, late Corofin & Park Ave.

7.30pm: Denis Sexton, Hermitage.
Delia & Patrick O'Brien & Mahony family, Marian Ave.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Teresa Kenny, Rathflynn, Corofin.

7.30pm: Nancy Cahir, Larchill. **1st Anniv**
Mary Flynn, Childer's Rd.

Wed 7.40am: Pat & Kitty Kissane &
Ger O'Brien, Ennis, Dublin & Cork.

11am: Special Intention.

7.30pm: Dec'd Griffin family, Parnell St & Francis St.
Rita, Joe & Gary Moroney, Shanaway.
Michael (Haulie) McNamara, Cornmarket St.
Paddy & Mary McNamara, Dromadrehid.

Thurs 7.40am: Edward Moran.

11am: Peter R. Larkin, U.S.A.

7.30pm: Bernadette O'Loughlin, Old Gort Rd.
Paschal O'Brien, Gort Rd.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Maurice Walshe, College Green, **MM**
Colm McLoughlin, Ennis, Shannon, Dubai.
Tony Sweeny, Honeywell.

7.30pm: Mary O'Connell, "St. Therese", Limerick Rd.

Sat: 11am: Liam Murphy, Hermitage & Ballybeg.
Stephen & Eileen Kenny, Cornmarket St.
Noel Slattery, John Paul Ave & Moyriesk, Quin.
Tommy & Patsy Moloney, St. Michael's Villas.

6.30pm: Anne Marie Lucas, Cusack Rd.
Margaret & Tom Coughlan, Clonroadbeg.
Frank & Sadie McInerney, College Green.
Don Scanlan, late Willow Park & Scatterry Island.
Bridie, Jimmy & Fr. Con Duffy, Tulla.

Sun 8am: Costelloe & O'Donoghue families,
Ennis & Cork.

9.30am: No intention booked.

11.30am: Teresa & Billy Fitzgerald, Clare Rd.
Dan Neylon, Ballyalla.
Breda Quinn, Kinvara.
Nuala Kearney, Ennis.
Patrick & Bridget Coughlan, Labasheda.
Martin, Maureen & Dec'd O'Halloran family, Claireen.

Cathedral

Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €3,000 & €250. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Mission Sunday Thank you



Thank you for your generosity of €5,553 to support the work of Missionaries who proclaim the Gospel in our name.

Winter Time

Clocks go back one hour this weekend as wintertime arrives. This will continue until Easter Sunday 28th March 2027 when Summertime will begin



Bank Holiday Monday

Mass Times

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

Rest in Peace

Birdie Shanahan nee Fitzpatrick, Clonroadmore;

Augusta O'Brien, Castlelawn, Inch & Ballyheane Mayo;



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Pat & Mary McInerney, Corrovorrin Green.
Sun 10am: No intention booked.

11.45am: Michael & Anthony Dormer, Rosanore.
Nancy & Tommy Dormer, Gort Road.
Jimmy & his Uncle Lawrence Frawley, Corrovorrin & Hermitage.

5pm: Brazilian Community.

Mon 10.30am: No Mass

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: Delma Carroll, O'Callaghan's Mills.
Maureen Conway, Pine Grove.

Sat: 10.30am: Michael, Delia & Gerard Kenny, Old Gort Road.

7pm: Sheila & Gerald Murray, Newmarket-on-Fergus.

Sun 1st 10am: Margaret, John & Deceased Canny Family, Corofin.

Mikey McCabe, Tara, Co. Meath.
Deceased Carmody Family, Gort Rd.
Kathleen Downes, Marian Ave.

11.45am: Tom, Helen & Mary Cassidy, Ennis & Dublin.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 25th 11am: Pádraig O'Halloran, Woodlawn.
John, Peig & Peter Moloney, Claireen.

Mon 9.30am: No Mass.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Mary Griffin, Cusack Rd.

Sun 11am: Lilly Brennan, Morrissey Ave. **1st Anniv**

Cathedral Update

Work has now commenced on the paving in front of the Cathedral. 20 days have been allocated for this work.

The new heating system is operational with some teething issues to be resolved. The remaining works on the ground are proceeding according to plan.

We apologise for the inconvenience it is causing but hopefully that all will be worthwhile.

The Cathedral and Parish Office remain open each day with four access points for the Cathedral and entrance to the Parish Office is by Station Road.

We thank the many people who are making contributions to the work. Such generosity is very much appreciated.

Remembrance Service

8th November 2026 @ 3pm

A time to remember, to honour each baby and pregnancy loss, by lighting a candle together. Church of the Holy Rosary, Ennis Rd., Limerick.



November 2026

Cemetery Sunday

Sunday 1st November

All Saints' Day

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

November Masses for the Holy Souls

The month of November dedicated to the Holy Souls is our annual reminder not to forget our loved ones and those who have gone before us. One of the great consolations of our Catholic faith is our belief in the Communion of Saints. That the link with those who have died is not broken with death but takes on a whole new meaning with our belief that those who died are just gone ahead of us and our relationship continues in new ways.

Our November Masses for the Holy Souls' begin on All Souls Day, Monday 2nd November. Envelopes are now available.

Feast of All Saints

On Sunday 1st November, we celebrate the feast of All Saints', a day of special celebration honouring all our loved ones who were privileged to share life with us on this earth and who we believe now share in the eternal happiness of the company of God in heaven.

Mass of Remembrance

For all who have died in the Parish in the last year and for parishioners who have had a bereavement Mass will take place on Monday 2nd November, All Souls' Day at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

A prayer for November

God be in my head and in my understanding
God be in my eyes and in my looking
God be in my mouth and in my speaking
God be in my heart and in my thinking
God be at my end and my departing.

Ireland's 3rd National

First Saturdays Conference

This year's conference will take place in Knock on Saturday November 28th. The day begins at 10am and finishes at 5pm. It includes Holy Mass, adoration, talks, and a healing service. Speakers include: Fr Patrick Cahill, Geraldine O'Donnell, Fr Leon Pereira OP, Nikki Kingsley, Fr Marius O'Reilly, Fr. Jaimie Twohig, Christine O'Hara, Fr. Mark Quinn, and Fr Philip Kemmy, Fr. John Keane will lead a Eucharistic Healing Service. More information and the list of buses going are available on www.firstsaturdays.ie. At Fatima Our Lady promised that if we did what she asked there would be peace in the world and that many souls would be saved.

Anam Cara Galway, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Support Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Headford Point, Sandy Road, Galway.

History of Clare youth Clubs 1969-2026

A group has been formed to compile a history of Youth clubs in Clare from 1969-2026. We are hoping to make contact with all Youth Clubs throughout the County (1969-2026) who were active during those years.

An information sheet will be distributed to each Club contact person, and we ask you to please forward information to us by Friday 30th October.

If you need further information, please contact Jim McMahon jimmac.ennis@gmail.com 0868119086, Nuala Donnellan nuala.historycryc@hotmail.com 0868066496 or Donagh O'Meara 087 2322140 donaghomeara@gmail.com

**Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday 18th October,
Fund €4,560
Online €227**

October - Safeguarding Month



Safeguarding is more than policies and procedures - it is about respecting the dignity, wellbeing, and rights of every person. As a parish community, let us continue to be vigilant, caring and supportive of one another. By working together, we can help ensure that everyone who comes through our doors feels safe, valued and welcome.

Congratulations



To the **Banner GAA Club** who were crowned Intermediate Football Champions last Saturday.



To **Eire Óg** who were crowned Senior Football Champions for the third year in a row.

A special word of gratitude to all who do great work for our young people in both Clubs.

All Saints

I know a lot of saints, I do!
So let me mention just a few:
I know someone who runs a team
And teaches kids to play and dream,
Who stands in cold and wind and rain
On days they play and nights they train;
Someone who says, 'Just do your best',
When I am scared to take a test;
A friend who takes the time to show
How things were done so long ago;
A teacher who just always knows
Where that comma always goes;
And others who are kind and good
Who try to act as Jesus would,
Who show God's love in all they do;
I know a lot of saints, don't you?

Christy Kenneally.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

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 Exodus

Ex 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel
this', "You must not molest the stranger or
oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the
land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the
widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh
with them, they will surely cry out to me, and
be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will
flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your
own wives will be widows, your own children
orphans".

"If you lend money to any of my
people, to any poor man among you, you must
not play the usurer with him: you must not de-
mand interest from him".

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge,
you must give it back to him before sunset.

It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak
he wraps his body in; what else would he
sleep in?

If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of
pity."

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength

I love you, Lord, my strength,
My rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
My shield, my mighty help,
my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
When I call I am saved from my foes.

R.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

R.

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

1 Th 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when
we were with you, which was for your
instruction, and you were led to become
imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was
with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took
to the gospel, in spite of the great
opposition all round you. This has made
you the great example to all believers in
Macedonia and Achaia since it was from
you that the word of the Lord started to
spread - and not only throughout
Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of
your faith in God has spread everywhere.
We do not need to tell other people about
it: other people tell us how we started the
work among you, how you broke with
idolatry when you were converted to God
and became servants of the real, living
God; and how you are now waiting for
Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the
dead, to come from heaven to save us
from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Open our hearts, O Lord,
To accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had
silenced the Sadducees they got together
and, to disconcert him, one of them put a
question, 'Master, which is the greatest
commandment of the Law?' Jesus said,
'You must love the Lord your God with all
your heart, with all your soul, and with all
your mind. This is the greatest and the first
commandment. The second resembles it:
You must love your neighbour as yourself.
On these two commandments hang the
whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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

**We will ring out our joy
at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.**