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Ennis
Abbey Pastoral Area

Ennis – Clarecastle – Doora Barefield - Quin

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THIRTYTHIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A – 15TH NOVEMBER 2026

The Lord Is the Refuge of the Poor

On the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Church marks the World Day of the Poor. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, comes from Psalm 14: "The Lord is the refuge of the poor." It reminds us that God is never indifferent to those who struggle, and that the Church is called to make God's compassion visible.

Poverty is often imagined as having too little money or not enough food. These are needs, but poverty has many faces. It can be the anxiety of a family trying to keep a roof over its head, the isolation of an older person whose phone rarely rings, the insecurity of someone without work, or the shame of a person who cannot make ends meet. Some people are poor in material things; others are burdened by loneliness, illness, grief or the feeling that nobody notices them. Many carry their difficulties silently.

Pope Leo reminds us that people who are poor can be robbed not only of bread, but also of their voice and dignity. It is possible to pass someone in need every day and never see them. We can become so occupied with our own concerns that another person's hardship becomes invisible. The World Day of the Poor challenges that indifference. This is not optional generosity; it belongs at faith's heart. It asks us to look again, to listen and to recognise the person before the problem.



The message challenges the Church. Our parishes must be places where people find welcome rather than judgement, friendship rather than embarrassment, and practical help rather than empty words. A food parcel, a listening ear, a lift to an appointment, a visit, or help in finding support can restore hope. But concern cannot stop at acts of kindness. We must ask why people are left without housing, resources or a fair chance, and be willing to speak for justice.

The poor are not simply people to whom we give. They are our brothers and sisters, with gifts, wisdom and faith to share. When we stand beside them, we often discover that they strengthen our community and teach us what truly matters.

May this World Day move us beyond sympathy to solidarity. May our churches and homes become places of refuge, where nobody is invisible and nobody is left to struggle alone. When we make room for the poor, we make room for Christ himself.

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 15th November, 2026
Contact Fr. Joy - Tel. 065 6869098

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Peggy Molloy, McNamara Park. MM.
Paddy & Nellie Casey & Family, Parnell St.
Kevin Barry, Shanaway Rd.
Nancy & Bernie Murphy, Circular Rd.
Vera. Madden, Ros na gGléireach, St. Flannan's Drive.
Sun 15th 8am: Camillus, Malachy & Cornelius McInerney, Doora.
9.30am: Martin & Mary Brooks, Castlewood Park.
Vincent Madigan, Ballyalla
11.30am: Jackie O'Neill, Dalcassian Avenue.1st Anniv.
Maureen & Walter Bridgeman, Quin.
Tom Meaney, Limerick Rd.
Mary Slattery, Liscannor.
Mon: 7.40am: Holy Souls.
11am: Sr. Mary Stephen O'Connor, Kerry & England.
Carmel Hanrahan, Shanacloon, Lahinch Rd. MM.
Paddy & Nora Quinn, Market St.
7.30pm: No intention booked.
Tues:7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Thomas O'Halloran, Clonroadmore.
Tessie Kerin, Carron, Kilfenora.
Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Anthony (Tony) Ward, Dalcassian Ave. 1st Anniv.
Paddy & Tessie Meere, Cahercalla.
Thurs 7.40am: Holy Souls.
11am: Patrick & Ann Dargan, 'St. Gabriels', Limerick Rd.
7.30pm: Nancy & Jackie O'Neill, Dalcassian Ave.
Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Kevin Keane, Connolly Villas. 1st Anniv.
Seán Lynch, Clancy Park.
Margaret O'Brien, Elm Park & Fountain.
Pauline Queally, Limerick Rd.,
James, Eileen, Jim & Mary Bredin, Limerick Rd.
Peter, Monica & James McClean & Una Strain, Co. Down.
Sat:11am: No intention booked.
6.30pm: Peggy Walsh, Abbeylawn, Clarecastle. MM.
Carmel Cunningham, Aughanteeroe. 1st Anniv
George Brigdale, Primrose Gardens,
Mary Brigdale, Clancy Park.
Kenny & Enright Families, Ennis & Limerick.
Deceased Hermitage Residents and their Families.
Sun 22nd 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: Mary & Cronan Griffin, Kildysart Cross.
Frances Feeney, St. Michael's Villas.
11.30am: Seán Quigley, Abbey Court.
Mary & Frank Kierse, Loughville.
John Fitzpatrick, Linnane Tce. & Tullassa.
Ted & Nancy Sheils, College Rd.
Fr. Michael O'Loughlin, Loughville.
John Liddy, Shepperton, Newmarket-on-Fergus.
Mary Sheridan, Hermitage.
George Lacki, Poland.
Joe Fennell, Gort Rd.
John, Mary & Gerard Davoren, Kilcorney, Kilfenora.
Padraig Flynn, Cahercalla.
Veronica & Hubert Kenny.
Mary McVeigh, Shanaway Rd.
Paul Lynch, 'Carraig Dun', Kilrush Rd.
Nora, Jim, Mary & Bridín O'Loughlin, Clonroad.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

Fr. Tom wishes to thank Cathedral Choir Members for their contribution of €750 to the appeal.

Apostolic Workers

Our parish has always had a very active branch of Apostolic Workers, parishioners who generously gave of their time and talents to support the work of Irish and foreign missionaries in the spread of the Gospel. For the past seventy-one years the Apostolic Workers have played an active part in the missionary outreach of the Killaloe Diocese.

As the time has come to wind down and let go, Bishop Fintan will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral on next Saturday 21st November at 2pm. After mass he will unveil a stone in the Cathedral Grounds to mark this significant occasion in our history. All families who have had an association with the Apostolic Workers over the past seventy-one years are invited to mass – refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.

Newly Baptised

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

Paudie Brendan Fawl;

Séadna Anthony Guilfoyle;

St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Carmel Long, The Crescent, Lifford. 1st Anniv.
Bernadette Mounsey, Marian Avenue.
Tom & Christina Hogan, Shannon Park.
Sun 15th 10am: Walter & Bernie Canny, Claureen.
Helena Mieczystaw, Poland.
11.45am: Derry Nalty, Corrovorrin & Lifford. MM.
Elizabeth Summerly, Gort Rd.
Pauline Hanrahan, Shannon Park & The Square.
Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.
Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.
Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.
Fri 10.30am: Dillon Family, St.Senan's Rd.
Sat: 10.30am: Teresa Kennedy, Gort Rd.
7pm: Augusta O'Brien, Castlelawn & Inch. MM.
Michael Roughan, 'Abbeyview', Ballaghboy.
Jimmy & Bridget Burke, Miltown Malbay.
PJ, Maureen & Elaine Broderick, Clonroad.
Sun 22nd 10am: No intention booked.
11.45am: Deirdre & James O'Brien, Shannon Park.
PJ & Kathleen Foudy, Gort Rd.
May Cotter, St. Senan's Road.
Joe & Margaret O'Shaughnessy, Tuamgraney.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 15th 11am: Martin Joseph McNulty, Hermitage.
Roger Knightson, Beechpark.
Mon 9.30am: Leavy & Treanor Families.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Fri 9.30am: James & Ethel Hunt, Kilkee & Dublin.
Sun 22nd11am: Elizabeth & George Bradley, Carmody St

Week of Witness for Persecuted Christians

Today 413 million Christians are denied religious freedom while 220 million face persecution for their faith. This week we are asked to pray, work and advocate for an end to all religious discrimination and respect for religious liberty wherever it is threatened.

Thousands of churches have been attacked or destroyed in countries like Nigeria, Sri Lanka and the Philippines. Estimates vary but thousands of Christians are killed every year due to their faith. More have been martyred in the last 100 years, than the previous 1,900 years of Christian history.

Many Christians face arbitrary arrest and detention in places like China, where unregistered house church gatherings are tightly monitored. As we pray for those persecuted, we give thanks for our freedom to be able to live and celebrate our faith.

Ennis Parish

Development Fund
for Sunday, 8th November
Fund: €6,613
Online: €294

November Remembrance



An invitation from Ennis Hospital to any family members who had a loved one die in their care in the past year to a Service of Remembrance in St. Joseph's Church on Friday at 7pm.

Éire Óg Club Remembrance

Mass will be celebrated in the Éire Óg Club House on Thursday at 8.15pm for deceased members of the Club.

November Masses for the Holy Souls

On this third week of November, we continue our remembrance of all on the November list of our parish. Mass is offered each day this month for all on our List of Remembrance.

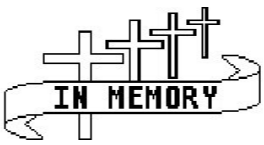
Into the Deep

The latest edition of our Diocesan Newsletter is available on the homepage of our Diocesan Website. You can also use the QR code

Come & See

The Legion of Mary invites you to our Prayer Meeting every Tuesday at 8pm in Parish Centre.

REST IN PEACE



Naomi Malone, Corrovorrin Grove;

Samantha Hughes, Dún na Rí, Tobertaoscán;

Michael Hegarty, Elm Park;

Sr. John Margaret Walsh, Kentucky, USA; Sister of Margaret Mulvey, Corrovorrin Grove;

Patricia Begley (nee Molloy), Tralee, late of Cornmarket Street, sister of Tommy, Jimmy, Raymond, Chrissie & Tony.

Cathedral Works Update



This weekend the front door of the Cathedral will re-open. The other door available for entry and exit will be in the Columbarium.

The two side doors and the grotto door will be closed to allow for drainage work to be completed on both sides of the Cathedral in preparation for tarmac.

Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time and a reminder that NO PARKING on the grounds of the Cathedral while this phase of the work is happening.

We are also grateful to all who are making donations to help with payment of the works. It is very much appreciated.

World Day of the Poor

This Sunday the 33rd in our Liturgical Year is a day of special prayer and remembrance for people who are poor. Poverty refers to a lack of necessities of life – food, shelter and clothing.
We thank God for our blessings and pray for a generosity of heart to share with those in need.

Invitation from Clare COPD

Clare COPD Ennis group invite those diagnosed with COPD to attend Maria Assumpta Hall, Ennis on Wednesday 18th Nov from 12 noon to 1.30pm for an exercise class with Louis Stapleton.
Tea/ Coffee and refreshments served until 2pm. Info available also.

Watchful Hearts – 5th December

A one day Advent Retreat at Glenstal Abbey guided by monks through prayer, reflection and the rhythm of monastic life. This Advent Retreat offers a space for stillness, deep listening and spiritual renewal.
Email: events@glenstal.com
phone 061 621005.

St. Joseph's Monthly Men's Prayer Group

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal second Monday of every month 7.30pm. One hour Corpus Christi Parish, Moyross V94 V2W0, Limerick. Adoration, rosary and talk. Optional tea & chat. All welcome.

Synodal Assembly

The Synodal Pathway of the Catholic Church in Ireland

Bishop Fintan led a delegation from the Diocese to participate in he National Synodal Assembly in Gormanstown, Co. Meath on Saturday 17th October for a day of prayer, listening, conversation and discernment to reflect together on the question that has guided the Irish Synodal Pathway since its beginning in 2021:

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

The assembly believes that the Church will more closely approach what God asks of us by pursuing five pathways:

- the Church that proclaims the Gospel
- the Church that is a community of belonging
- the Church that is a place of healing
- the Church that accompanies
  the Church that empowers for ministry and co-responsibility.

The Assembly has offered recommendations on the proposals to the Irish Bishops for their consideration and further discernment.

A Prayer for Those who have Died



God of Consolation
We remember those who have died.
For those who passed away quietly,
We ask for a joyful passage
into your spacious heart.

For those who suffered great pain,
We ask for respite
and the comfort of your
compassionate embrace.

For those who died too soon,
in sudden and unexpected ways,
We ask for peace and surrender
into your loving care.

Grant all those who have died the grace of your eternal light and love. Amen.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon
The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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 Proverbs.
Pr. 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

A perfect wife - who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husbands heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for and let her works tell her
praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm
Response:
O Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
And walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. *R*

Your wife is like a fruitful vine
In the heart of your house;
Your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. *R*

Indeed thus shall be blessed
The man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
In a happy Jerusalem
All the days of your life. *R*

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.
1 Th 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
Keep faithful, and I will give you
The crown of life. Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Mt. 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in ,proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

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
To be near God is my happiness,
To place my hope in God the Lord.