

Saints Peter & Paul Parish
Ennis
Abbey Pastoral Area



Ennis – Clarecastle – Doora Barefield - Quin

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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A – 8TH NOVEMBER 2026

Rituals and how they call us to attention.
Context and reference point

Jesus comparing events at a wedding celebration to the "Kingdom of Heaven" is far from rare and yet here this parable has its own reference point to a particular moment of traditional ritual of the day. Here Jesus introduces us to one of the roles the bridesmaids perform by way of the welcoming procession of the couple from the brides home to her new home with her husband's family, as they would draw near the ten bridesmaids represent the ladies who would be there to welcome the couple on their final steps with lighted torches …. Here Jesus draws the picture for us … for reasons not shared there had been a delay … the five wise and prepared bridesmaids had planned for this eventuality while the other five seem to have been somewhat complacent and got caught off guard. Having been sent away to get some extra oil the couples arrival sees celebrations get underway and their return finds them left outside not recognised by the groom … a little harsh it would appear … here there is room for allegory … the Bridegroom represents Jesus and the procession, our waiting for HIS RETURN … the bridesmaids surely relayed to US as we wait for Jesus' return at a time we do not know. The message is relatively simple but carries in its simplicity the reality of living in a world that for us is our lifetime and how we as Christians chose to live it … wise and prepared or foolish and complacent. The time referred to is that time in theological terms between Resurrection and the return of the Son of Man which is not meant to be an "empty time" but a time to remain alert with "our lamps lit" SO

When I say I am Christian

When I say ..."I am a Christian," I'm not shouting "I am saved." I'm whispering "I was lost!"
That is why I choose this way.
When I say... "I am a Christian," I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble
And need someone to be my guide.
When I say ..."I am a Christian," I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak
And pray for strength to carry on.
When I say... "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed
And cannot ever pay the debt.
When I say... "I am a Christian," I'm not claiming to be perfect, My flaws are too visible
But God believes I'm worth it.
When I say... "I am a Christian," I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches
Which is why I seek his name.
When I say... "I am a Christian," I do not wish to judge. I have no authority.
I only know I'm loved.

By Carol Wimmer

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 8th November, 2026

Contact Fr. Ger Jones 065 6869098

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Sr. Noreen O'Rourke,
St. Xavier's Convent. 1st Anniv.
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.
Diarmuid Lee, Tralee.
Linda Downes, Cahercalla Heights
Sun 8th 8am: Marion & Ted Hanley, Brockley, London.
9.30am: Nellie Forde, Market St.
Delia Lynch, Fergus Park.
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.
Peggy Connolly, College Park.
Carmel Halley, Malahide, Dublin.
Pat Fitzgerald, Ballyduff, Barefield.
Imelda, Michael & Johnny Hayes, Rockmount.
Mon: 7.40am: Special Intention.
11am: Mary Averil Fahy, College Green.
7.30pm: Jane & Felix O'Dwyer, Carrigaholt.
Lilian & James Rooney, Co. Leitrim & New York.
Mary O'Halloran, Cahercalla Rd.
Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: Marti & Jimmy Besch, Chicago.
Teresa Weir, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.
7.30pm: Enrolment Mass First Communion.
Holy Family NS
Wed 7.40am: Breda Nolan, Barntick.
11am: Margaret & Tommy Collins, Honan's Tce.
Philip Ostenso, Florida.
Special Intention.
7.30pm: Enrolment Mass Confirmation
Holy Family NS
Thurs 7.40am: Holy Souls.
11am: Dymphna Foudy, Kilrush Rd.
7.30pm: Dan & Eileen O'Connor, Clonroad.
Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Michael Cronin, Hermitage.
Holy Souls.
David Kenny, Cornmarket,
Stan & Geraldine Moroney, St. Michael's Villas.
Sat:11am: Gerard Morrissey, St. Flannan's Tce. MM.
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 Gléireach, St. Flannan's Drive.
Sun 8am: Camillus, Malachy & Cornelius McInerney, Doora.
9.30am: Martin & Mary Brooks, Castlewood Park.
Vincent Madigan, Ballyalla.
11.30am: Jackie O'Neill, Dalcassian Ave. 1st Anniv.
Maureen & Walter Bridgeman, Quin.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11am: Mary, Jimmy & Michael Neylon, Cloughleigh Rd.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Adaline & Cyril Cosgrove, Clancy Park.
Sun 11am: Martin Joseph McNulty, Hermitage.
Roger Knightson, Beechpark.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €1,000 & €200.

We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Book of Remembrance

Our Book of Remembrance containing photographs of all who have died in the parish in the past year is available from the Parish Office.

We ask for a donation to cover the cost of printing.

Friary & Poor Clare Heating Fund

Envelopes for those who wish to contribute to this year's Appeal for the Friary and Poor Clare Heating Fund are available in both the Friary and the Cathedral and the Parish Office.

Prayer for Vocations

We have two students studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Killaloe at the present time and they will be joined by another student in January.

Please pray each day for Mark and Brian and all others who are answering the call to ministry in our diocese.

We have a number of lay people currently discerning a call to respond to ministry. Please pray for them.

Week of Witness

Week of Witness for persecuted Christians from 15th to 22nd November.

220 million Christians live in countries where they are directly exposed to persecution, while 413 million Christians live in countries where religious freedom is severely isolated. Aid to the Church in Need invites you to support them with prayer.

Ennis TradFest

Welcome to all this weekend celebrating the best of our music, song and dance.



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 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.
Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.
Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 10.30am: Holy Souls.
Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.
Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.
Sat: 10.30am: Denny, Kay, Norah & Michael Downes, The Crescent, Lifford & David McMahon.
Patrick & Margaret O'Sullivan, Emlagh, Kilrush.
7pm: Carmel Long, The Crescent, Lifford. 1st Anniv.
Bernadette Mounsey, Marian Avenue
Tom & Christina Hogan, Shannon Park.
Sun 26th 10am: Walter & Bernie Canny, Claureen.
11.45am: Derry Nalty, Corrovorrin & Lifford. MM.
Elizabeth Summerly, Gort Rd.
Pauline Hanrahan, Shannon Park & The Square.

November Masses for the Holy Souls



During the month of November masses are offered each day for all on the November List of the Parish. Envelopes with names to be remembered can be left in any of the Churches or Parish Office.

Rice College

Information Evening for prospective 1st Year students and parents for September 2027 intake on Monday 9th November from 7pm to 8.15pm in Rice College.

Celebrating 200 years of education in Ennis in 2027. All are welcome.

St. Laurence O'Toole



Laurence was an Augustinian Archbishop of Dublin. He was involved in negotiating with the English following the invasion of Ireland and in 1172 convened a Synod at Cashel. He also attended the General Lateran Council in Rome in 1179 and was named Papal Legate to Ireland.

While on a mission to Kind Henry II of England, Laurence died at EU Normandy, France. He was canonised in 1225. We celebrate his feast day on Saturday 14th November.

Cathedral Works Update



Great progress was made in the past week with the paving in front of the Cathedral.

Our thanks to the Romanian Pavers who have come to assist our Contractor M. Fitzgibbon with this part of the project. Work is continuing at the Marian Shrine beside Bishops Willie and Harty's graves.

Drainage issues are being addressed on the grounds in preparation for the tarmac which will be the final part of the project.

Our thanks for your understanding and patience while this work is progressing and for the many people who through their generosity and contributions make it possible.

Over €800,000 is the estimated cost of the project and all contributions are very much appreciated.

We remind all that there is NO PARKING in the Cathedral Grounds at this time as the area is designated a work site.
Thank you for your understanding.

Meditation & Gentle Movement on Mondays in Cloughleigh Community Hall V95 K31X from 10am to 11.15am. Facilitated by Mary Lillis. Supported by EWCG.
Enquiries 086 1035633. All welcome.

Limerick Maternity Hospital Annual Remembrance Service at Church of the Holy Rosary, Limerick this Sunday 8th November, at 3pm. All welcome.

World COPD Day is on 18th November. Clare COPD Group invite those with the condition to Maria Assumpta Hall on that date for demo exercise class, Tea/Coffee and literature available.

REST IN PEACE



Maura Kyriacou née Fitzgerald,
Bridgeview, Roslevan
& Newtown, Corofin.

Dermot Dilger,
Doon, Co. Limerick
& Kilrush Road, Ennis.

Sr. Maureen Haugh,
St. Xavier's Convent of Mercy



Born 28th August, 1933
Died 27th October, 2026

Maureen was born and grew up in Shragh, Doonbeg attending the local national school and St. Xavier's Secondary School, Kilrush.

She entered the Sisters of Mercy in Nenagh on 26th April, 1954 and made her final profession on 29th October, 1959. She qualified as a Secondary School Teacher with qualifications from both UCD and UCC.

Her teaching life began in Birr and Borrisokane before her appointment as Principal of St. Joseph's Secondary School, Tulla in 1980. Six years later, she transferred to Shannon where she taught in St. Caimin's Community School.

In her retirement from teaching Maureen was appointed by the late Bishop Willie Walsh as our Diocesan Delegate for the Care of Asylum Seekers and Refugees following the example of her foundress, the Venerable Catherine McAuley.

She welcomed the stranger. She saw the face of Jesus in the migrant, the refugee, the displaced, those who arrived with nothing and needed help and support.

Maureen put mercy into action. She opened doors, made room, helped fill out forms, helped navigate bureaucracy.
She offered a listening ear and a place to belong.

The final years of her life were spent between St. Xavier's Convent in Ennis and Catherine McAuley House in Limerick where she died peacefully on Tuesday 27th October last.

May Maureen now be welcomed to the home of the Father and hear those words:
"I was a stranger
and you made me welcome.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 1st November, 2026

Fund €8,804
Online €617.50

Remembrance Prayer



God, thank you for the people in our lives whom we are remembering in a special way during the month of November.
We thank you for being a compassionate God who walks with us
in our dark moments of grief and loneliness.

We are thankful for all who continue to love and support us through our grief.
Lord, continue to be a light for us,
giving us hope, direction and courage.

May we now live our lives treasuring the memories of those special people we have known and loved and help us to bring light and hope to others.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Comhaltas Annual Remembrance Mass

Annual Remembrance Mass for Deceased Comhaltas members and families and friends in Cois na hAbhna at 7pm on Tuesday 10th November followed by Tea and Rambling House Session.
Fáilte to everyone.

St Joseph's Monthly Men's Prayer Group
Franciscan Friars of the Renewal
2nd Monday of every month 7.30pm. 1 hour Corpus Christi Parish, Moyross V94 V2W0, Limerick Adoration, rosary and talk. Optional tea & chat.

ABIDE Women's Conference 2026 | 20–22 November: Join hundreds of women at the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal, in just a few weeks for our third Abide Women's Conference!
Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Kimberlee Woo Ling, Fr Oisín Martin CFR, Fr Barry Braum, the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr David Nugent and Fr Mark Wharton, with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin. A beautiful weekend of faith, celebration, healing and joy! Register on Eventbrite: Abide in His Love.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon
Let my prayer come in to your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help,
O Lord.

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 Wisdom
Ws 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and
you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm
R. For you my soul is thirsting,
O God, My God

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
For you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
Like a dry, weary land without water. R.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
To see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
My lips will speak your praise R.

So I will bless you all my life
In your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
My mouth shall praise you with joy. R.

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
In the shadow of your wings I rejoice. R.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.
1 Thess 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and stand ready,
Because you do not know the hour
When the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples:
'The kingdom of heaven will be like this:
Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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:
The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.