



# ENNIS PARISH

## NEWSLETTER



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

19th January 2025



**W**eddings are always joyful happy occasions in every age and culture the world over. The wedding feast at Cana was no different. For all in the village this was a huge social event to which Mary and Jesus had been invited. Families put themselves in the public arena to be judged by their peers. Failure to measure up might mean that they could never hold their heads high again among their friends and neighbours. Cana was a small close knit community. "Remember the day the wine ran out at so-and-so's wedding", would be duly entered in the annals of the village.

Mary noticed the embarrassment of this young couple in today's story from the beginning of John's gospel. She speaks to Jesus, whom she knew could do something about it. 'They have no wine,' and told the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'... 'Fill the jars with water'....the steward tasted the water and it had turned into wine. Notice today the last line in today's gospel reading: "This was the first of the signs(= Miracles) given by Jesus....He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him" The wedding feast of Cana is the Fourth Epiphany linking this Sunday with the birth of Christ in the stable in Bethlehem when the angels appeared to the shepherds singing Glory to God on the highest.

The second epiphany....the star that guided the three wise men who brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And the Baptism of Jesus by John on the river Jordan. Jesus reveals his identity, his divinity and lets us see just how much God rejoices in us as his bride. He is the Bridegroom.

### Mass Times

**Cathedral-[www.ennisparish.com/webcam](http://www.ennisparish.com/webcam)**

**Radio link:106.4fm**

Monday to Friday 7.40am, 11am & 7.30pm

Saturday 11 am & Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday 8am, 9.30am & 11.30am

**St. Joseph's- [www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/stjosephs-church-webcam](http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/stjosephs-church-webcam)**

Monday to Friday 10.30am

Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm

Sunday 1 0am & 11.45am

**Friary-[www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscan-friary-webcam/](http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscan-friary-webcam/)**

Monday to Saturday 10am

Vigil Mass Saturday 7 .30pm

Sunday 10.30am

**Christ the King Oratory Cloughleigh**

Monday to Friday 9.30am

Sunday 11am

[www.ennisparish.com](http://www.ennisparish.com)

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Cathedral & Friary**

Cathedral: Monday to Friday 7pm to 7.25pm

Saturday after the Vigil Mass

Friary: Tuesday to Saturday 11-12 noon & 4-5pm

**Baptisms**

Can be booked through the Parish Office.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place

Monday to Friday in the Cathedral from 5pm until 7pm

**Phone Numbers: Cathedral:- 6824043;**

Email: [info@ennisparish.com](mailto:info@ennisparish.com)

St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797 489;

Friary:- 6828751

**Ennis Parish Web Site: <http://www.ennisparish.com>**

**Facebook : <http://www.facebook.com/ennisparish>**

# Priest on Duty 19th January 2025

Contact: Fr. Joy 065 6869098



## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**6.30pm:** Tony McEnery, Dalcassian Park.  
Tom & Carmel Nestor, Golf Links Rd.  
Ena Whelan, Fountain.  
Anna **1st Anniv.** & Paul Brassil, St. Michael's Villas.  
Rotimi Olutimehin Kwara, Nigeria.  
Brian McSweeney, Lissycasey.  
Bodie & Bill Hanley, Parnell St.  
Freda Nihill, Francis St. **1st Anniv.**  
Kathleen Dinan, Gallows Hill.  
**Sun 19th 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** Margaret Neylon, Gallows Hill.  
John & Eileen Loughnane, Tulla.  
Vera Wall, Inchbeg.  
Josephine Forte, Belfast & Gallows Hill.  
**11.30am:** Tony Cheung, Fernhill, Gort Rd.  
Lorraine O'Gorman, Hermitage.  
Esme McMahon, Dublin.  
Arunas Bandzevicius.  
Anne Doohan, Frure, Lissycasey.  
Thomas Talty, Turnpike & Kilnamona.  
John & Eileen Dinan, St. Flannan's Tce & Cahercalla Hts.  
**6.30pm: Mass for the Polish Community.**  
**Mon: 7.40am:** Holy Souls.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** Angela Colgan, Castlebar.  
PJ & Mary Neylon, Lahinch.  
Michael & Helen Coffey, Hermitage.  
**Tues: 7.40am** Book of Intentions.  
**11am:** Kathleen Sorce, Cappamore, Barefield.  
**7.30pm:** Special Intention.  
**Wed 7.40am:** No intention booked.  
**11am:** Bromislava, Adele, Jonas, Elena, Feliksas,  
Julius & Algirdas, Lithuania  
**7.30pm:** Geraldine Kenny, Willow Park.  
Gerry & Bridie Browne, Gordon Drive.  
**Thurs 7.40am:** Mass for the People.  
**11am:** Danny & Gina Higgins, Clancy Park.  
**7.30pm:** Albert Mounsey, Marian Ave.  
**Fri 7.40am:** Donal & Anna Mae Maher,  
Clarahill, Clonaslee, Co. Laois.  
**11am:** Frances & Gerry Garvey, Roslevan.  
**7.30pm:** Anne Quinn, Ivy Hill. **MM.**  
Philomena Power, Kilnamona.  
Peadar & Peter O'Brien, St. Michael's Villas.  
**Sat: 11am:** Eileen Bradley, Clonroadbeg. **MM.**  
Willie Perkins, Gallows Hill.  
Patrick Duggan, Turnpike.  
**6.30pm:** Seán **1st Anniv.** & Josie O'Shea,  
Ard na Gréine.  
James Cox, Dalcassian Ave.  
Mary Arthur, Gort Rd.  
Kitty & Pat Hogan, 'Maryville', Aylmer's Cross.  
Frances Ball, Connolly Villas.  
Christy Cullinan, Meadow Court, Clonroad.  
Con & Nuala Ryan, St. Michael's Villas.  
Thomas Hayes, Askeaton, Co. Limerick.  
Raymond Molloy, McNamara Park.  
**Sun 26th 8am:** No intention booked.  
**9.30am:** Kathleen Hassett, Toonagh, Fountain.  
Deirdre Tynan, St. Senan's Rd.  
**11.30am:** Frank Fitzpatrick, College Green.  
John Fogarty, Fernhill, Gort Rd.  
Mary Galery, Rockmount.

### Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €1,000 and €100. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

### Diocesan Needs Appeal

The second collection at all Masses next weekend is the annual appeal from Bishop Fintan for your support in helping him to provide support in the Diocese for Safeguarding Catechetics, Lay Ministry and Administration.

### Candlemas Day



On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of our Lord, also known as Candlemas Day. The blessing of candles for both Church and home use will take place at all weekend masses.

We welcome candles for use in our churches. Please contact the Sacristan for more details.

### Christmas Tea Bags

Our thanks to all involved in our annual Fundraiser for the Cathedral Renovation Appeal. This year €5,150 was raised during Advent. We thank the people who make the bags, donate materials, sell the bags and candles and those who buy and share the tea bag with family and friends.

### Diocesan Priests' Retreat

The Bishop and priests of the Diocese begin their annual retreat this Sunday Evening in Knock Shrine. We ask for your prayers for our priests at this time as they take time to be renewed spiritually and prayerfully for their ministry in the year ahead.



Christian Unity Week. Each year the Christian Churches observe the week 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January as a week of prayer for Christian Unity. We recognise differences but we are also respectful of diversity, conscious of the prayer of Jesus that all his disciples would be one and live in unity.

### Newly Baptised

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

**Agatha Germano Ribeiro.**

## St. Joseph's



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**7pm:** Ann O'Connor, Corrovorrin Grove.  
John & Josephine O'Gorman, Kilkee.  
Marie O'Gorman, Shannon Park.  
**Sun 19th 10am:** William & Mary Lynch, Corrovorrin.  
Bernie Ruane, Woodhaven, Kilrush Rd.  
Margaret Holmes, Oak Park.  
**11.45am:** Frankie, Fergus & Barry O'Connor,  
Pearse Ave.  
Michael & Mary McNamara, Fergus Park.  
Margaret Roche, Kincora Park.  
**Mon 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Tues 10.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Wed 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Thu 10.30am:** Kitty & Mick Quinlan, Cork.  
**Fri 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Sat: 10.30am:** Seán O'Boyle, Castlerock. **MM.**  
George & Bridget O'Neill, Clareabbey, Clarecastle.  
**7pm:** Thomas Gooney, Kincora Park. **1st Anniv.**  
**Sun 26th 10am:** Anne, Annie & Peter Barry &  
Barry Family, Ard Mhuire, Shanaway Rd.  
**11,45am:** Joan Kelly, Corrovorrin Drive.  
Bill Hanrahan, Ashfield Park.  
Peter Burke, Lifford Rd.  
Michael Gavin, Gordon Drive, Cloughleigh.

A hearing loop induction system has been installed in St Joseph's for those with impaired hearing aids. If you have the 'T' setting on your hearing aid, please switch it on to use the system while in church.

Chime Outreach date at Ennis Parish for this month has been changed to 29th January for this month only.

### Catholic Schools' Week

This week we have our annual celebration of Catholic Schools' Week, acknowledging all the good work that takes place daily in our Catholic Schools, where our schools along with parents and parish share the privilege of handing on the faith to our children, the next generation.

### RIP



**Tony McCann**, Swinford, Co. Mayo, brother of the late Delia Corey, Loughville;

**Hannah Kearney**, St. Patrick's Tce.,

**Jimmy Coughlan**, Marina Ave & Manchester;

**Mary Anne (Maureen) Michna (née Hourigan)**, Dublin & late Marian Ave.;

**Jane McNamara**, Corrovorrin Grove;

**Andrew Hynes**, Drumcarron More, Ennis & Ennistymon;

**Rita Donohue (nee Quinn)**, Tullamore, sister of Vincent Quinn, Dalcassian Park.

**Mary Kyne**, Miltown Malbay, mother of Fr. Brendan Kyne, P.P. Lissycasey & sister of Sr. Mona Cleary, Greendale;

**Pappy McNamara**, Barefield, brother of Mary Roche, Dalcassian Park.

**Fr. Joe O'Melia, OMI**, Dublin who served as a priest in the Killaloe Diocese in the parishes of Killaloe, Shannon and Terryglass.

## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 19th 11am:** Special Intention.  
**Mon: 9.30am:** Paddy Cotter, Doonbeg.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Fri 9.30am:** Marie Hogan, Shanaway Rd.  
**Sun 26th 11am:** Fergal Landy, Considine Rd.  
Kathleen Hogan, Davitt Tce.  
John Monaghan & Joe Kelly, John Paul Avenue.



## Primary School Enrolment for the School Year 2025-2026 Ennis Parish Schools' Agreed Application System

Parents/Guardians wishing to enrol their children into Junior Infants (2nd Class in the Holy Family Senior School) are advised that application forms are available from each school on their websites or by email request.

The closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is:  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### The agreed system operates for the following

#### Ennis Parish Schools:

- CBS Primary School
- Gaelscoil Mhíchíl Cíosóg
- Ennis National School
- Holy Family Junior School
- Holy Family Senior School
- Scoil Chríost Rí

### Complete application forms to be returned to the school online or by post

#### Type 1 Diabetes Meeting

The next meet up of the Clare adults with Type 1 Diabetes group will take place Wednesday 22nd January, at 7:30pm- 9:30pm in the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis. The meetings are free to attend and open to any adult who would like to learn more about Type 1 Diabetes; including people living with Type 1, parents of children with Type 1 or family members. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Gráinne at 087 6548320 or [diabetesinclare@gmail.com](mailto:diabetesinclare@gmail.com)

#### Lost & Found

Ring found in Cathedral grounds on Saturday 11th January. Contact 087 6751486

#### Accord now seeking marriage preparation facilitators. Might this be you ... ?

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you are supportive of marriage in the Catholic Church; and, have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team that supports couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage then Accord wishes to hear from you! An Accord marriage preparation facilitator is a personally fulfilling role, blending life experience and faith. Successful applicants will receive professional training in the Accord marriage preparation programme and be part of a team delivering programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112; email to [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) and see [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)



#### Children's Liturgy



Children's Liturgy takes place at the 10.30am Mass in the Friary each Sunday. It is open to children from Junior infants to second class.

It involves proclaiming the gospel in an accessible way to the children reflecting on its meaning and responding in prayer with an activity related to the Gospel story.

#### Online Auction



If you wish to participate or access the auction, you must join the 'Cathedral Restoration Fund Auction' Page on Facebook. Items will be posted for sale between 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> January. Bidding on items will end at 9pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Winning bidders will be notified on that Wednesday/Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> February. All items are to be paid for and collected on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February (5pm to 8pm) or Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February (11.30am to 2pm) from the former Adoration Chapel on the grounds of Ennis Cathedral. Items will be accepted up until 5pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Charity Bingo Fundraiser for Liam Ashe's school in Calcutta, India, will take place in Treacy's West County Hotel on Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 7 pm. Doors open at 6 pm. Large cash prizes for each round. Spot prizes galore also. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Divine Mercy Conference, RDS Dublin, Day return bus (from Clarecastle) Saturday 22nd February. Fantastic speakers including His Excellency Archbishop Farrell, Fr. Pat Collins, Fr. Jim Blount and many more, day of spiritual inspiration and refreshment. €70 for bus and entry ticket. Contact via WhatsApp/text please: Karen 087-4160385 or Séamus 087-2752578 for enquiries and bookings. €40 deposit via Revolut, PayPal or Post secures bus.



#### Public Realm Works

The works on Station Road and O'Connell Street at the Cathedral Junction means that parking is restricted in the Cathedral grounds which are currently in use as pedestrian access to the town. We ask cyclists and scooter users to walk through the Cathedral grounds for the safety of all. Hearses for Funerals will drive through the grounds to the side of the Cathedral.

#### Dictionary of Irish Saints

Scarcely a parish in Ireland is without one or more dedications to saints, in the form of churches in ruins, holy wells or other ecclesiastical monuments. Professor Padraig O'Riain's [Dictionary of Irish Saints](#) is intended to serve as a guide to the (mainly documentary) sources of information on the saints named in these dedications, for those that have an interest in them scholarly or otherwise. The book is due for publication on 24 January 2025 and will be available in bookshops but to avail of a 10% discount, you can purchase directly from our website [www.fourcourtspress.ie](http://www.fourcourtspress.ie) or alternatively, call me on the number below 01 4534668 to order it.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha



I mbliana ceiliúrfar Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha ón Domhnach 19 go Satharn 25 Eanáir. Is é téama na seachtaine ná, Aontaithe inár gCreideamh agus inár bPobal Críostaí. Bíonn tionchar ag na scoileanna ní hamháin ar a bpobal áitiúil ach ar an tsochaí i gcoitinne. Is sa teaghlach a chuirtear síol an chreidimh agus ba cheart aitheantas a thabhairt don ról atá ag tuismitheoirí mar chéad oidí. Sa scoil Chaitliceach leagtar béim ar mhisean Chríost agus cuirtear clár theagasc creidimh ar fáil a dhearbhaíonn agus a dhoimhniú an tuiscint a bhíonn ag na daltaí maidir leis an gcreideamh Caitliceach. Tá ardmholadh tuille ag na múinteoirí a oibríonn chomh dian, dícheallach lá i ndiaidh lae ag tabhairt dea-shampla ina saol pearsanta agus ag scaipeadh síolta an chreidimh.

Guímid ar son ár múinteoirí, gur oidí ar nós losa a bheidh iontu agus go ndéanfimid saothrú le chéile chun scoileanna Chaitliceach den scoth a chur ar fáil. Go raibh rath Dé orthu agus ar na daltaí faoina gcúram. Áiméan

Catholic Schools' Week will be celebrated from Sunday 19 to Saturday 28. The theme for the week is United in Faith and Community. Schools enrich not only the local community but also society in general. The seeds of faith are planted in the home and the role of parents as primary educators ought to be recognised. The Catholic School emphasises the mission of Christ and the religious programme taught affirms and deepens the understanding the students have of the Catholic religion. Teachers who work hard day in day out giving witness and spreading the faith are to be lauded.

Let us pray for teachers, that they may be faithful to the teachings of Jesus and that we may work together to create first class Catholic Schools. May God bless them and the students in their care. Amen

St. Flannan's College Night Classes and Saturday Workshops for Adults will resume on Wednesday February 5. Classes include: Felting, Beekeeping, Cross-stitching, Pilates, Mindfulness, Creative Writing, Cake-Decorating, Millinery, Paper-Making, Ukulele and much more.

#### Making His Presence Felt

Out of curiosity a friend typed a word into Google, the Internet Search Engine. In less than a second it found 397 million references to God. Changing the word to Jesus, she found 161 million references. It seems that even in the world of cyberspace the Lord makes his presence felt!



Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday, 12th January

Fund €5.595  
Online €191.50

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you,  
O God,  
and shall sing to you  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

## 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 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent,  
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,  
until her integrity shines out like the dawn  
and her salvation flames like a torch.  
The nations then will see your integrity,  
all the kings your glory,  
and you will be called by a new name,  
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.  
You are to be a crown of splendour in the  
hand of the Lord,  
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;  
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',  
nor your land 'Abandoned',  
but you shall be called 'My Delight'  
and your land 'The Wedded'  
for the Lord takes delight in you  
and your land will have its wedding.  
Like a young man marrying a virgin,  
so will the one who built you wed you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,  
So will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response:  
*Proclaim the wonders of the Lord  
Among all the peoples.*

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
Sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

R

Proclaim his help day by day,  
Tell among the nations his glory  
And his wonders among all the peoples.

R

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
Give the Lord glory and power,  
Give the Lord the glory of his name.

R

Worship the Lord in his temple.

O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king'.

He will judge the peoples in fairness.

R

## A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. 1 Co 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the  
same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to  
be done, but always to the same Lord; work-  
ing in all sorts of different ways in different  
people, it is the same God who is working in  
all of them. The particular way in which the  
Spirit is given to each person is for a good  
purpose. One may have the gift of preaching  
with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another  
may have the gift of preaching instruction  
given him by the same Spirit; and another  
the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; an-  
other again the gift of healing, through this  
one Spirit; one, the power of miracles;  
another, prophecy; another the gift of recog-  
nising spirits; another the gift of tongues and  
another the ability to interpret them. All  
these are the work of one and the same  
Spirit, who distributes different gifts to differ-  
ent people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Your words are spirit, Lord,*  
*And they are life:*  
*You have the message of eternal life.*  
*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jn 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee.  
The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus  
and his disciples had also been invited.  
When they ran out of wine, since the wine  
provided for the wedding was all finished, the  
mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no  
wine'. Jesus said,

'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not  
come yet.' His mother said to the servants,  
'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six  
stone water jars standing there, meant for the  
ablutions that are customary among the  
Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gal-  
lons. Jesus said to the servants. 'Fill the jars  
with water,' and they filled them to the brim.  
'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it  
to the steward.' They did this; the steward  
tasted the water, and it had turned into wine.  
Having no idea where it came from - only the  
servants who had drawn the water knew - the  
steward called the bridegroom and said,  
'People generally serve the best wine first,  
and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have  
had plenty to drink; but you have kept the  
best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Je-  
sus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his  
glory be seen, and his disciples believed in  
him.

## The Gospel of the Lord

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visi-  
ble 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 as-  
cended 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 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

**You have prepared a table before me, and  
how precious is the chalice that quenches  
my thirst.**