



# ENNIS PARISH

Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral

## NEWSLETTER



### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

Luke 12: 13-21

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025

**L**ulled by false sense of security, he sat back to enjoy the pleasures of life. He was under the illusion that he was in control of his life, but in God's sight he was only a poor fool. Security comes from not what we own, but from who we are in the sight of God. We are secure when we have nothing and are utterly depended on God. Would God lavish so much care on flowers and grass and then neglect his children? Perhaps we are still pondering the deep desires of our heart after all.

Jesus wants us to understand that God's love for us is priceless desire or treasure. It means more than any possession we have on earth, it is worth giving up everything we own to have it.

What must we do to find the treasure of God's kingdom? By living as Jesus taught us and follow his example, we will have God's love which is worth more than all our worldly possession. Some example of his way of living: sharing, loving, forgiveness, kindness, generosity, honesty and truthfulness. By living in this way, we are sharing in God's kingdom now on earth, the greatest and most precious treasure.

Lord encourage us to live each day to the fullest, valuing the treasures you have enriched us, valuing the people in our lives and trusting in God's love and care for us.

### **The Train Of Life!!!!!!!**

*Some folks ride the train of life looking out the rear, Watching miles of life roll by and marking every year.*

*They sit in sad remembrance of wasted days gone by, And curse their life for what it was and hang their head and cry.*

*But I don't concern myself with that, I took a different vent, I look forward to what life holds and not what has been spent.*

*So strap me to the engine, as securely as I can be, I want to be out on the front, to see what I can see.*

*I want to feel the winds of change, blowing in my face, I want to see what life unfolds, as I move from place to place.*

*I want to see what's coming up, not looking at the past, Life's too short for yesterdays, it moves along too fast.*

*So if the ride gets bumpy, while you are looking back, Go up front, and you may find, your life has jumped the track.*

*It's all right to remember, that's part of history, But up front's where it's happening, there's so much mystery.*

*The enjoyment of living is not where we have been, It's looking ever forward to another year and ten.*

*It's searching all the byways, never should you refrain, For if you want to live your life, you gotta drive the train.*

**Ashish Gutgutia**



### 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 10am & 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

### 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

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St. Joseph's:- 6829584

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

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# Priest on Duty 3rd August, 2025

Contact: Fr. Jibin - Tel. 065 6869098



## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat 6.30pm:** Martin Linnane, Considine Rd. 1st Anniv.  
Kitty Guy, Circular Rd.

Kathleen & PJ McMahon, Ballybeg.

Teresa Kenny, Rathflynn, Corofin.

**Sun 3rd 8am:** Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families,  
Ennis & Cork.

Jadwyga Aleksandrovic, Lithuania.

**9.30am:** James O'Leary, College Grove.

**11.30am:** Peggy Naughton, Dalcassian Drive.

Kevin Byrne, Galway.

Mary Hickey, Cahercalla Estate.

Mary Hennessy, College Green.

David Cullinan, Clonroad.

James Howard, Kilfenora.

**6.30pm:** Mass for the Polish Community.

**Mon: 7.40am: Bank Holiday—No Mass.**

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Mary & Joe Hehir, Hermitage

Rita Ryan and Fr. Johnny Meehan, Summerhill.

Ellen Fitzpatrick, Kilkee.

**Tues: 7.40am** Book of Intentions.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** John Miniter, Clonroadmore.

Mary & Dermot O'Donoghue, Kilfenora.

**Wed 7.40am:** Edmund Cahill, Corofin.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Paddy & Colm Flynn, Lifford.

**Thurs 7.40am:** Special Intention.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Eileen Keane, St. Anne's Tce., Clonroadmore.

Bridie & Martin Downes, Doonbeg.

**Fri 7.40am:** Mass for the People.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Mary Casey, Cahercalla Estate and Cranny.

**Sat 11am:** No intention booked.

**6.30pm:** Mary Foley, College Park. MM.

Oliver Moylan, Golf Links Rd.

**Sun 10th 8am:** Kathleen 1st Anniv. & Liam Slattery,  
McNamara Park.

Mary McNamara, Clonlara.

**9.30am:** Brendan Wall, Inchbeg.

**11.30am:** Pat Connellan, Gallows Hill. 1st Anniv.

James Guilfoyle, Woodlands & O'Connell St.

Patrick O'Loughlin, Drumcaranmore.

Patrick, Mary Kate & Ashling O'Loughlin, Kilshanny.

Bob & Tony Meehan, Connolly & Herne Bay, UK

Daniel & Bridget Considine, Turnpike Rd. &

Tobertaoscáin

**5pm:** Mass for the Brazilian Community.

## Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €100, €50 & €30.

Your generosity to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal is much appreciated. Thank you.

## Friary Roof Appeal

The Friars are grateful for all contributions received for the repair of the roof on the church. Cheques can be made payable to Franciscan Friary, Ennis.

## SFO Monthly Mass

The Monthly Mass for SFO members will take place on Wednesday 6th August at 10 am. We will pray the office after Mass.

There will be an evening meeting in the Friary Parlour at 7.30 pm for those unable to attend the morning meeting.

## Bank Holiday Monday Masses

8.30am Poor Clare Monastery

10am The Friary

11am & 7.30pm The Cathedral

## Matt Talbot Prayer Society



Monthly Mass, praying for all suffering or sharing in the life of addictions on this Monday at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

## Nicene Creed

Eight podcasts, celebrating the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicea have been published by Knock Shrine.

Fr. Eugene Duffy, a priest of Achony Diocese, speaks to a number of guests about the teachings of our faith as outlined in the Nicene Creed.

They are now available, via Knock Shrine Website. This is a good resource and helps us to understand the Creed that we recite

## Newly Baptised

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

Fionn James McMahon;  
David Michael O'Connor.



## St. Joseph's



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat 7pm:** Gerry Hynes, Drumcliffe. MM.

James & Maura Tobin, Tulla Rd. 1st Anniv.  
& Caroline Walsh, Elm Park.

**Sun 3rd 10am:** Kathleen & Pat O'Malley, Cloverhill.

**11.45am:** Tom Carney, Gordon Drive.

**Mon 10.30am:** Bank Holiday—No Mass.

**Tues 10.30am:** Book of Intentions.

**Wed 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**Thu 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**Fri 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**Sat: 10.30am:** Maura Finn, Oak Park.

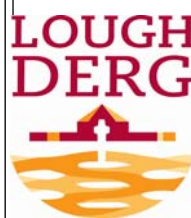
Maureen & Jack Irwin.

**7pm:** Betty Mounsey, Marian Ave.

**Sun 10th 10am:** Patrick Carmody, Kincora Park.

**11.45am:** Kathleen Coughlan, Steeles' Tce. MM.

Eileen Downes, Steeles' Tce.



## Lough Derg

The eagerly awaited Jubilee Pilgrimage led by Bishop Fintan will depart from the Cathedral on this Tuesday Morning 5th August at 7am sharp for Lough Derg. We unite in prayer with all who are travelling on this pilgrimage.

## REST IN PEACE



Angela Glennon, Sandfield Park;

Mai Cahill nee Connolly,  
Corofin & Rosanore;

Patricia McEnnis nee Doolan, Lifford Rd.;

Patrice O'Loughlin, Old Military Barracks, and formerly Dalcassian Park;

Susan Devaux, Boston,  
sister of Kathleen Cahir, St. Michael's Villas;

Alannah Walsh (née Wilson), Limerick & late O'Connell St., Ennis.

Freda Lynch, Dublin, sister of Bro. Philip Lane, OFM, The Friary.

Ned Ryan, Roslevan, Ennis.

## Knock Shrine

The National Novena at Knock Shrine begins on Wednesday 13th August and continues to Thursday 21st August, the feast of the first apparitions 1879. Two sessions daily at 3pm and 8pm.

## Lourdes Pilgrimages

September 24th — 29th  
Franciscan Pilgrimage;

September 29th — October 4th  
Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage

Both pilgrimages direct from Shannon Airport.  
To book [www.joewalstours.ie](http://www.joewalstours.ie); Tel: 012410800



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 3rd 11am:** Michael Neylon, Cloughleigh Rd. MM.

**Mon: 9.30am:** Bank Holiday—No Mass.

**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.

**Wed 9.30am:** Michael & Moira Madigan, Lahinch Rd.

**Thu 9.30am:** Morgan & Mary Finucane & Family,  
Moy, Lahinch.

Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday, 27th July  
Fund €5,723  
Online €170.50



## Prayer for A Safe Holiday



In the name of God we go on this holiday,  
May God the Father be with us,  
and God the Holy Spirit be by our side.

Lord, be our guide and our protector  
on the holiday we are about to take.  
Watch over us, protect us from accidents.  
Keep us free from harm to body and soul.

Lord, support us with your grace  
as we celebrate with family and friends.  
Help us to be patient with each other  
and in any trouble which may come our way.  
Keep us always mindful  
of Your presence and love. Amen.

## Trócaire

# Trócaire

Our Lenten Campaign raised €29,239 for Trócaire and the Appeal on Good Friday to support Christians who worship in the Holy Land raised €3,724

Our thanks for such great generosity to the poor and our fellow persecuted Christians.

## Columbarium

Due to demand, we are hoping to extend the Columbarium in the Cathedral.

Planning Permission under Section 57 was granted in the past week to proceed with the work.

The new niches will be above the vaults of St. Conaire and St. Conall.

Joseph O'Neill from Eternum will be in the Cathedral

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August** 12 noon to 6pm;

**Monday & Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> August**

12 noon to 6pm

to meet with anyone who might have questions or who wish to reserve a niche.

Please contact in advance by text or email for appointment

085 214 8301 or 0044 7821 451 233

Email: [joseph@eternumcolumbarium.com](mailto:joseph@eternumcolumbarium.com)

## Annual Step by Step to Feed Children

Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger, feeding hungry children in their place of education in 16 of the world's poorest countries. €22 will feed a child for an entire school year. Please go to [marysmeals.ie](http://marysmeals.ie) to learn more and support this amazing charity. Any donation, big or small, is very welcome. Thank you.

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## What Really Matters



Today's First Reading and Gospel Reading challenge us to focus on what our true priorities and values are.

We live in a very sophisticated world. The economy is booming. Our culture exalts materialism and success. The acquisitive nature of many people manifests itself in such things as second family cars that are often unnecessary, televisions in every room in the home and instant achievements.

We can become so preoccupied in living for the present, and in storing up short-term wealth and possessions, that our long term-priorities and values are forgotten.

Frequently the quality of our lives, in terms of time and relationships, does not improve and we are not any happier. Even our relationship with God is put on hold.

Jesus, in the Gospel Reading, reminds us about the stark reality that we are not completely in control of our lives. He challenges us to reassess our priorities and values.

We may think that we can live for the present without reference to God and respect for people. We may even think that we will have the opportunities to rekindle and restore proper relationships with God and other people at a later time. However, for many of us, there will not be a later time.

So the time to act is **NOW** and the question to answer is 'What comes first'?

## The Departure Lounge

I wait in the lounge of departure,  
I know not the time of my flight,  
I hope its way off in the future,  
but it could be I'm flying tonight.

The flight I await goes to Heaven,  
I know that it's lovely up there,  
for I've read the fine brochure, the Bible,  
and I speak to them often in prayer.

It costs very little to go there,  
you take nothing with you at all,  
you pay by the way you behave every day,  
and you wait for St. Peter to call.

As I await for the start of my journey,  
there's so many things I can see,  
like someone in need of a word or a deed,  
so I do what's expected of me....

I wait in the lounge of departure,  
never too sure when to fly,  
but I hope when I do,  
there's a change I meet you,  
we can all pay the fare if we try!

# Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Lúnasa.



Lúnasa, ceiliúramis an fómhar. Duine de na déithe ba thábhachtaí i gcultúr na gCeilteach ab ea Lugh. Féile a bhí ann le fáilte a chur roimh fhás an arbhair agus roimh thús an fhómhair. Is minic a bhíodh daoine in Éirinn ag damhsa agus tinte cnámha á dhéanamh acu chun Féile Lúnasa a cheiliúradh. Bhí cuid de na nósanna seo beo go dtí an fichiú haois.

De réir an tseanchais ba laoch, file, cruitire, taidhleoir, státaire agus ceardaí é. Is uaidh a shíolraigh Lúnasa an chéad mhí den fhómhar. Gabhaimis buíochas le Dia as gach ní a fhasann. In aimsir na gCeilteach ceapadh gur ón ngrian a tháinig na torthaí go léir agus gan í ní bheadh bia ar bith acu agus gheobhaidís bás. Tháinig Naomh Pádraig agus mhúin sé gur chruthaigh Dia teas na gréine agus báisteach na spéire chun plandaí a chur ag fás.

Sa Bhiobla léifimid go bhfuil "tráth breithe, tráth báis, tráth curtha síl, tráth bainte fómhar. (Cóheilít3:1)

A Thiarna bí linn i Mí Lúnasa, mí na cruithneachta, mí an fhómhair, mí an arbhair.

*Ag Críost an síol, ag Críost an fómhar;  
in iothlann Dé go dtugtar sinn.*

*Ag Críost an mhuir, ag Críost an t-iasc;  
I líonta Dé go gcastar sinn.*

*Ó fhás go haois, ó aois go bás,  
do dhá láimh, a Chríost, anall tharainn.*

*Ó bhás go críoch nach críoch ach athfhás,  
i bParthas na ngrást go rabhaimid Áiméan*

In August, we celebrate the harvest. Lugh was one of the most important gods in the Celtic culture.

People in Ireland often performed dances and bonfires to celebrate the August Feast. Some of these customs were still there today.

According to folklore, Lugh was a warrior, a hero, a poet, a harpist, a diplomat, a statesman and a craftsman. August is named after him; the first month of Autumn. We thank God for everything that grows. In Celtic Times it was thought that all the crops came from the sun and without it there would be no food and they would die. St. Patrick came and taught that God created the heat of the sun and the rain to help the growth of plants.

In the Bible we read that there is: A time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.... (Ecclesiastes 32-3)

Lord be with us during the month of August, month of the wheat, month of the harvest, month of the corn.

*To Christ the seed, to Christ the crop,  
in barn of Christ may we be brought.*

*To Christ the sea, to Christ the fish,  
in nets of Christ may we be caught.*

*From growth to age, from age to death,  
Thy two arms here, O Christ, about us.  
From death to end, not end but growth,*

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

O god, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

### 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 Ecclesiastes Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says.  
Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured  
wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave  
what is his own to someone who has not toiled  
for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice;  
for what does he gain for all the toil and  
strain that he has undergone under the sun?  
What of all his laborious days, his cares of  
office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

### The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

*Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to the next.*

You turn men back into dust  
and say 'go back, sons of men'.  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night.

R.

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. R.

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. R.

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. R.

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians

Col 3:1-5.9-11

Since you have been brought back to true  
life with Christ, you must look for the things  
that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting  
at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be  
on heavenly things, not on the things that  
are on the earth, because you have died,  
and now the life you have is hidden with  
Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed  
- and he is your life - you too will be re-  
vealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill every-  
thing in you that belongs only to earthly  
life: fornication, impurity, guilty pas-  
sion, evil desires and especially greed,  
which is the same thing as worshipping a  
false god; and never tell each other lies.  
You have stripped off your old behaviour  
with your old self, and you have put on a  
new self which will progress towards  
true knowledge the more it is renewed in  
the image of its creator; and in that image  
there is no room for distinction between  
Greek and Jew, between the circum-  
cised or the uncircumcised, or be-  
tween barbarian and Scythian, slave and  
free man. There is only Christ: he is  
everything and he is in everything.

### The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master,  
tell my brother to give me a share of our  
inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who  
appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator  
of your claims?' Then he said to them,  
'Watch, and be on your guard against  
avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not

made secure by what he owns, even when he  
has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was  
once a rich man who, having had a good har-  
vest from his land, thought to himself, "What  
am I to do? I have not enough room to store  
my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will  
do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger  
ones, and store all my grain and my goods in  
them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you  
have plenty of good things laid by for many  
years to come; take things easy, eat, drink,  
have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool!  
This very night the demand will be made for  
your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it  
be then?" So it is when a man stores up  
treasure for himself in place of making himself  
rich in the sight of God.'

## 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 for-  
giveness of sins and I look forward to the res-  
urrection of the dead and the life of the world  
to come.

Amen.

## Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from  
heaven, endowed with all delights and  
sweetness in every taste.