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ENNIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER

EASTER DAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

YEAR A

SOLEMNITY

Sunday 5th April 2026



"Death could not hold Him"

Acts 2:24

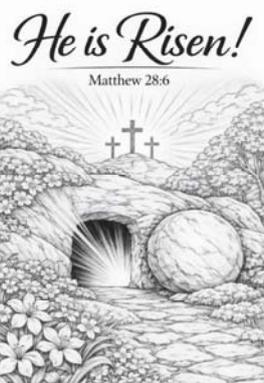
The clocks have sprung forward and we are enjoying the lengthening of the days. Dawn today broke through the darkness of the night. Light has shone onto the landscape. We have gathered in carefully chosen places to welcome the rising sun to celebrate Dawn Mass. Yes, today is a day of significance, no ordinary day. Today is Easter Sunday. The day in which we re-enact the early morning experience of Mary of Magdala, Peter and the other disciple going to the tomb to honour the Lord.

Moving out of the regular Sunday routine we go to another place to gather and greet the new day, new dawn, like many generations of old even going back before Christianity. There is something in us humans that we need to honour the rising sun.

Today, Easter Sunday, we join with previous generations to see the light glow above the horizon, to hear the sounds of nature and be at peace in the stillness of the dawn. Because today is the Dawn of a new story. The story that gives meaning to who we are and the sharing of the Good News that Jesus has risen from the dead. In this story we are given hope that life does not end with death but that we are transformed into life eternal. Yes, Jesus the Christ has risen from the dead Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Not alone has Jesus the Christ risen from the dead but we are invited to share the Good News and believe.

So let us embrace the new dawn and hear once again what Peter is quoted in today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles 'Now we are those witnesses'. And so the number of believers grew and the church was born.

HAPPY EASTER!!



Mass Times

Cathedral:

Monday to Friday 7.40am, 11am & 7.30pm
Saturday 11 am & Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday 8am, 9.30am & 11.30am
www.ennisparish.com/webcam
Radio link:106.4fm

St. Joseph's:

Monday to Friday 10.30am
Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm
Sunday 1 0am & 11.45am
www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/stjosephs-church-webcam

Friary:

Monday to Saturday 10am
Vigil Mass Saturday 7 .30pm
Sunday 10.30am
www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscan-friary-webcam/

Christ the King - Cloughleigh

Monday to Friday 9.30am
Sunday 11am

Anniversary Masses and Baptisms are booked through the Parish Office: 065 6824043 (office hours).

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Cathedral & Friary:

Cathedral: Monday to Friday 7pm to 7.25pm
Saturday after the Vigil Mass
Friary: Tuesday, Friday & Saturday 11-1 noon & 4-5 pm

Baptisms

Can be booked through the Parish Office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Presbyteries

Cathedral:- 6824043;
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Priest on Duty
Contact: Fr. David Carroll 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Easter Sat: 9pm: Easter Vigil.
Easter Sun 5th 8am: No intentions.
9.30am: No intentions.
11.30am: No intentions.
Mon 7.40am: Bank Holiday—No 7.40am Mass.
11am: Jimmy Frawley, Woodlawn.
 Edward Baker, Hermitage.
 Charlie Burke-Gwosdz, Schull, Co. Cork.
7.30pm: Tessie & Paddy Meere, Cahercalla.
 Maura Browne, Gallows' Hill.
 Special intention.
Tues 7.40am: No Mass.
11am: Book of Intentions.
 Irene O'Doherty, Stillorgan, Dublin.
7.30pm: Michael & Mary Kate Griffin, Parnell St.
 Patrick O'Brien, Ballaghboy, Doora.
 Frances & Bobby O'Rourke, Dalcassian Ave.
 Nora & Daniel O'Neill, Connolly.
Wed 7.40am: No Mass.
11am: Joan O'Neill, Sixmilebridge.
 Tom & Eva Devitt, Derryharriv, Inagh.
7.30pm: Martin, Teresa & Phyllis O'Grady,
 McNamara Park.
 Belle & Josie Broderick, Ardlea Rd.
 Gerard Bennis, Bramble Lane.
Thurs 7.40am: No Mass.
11am: Esther Kelly, Durrow, Co. Laois.
 Pat & Nora Harnett, Limerick.
7.30pm: Gerry, Doris & Gerard Molloy, Hermitage.
 Sarah Williams Rynne, Cusack Rd.
 Maureen & Linda Rynne, Cusack Rd.
Fri 7.40am: No Mass.
11am: Mass for the People.
7.30pm: Dolores Nevin, Childers' Rd.
 John, Catherine & Teresa Flanagan, Market St. &
 Connolly Villas.
Sat: 11am: Seán & Maureen Cronin, Mountain View.
6.30pm: Jonathan Curtin, Park Ave. MM.
 Noel O'Loughlin, Carmody St. **1st Anniv.**
 PJ Coote, Cahercalla Estate.
 PJ Meaney, Cranny, Kilrush.
 Nell & Mary Ryan, Stonepark, Barefield.
 O'Brien & Marrinan Families, Tobertaoscaín.
 Frank Roche, Dalcassian Park.
Sun 12th 8am: Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families,
 Ennis & Cork.
9.30am: Josephine & Patrick Kelly, Ard na Gréine.
11.30am: Christy & Breda Carpenter & Family,.
 Hermitage Rd.
 Jean O'Donoghue, Ennis & Limerick.
 William McGovern, 'St. Martin's', College View.
 Mary Ann Ryan, Knockalough, Kilmihil.
 Kathleen & Christy O'Donovan, Ard na Gréine.
 Tony Lillis, Edenvale.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal
 In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €400, €300, €200 & €95. Your generosity to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal is much appreciated. Thank you.

Matt Talbot Prayer Society



The monthly mass and prayers for all suffering or sharing in the life of addictions will take place on Easter Monday at the 7:30pm Mass in the Cathedral.

Come and experience the Joy of Easter

Catechesis for adults and young adults, an occasion to taste the love of God and deepen our faith. Starting April 13th every Monday and Thursday in the Chapter room of the Cathedral.

St. Anthony's Magazine

After 80 years of publication, the last edition of St. Anthony's brief is now available for sale in both the Friary and Cathedral. €2 per copy, supporting the work and ministry of our Franciscan Brothers who this year are honouring the 800th Anniversary of the death of St. Francis. For 786 years the Franciscan have had a presence in the Diocese of Killaloe and this continues with the present fraternity and Poor Clare Sisters.

Newly Baptised

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

- Jack Dylan Bull;
- Patrick Joyce;
- Iarlaith Patrick Farrell;
- Wojciech Jakub Siedlarczy;
- Cora Niamh Coffey;
- Maisie Rose Fox.



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: Holy Saturday— No Liturgy
Sun 5th 10am: Easter Sunday — Mass
11.45am: Mass
Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.
Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.
 Bridie & Johnny Butler, Marian Ave.
 Mary Cornu, Tullassa.
Wed 10.30am: Gerald Rooney, London & Roslea.
Thu 10.30am: John & Catherine Behan, Kilkee.
Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.
Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.
7pm: John Darcy, Shanaway Rd.
 Kevin Lynch, Ennis.
 Kevin & Cissie Lynch, Kilrush.
Sun 12th 10am: No intention booked.
11.45am: John English, St. Senan's Rd.
 Mary Rose McMahon, Shannon Park. **1st Anniv.**
 Martin Griffin, Kincora Park.

The Empty Tomb

Today Ennis Parish newsletter brings a world exclusive. Somewhere in the ancient ruins of what was the legal district of Jerusalem an interesting letter has been found. Read on:

To Cohen, Dan and Reuben Solicitors,

I refer to my hurried instructions date 3rd Nisan (Good Friday) last. I realise that the Passover Holiday means that you are only catching up on correspondence. So I instruct you to please ignore my previous letter and regard this communication alone as effective.

In that letter, I requested you to arrange that the garden cemetery plot marked out for me be assigned to Jesus of Nazareth. I enclosed the burial consent forms and formal approval of the Governor Pontius Pilate. It's possible that some processes of law weren't followed due to our haste with an immediate burial and the Festival approaching.

The grave has now been vacated and is no longer required by Jesus. However I will need it in time - though he tells me only for a short time. If there is any confusion or legal doubt about this new arrangement, I am happy to assist.

I regret any inconvenience.

*Yours faithfully,
 Joseph of Arimathea*

Not a true letter archaeologically, but it could have been. The empty tomb isn't just a feeling - it is a fact. That's what we celebrate in faith.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11am: Easter Sunday.
 Please note no weekday Masses
Easter Monday to Friday.
Sun 12th 11am: Kevin Maxwell, Shallee Drive.
 Special Intention.



Priests' Easter Collection

Priests' Easter Collection at all masses this weekend in the Pastoral Area. The Bishop & Priests who serve you in their parish really appreciate your generosity in your support of their ministry. Envelopes are available for this appeal.

Thank You

Today Easter Sunday we gather to celebrate resurrection. He is risen Alleluia. As we do so we pause to look back at the sacred journey of Holy Week that has brought us now to the Glory of the Resurrection.

Starting with the Blessing of Palm and our thanks to Finbar Coakley for supplying the palm to the beautiful Reconciliation Ceremony on Monday; evening to the quiet reflection of the Chrism Mass; to the powerful humility of the washing of feet on Holy Thursday; to the solemn veneration of the cross on Good Friday; to welcoming Sam into the Christian Community at the Easter Vigil, every ceremony was a testament to our living faith. None of this would have been possible without the dedication and commitment of so many parishioners this Easter day, thank you.

All involved in our liturgies, choirs, musicians, readers, eucharistic ministers, sacristans, altar servers, stewards, office staff.

Those who transformed our churches from the bareness of lent to the stunning floral displays that greet us with our Easter gardens this day. To the people behind the scenes who climb ladders, wash linen, iron altar cloths and banners, polish sacred vessels and clean our churches and grounds.

Thank you for your time, given generously. Because of your efforts we can all enter into Easter joy and sing Alleluia.



Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 29th March 2026

Fund €5,340.00
Online €324.50

Masses for Easter Week

Easter Monday to Friday

8:30am Poor Clare Monastery
10am Friary
10:30am St. Joseph's
11am & 7:30pm Cathedral

Normal weekend Masses.

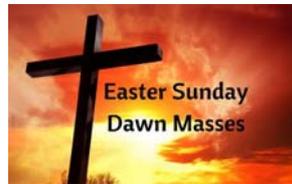
Please note no 7:40am mass in the Cathedral this week or 9:30am mass in Cloughleigh



Divine Mercy

Celebrations will take place in the Cathedral on Sunday next 12th April beginning at 2pm with mass celebrated at 3:30pm.

Dawn Mass



Easter Sunday Dawn Mass will be celebrated at the Quay in Clarecastle at 6:30am this Easter Day.

Trócaire

Now that the Lenten Season has concluded we invite you to return your Trócaire Box or contribution. The hardest part to the annual Trócaire appeal is getting the Trócaire Box from the kitchen table to the Church. Please make an effort to return your contribution as soon as possible, because what you share is urgently needed to relieve the poor and suffering in the world.



Easter Holy Water

Easter Holy Water is available in all our churches of the parish in special containers. We ask you to bring your own bottle to fill. We are trying in our own small way to reduce and reuse especially plastic.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach Cásca

Inniu Domhnach Cásca, an fhéile is mó i bhféilire na hEaglaise. Mar sin bímis lúcháireach inniu. Tá daichead lá caite againn le linn an Charghais ag guí, ag déanamh iobairtí agus ag cleachtadh spioradálta chun a bheith réidh an Cháisc a cheiliúradh le díograis croí agus brí iomlán a bhaint as bás agus aiséirí Chríost. Tá Críost faoi ghlóir anois. Nuair a d'aiséirigh sé léirigh sé gur bhuaigh sé ar an mbás, ar an bpeaca agus ar chumhacht an oilc. Chruthaigh sé gurbh É féin Dia. Bhí an tuama folamh agus bhí ionadh an domhain ar a chairde nuair a thaispeáin Íosa é féin dóibh. D'aithin siad é. Chreid siad go raibh sé aiséirithe, agus líonadh a gcroí le háthas. Tá go leor seanchas ag baint le hAiséirí Íosa. Anseo in Éirinn chreid ár sinsir go ndearna an ghrian damhsa sa spéir le háthas agus go raibh gach gné den dúlra faoi lúcháir ar Dhomhnach Cásca de bhri go raibh ár Slánaitheoir ina bheatha arís. Théidís go barr na gcnoc fiú go moch ar maidin chun an t-iontas a fheiceáil. Is féidir an paidir seo a rá.

*Éirim suas le Dia, go n-éirí Dia liom,
Lámh Dé i mo thimpeall, ag súi is ag lui
is ag éirí dom. Áiméan.*

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest feast in the Liturgical Calendar. So let us rejoice. We have spent forty days during Lent praying, making sacrifices and spiritual exercises in preparation to celebrate Easter with dedication and the meaning of the Resurrection of Jesus. Christ is in glory now. In the Resurrection Jesus showed his victory over death, sin and the power of evil. He proved he was God. The tomb was empty and his friends were surprised when he appeared to them. They recognised him. They believed he had risen from the dead and they were filled with joy.

In Ireland there is much folklore surrounding the Resurrection of Jesus. Our ancestors believed that the sun danced, and that nature celebrated on Easter Sunday because Jesus had risen from the dead. They used to go to the top of the hills to see this spectacle. We can say this prayer.

*I arise with God, May God rise with me,
God's hand about me as I sit, as I lie and
as I rise. Amen.*

REST IN PEACE

Anne Bradley nee Queally, Tobartescain;

Richard Dwyer, Cregaún Tobartescáin,;

Mona Glynn nee Malone, Gort, late of Beechpark;

Joe Pender, New York, brother of Tom, Clonroad;

Maeve Kilroy, Woodstock Hill, Shanaway Rd.;

Sean Murphy, Cratloe, brother of Madeline Keating, Lifford Rd.;

Joe Reid, Mahonburg, Inch & formerly Gort Road, Ennis.



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia
To him be glory and power
For all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia

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 Acts of the Apostles Acts 10:34.37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:
'You must have heard about the recent
happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Naz-
areth and how he began in Galilee, after John
had been preaching baptism. God had anointed
him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and
because God was with him, Jesus went about
doing good and curing all who had fallen into the
power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can
witness to everything he did throughout the
countryside - of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself:
and also to the fact that they killed him by
hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards
God raised him to life and allowed him to be
seen, not by the whole people but only by
certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand.
Now we are those witnesses - we have
eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection
from the dead - and he has ordered us to
proclaim this to his people and to tell them that
God has appointed him

to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him
that all the prophets bear this witness: that all
who believe in Jesus will have their sins
forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*This day was made by the Lord:
We rejoice and are glad.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

R

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds.

R

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

R

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

Col 3:1-4

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 revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed;
Let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jn 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week
and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to
the tomb. She saw that the stone had been
moved away from the tomb and came
running to Simon Peter and the other disciple,
the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the
Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't
know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go

to the tomb. They ran together, but the other
disciple, running faster than Peter, reached
the tomb first; he bent down and saw the
linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not
go in. Simon Peter who was following now
came up, went right into the tomb, saw the
linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth
that had been over his head; this was not
with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place
by itself. Then the other disciple who had
reached the tomb first also went in; he saw
and he believed. Till this moment they had
failed to understand the teaching of scripture,
that he must rise from the dead.

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

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed,
alleluia;**

**Therefore let us keep the feast with the
unleavened bread of purity and truth,
alleluia, alleluia.**