



ENNIS PARISH



NEWSLETTER



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sunday 14th September 2025

SOLEMN PROFESSION

With great joy and thanksgiving to God the Franciscan Friars announce the Solemn Profession of vows of Bro. Ian Cunningham OFM which takes place this Sunday 14th September on the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at the 10:30am Mass in the Friary.

Ian, son of Denis and Caroline and brother of Sarah, Elm Park, Gort Road. He was educated in Ennis National School, St. Flannan's College, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and the Angelicum University, Rome. He joined the Franciscan Order in their Postulancy in Ennis Friary in 2017 and completed his Novitiate in Killarney with further studies in Rome, Assisi and Cork.

This Sunday's celebration marks Brother Ian's lifelong commitment to live in poverty, chastity and obedience according to the rule of St. Francis of Assisi. United in faith and joy we invite you to keep Ian in your prayers as he gives his life in total service to Christ and his church as a Francis Friar on this the Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

May our prayers accompany him as he makes a lifelong commitment to the Franciscan way of life.



Franciscans
Na Proinnisiasaigh
Irish Franciscans OFM

Mass Times

Cathedral-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

Monday to Friday 10.30am

Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm

Sunday 10am & 11.45am

Friary-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

Phone Numbers: Cathedral:- 6824043;

Email: info@ennisparish.com

St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797 489;

Friary:- 6828751

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

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Priest on Duty 14th September 2025

Contact: Fr. Joy 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Kieran Griffin, Cronan Park, Shannon.
Bridie & Seán McMahon, Knockanoura, Tulla Rd.
Marian Kelly, Knock, Kilrush.
Willie & Mura Sheppard.

Sun 14th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Tony Mulrennan, Westfields.
Rita Keane, Loughville.
Conor Sheils & Mary O'Connor, College Grove.

11.30am: Elizabeth (Betty) MM & Peter Maher
1st Anniv., Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.
John & Deceased Cotter Family, Loughville.
Eileen Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.
Michael Tierney, Cahercalla Rd.
Michael & Molly Meehan & Deceased Family, Summerhill.
Carmel Keane, Galway.

5pm: Mass for the Brazilian Community

Mon: 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Special Intention.

7.30pm: Margaret & Andy Woods, Hermitage.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
Holy Souls.

11am: Special intention.
Seán, Anna Leahy & Thomas, St. Michael's Villas.

7.30pm: Frank Molony, late O'Connell St.

Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Special Intention.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: James Ball, College Green. MM
Jerry & Ann-Louise Collins, Cusack Rd.
Nancy Shannon, Hermitage & Shannon & Hewitt families.
Tommy & Frances Brennan, Clonroad.
Frank & Kathleen Slattery, Clonroad.
Eugene Ryan, Shanaway Rd.

Sat: 11am: John Finn & Parents, Golf Links Rd.
Ann Smyth, Roscommon.

6.30pm: Pat Hynes, Clare Rd.
Dan & Mary O'Keefe, "Prague", Ardlea Rd.
Paddy Reidy, Golf Links Rd.
Finbar O'Toole, Friars Close.
Pat & Theresa Cunningham, Marie & Seán O'Leary, Connolly Villas.
Ann Coffey, Hermitage.

Sun 21st 8am: Holy Souls.

9.30am: No intention booked.

11.30am: John & Mary O'Dwyer, Castlewood Pk.
John Martin O'Connor & decd O'Connor family, Connolly Villas.

1pm: Mass for the Ukranian Community.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge a donation of €100. Your generosity to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal is much appreciated. Thank you.

Sick and Retired Priests' Appeal

Thanks to all who contributed €4,220 to this appeal last weekend to care for our sick, elderly and retired priests.

Clare Roots Society

The September meeting of Clare Roots Society will take place on Thursday, 18th September at 7:30pm.



in the Clare Education Centre, Government Buildings, Kilrush Road, Ennis, V95 F782, Family Stories and Lore by Noreen Maher of Hibernian Roots.

Ennis Flower & Garden Club

present Mary Keogh, Tipperary, at Treacys' West County Hotel Ennis on Tuesday September 16th; doors open at 7.30pm and demonstration commences at 8.15pm sharp. All are welcome, demonstrators' arrangements raffled on the night. Contact:

ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

Many thanks to all who supported the Coffee Morning in the Chapter Room of the Cathedral for 12 year old Layla Kelly.

€ 2,720.00 raised in total.

This month's Alzheimer Information Cafe is being held on the 17th September in our Ennis Centre, Cuan An Chláir, Cahercalla, from 11.30-12.30. This month we have our New Dementia Adviser For Clare Speaking, Providing information and advice on Dementia and local Support services For Families and Carers. All welcome to join us for tea and a chat afterwards. For more information contact Samantha Fennell 0876985819, e-mail: samantha.fennell@alzheimier.ie



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Martin & Maureen Mullins, Marian Ave.

Sun 14th 10am: Noel Carmody, Kincora Park.

11.45am: John & Margaret McNamara, St. Senan's Rd. Cahir, Quinn & Howard Families, Kilfenora & Corofin

Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.
Tony O'Hara, Ennis.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: Mary & Paddy Lynch & family, Kilmaley.
Nonie & Tony Malone, Newpark.

11.30am: Opening Mass for St. Anne's School.

Sat: 10.30am: Mary & Bernard Woods, Summerhill.
Joe & Maura McDonagh, Meadowcourt, Clonroad.

7pm: Patrick Nolan, Fergus Park. MM
Anne Fox, Corrovorrin Green.

Sun 21st 10am: Teresa Moloney, Marian Ave.
Carl Quinn, London.

Coffee Morning

In aid of Milford Hospice, in Cloughleigh Community Centre on Friday 19th September, 10am to 1pm. All Welcome



Ennis Old Folks' Group

Anyone over 60 years are welcome to join us for a night of bingo, music and a cuppa every second Tuesday Night in the Maria Assumpta Hall @ 8pm. Further enquiries to Bella 087 1090414

Citizens' Information is celebrating 50 years of service to the community.

Ennis CIC provides free, impartial and confidential information, advice and advocacy services to the public on their rights and entitlements. Drop in or contact us on 0818 07 5260 to make an appointment.



Mind Matters with Type 1 Diabetes.

We're delighted to welcome Dr. Mark Davies, Clinical Psychologist from Belfast, as the keynote speaker for Mini Thriveabetes 2025, 'Mind Matters with Type 1 Diabetes'. Dr. Davies specialises in supporting adults living with diabetes, with deep insight into the emotional and psychological impact of managing a lifelong condition. This session is for anyone who has ever felt overwhelmed, burned out, or simply needed someone who truly understands what it's like to live with diabetes. Book your place Saturday, Sept 27 @ 10:30am-2pm. Free event. Learn more & register: thriveabetes.ie/mini-



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 14th 11am: Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 21st Decd Summerly family, Ennis.
Paddy & Josie McMahon, Shanaway Rd.



Season of Creation



September 1st—October 4th

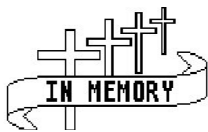
All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it. That we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Amen

Blessing of new life.



Calling all Expectant Parents to the next Blessing of New Life in our Pastoral Area that will take place on **Monday 6th October at 8pm in the Church of Our Lady Roslevan.** If you or anyone you know is pregnant, please share the invitation with them.

Rest in Peace



Clem Browne, "Avondale House",
Old Military Barracks, Kilrush Road.,

Kathleen Torpey (née Hynes),
Marian Avenue,

Maureen McCracken nee Mac Inerney,
England & Shannon Park;

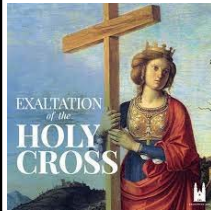
Gerard Griffin, "Gourna", Kilrush Rd & Feakle;

Patricia (Popsy) Dixon nee O'Neill,
St. Michael's Villas;

John King, Pairc na Coille, Showgrounds Rd.
& Dysart.

Anne McCaw, Cullinagh, Ennistymon, sister of
Mary McCarthy, Drumcliffe;

Triumph of the Holy Cross



This Sunday is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast is celebrated every year on the 14th September and celebrates the Triumph of the Cross. On Good Friday, we dwell on the sufferings of Christ as he hung upon the cross. Today we reflect on the blessings that came from that fatal day.

Retired Defence Forces

Deceased members of the Defence Forces in Co. Clare will be remembered at the 11:30am mass in the Cathedral on Sunday next 21st September. After mass there will be a wreath laying ceremony at the memorial in the Peace Park.

Cathedral Choir

Senior Choir:

Auditions this
September on Mondays
7.30pm-9pm



Junior Choir: 3rd to 6th class
Mondays 5.15pm –6.30pm

Contact Fiona 087 6886378

Ennis Parish Folk Group

Recruiting new musicians and singers to join our group. We practise Wednesday Nights and sing at the 6.30pm vigil mass Saturday. If interested call Seán on 0876388795.



Newly Baptised

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

Tommy Oliver Mitchell
Maeve Mary Irwin



Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday 7th September

Fund **€7,854.00**
Online **€264.50**

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Ceathrú Domhnach is Fiche



Sa bhliain 326 chuaigh Naomh Helena máthair Impire Chonstaintín Mór soir go hIarúsailéim agus d'éirigh léi Cros Chéasta Chríost a fháil. D'fhógair an Pápa Pius V11 Féile Sheacht nDólás na Maighdine Muire agus ceiliúrtar é ar 14 Meán Fómhair.

Is fiú dúinn machnamh ar Sheacht nDólás na Maighdine Muire.

Tairngreacht Shimeon

An Teitheadh don Éigipt

Íosa ar iarraidh sa Teampall inIarúsailéim

Castar Íosa lena mháthair ar a thuras go Calvaire

Céasadh Íosa ar Chnoc Chalvaire

Cliathán Íosa á tholladh le sleá agus

tógtar Íosa den chros.

Íosa á adhlacadh ag Íosaef ó Airiomatáia.

The Catholic Church celebrates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14 and Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15. St Helena mother of Emperor Constantine the Great discovered the True Cross of Christ in Jerusalem. Pope Pius V11 declared the feast Our Lady of Sorrows which is celebrated on the 15 September.

We ought to reflect on Our Lady's Sorrows.

The Prophecy of Saint Simeon

The Escape and Flight into Egypt.

The Loss of the Child Jesus in the

Temple of Jerusalem

The Meeting of Mary and Jesus on the Via Dolorosa.

The Crucifixion of Jesus on Mount Calvary.

The Piercing of the Side of Jesus, and His Descent from the Cross.

The Burial of Jesus by Joseph of Arimathea.

Welcoming New Catholics

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the RCIA - is for people who want to become Catholic. In recent years there has been an increased number of people seeking instruction in the Catholic Faith. You may know of someone considering becoming Catholic.

In the past week, we welcomed a 54 year old to the Faith in Baptism.

For more information on RCIA, please contact the Parish Office: 065 6824043

After preparation candidates will receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil 2026.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

We should glory in the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection,
Through whom we are saved and delivered.

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 Numbers Num 21:4-9

On the way through the wilderness the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here: we are sick of this unsatisfying food.
At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents. Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live. So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

The Word of The Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

Give heed, my people, to my teaching;
Turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
And reveal hidden lessons of the past.

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When he slew them then they would seek him,
Return and seek him in earnest.
They would remember that God was their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer.

R

But the words they spoke were mere flattery;
They lied to him with their lips.
For their hearts were not truly with him;
They were not faithful to his covenant.

R

Yet he who is full of compassion
Forgave their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger
When he might have stirred up his rage.

A Reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Ph 2:6-11

The state of Jesus Christ was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as we are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.

The Word of The Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ,

And we bless you;

Because by your cross

You have redeemed the world.

Alleluia!

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven,
the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'

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

When I am lifted up from the earth;
I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.