

# ENNIS PARISH

Ss.Peter & Paul Cathedral | St.Joseph's Church | Cloughleigh | Friary | Poor Clares

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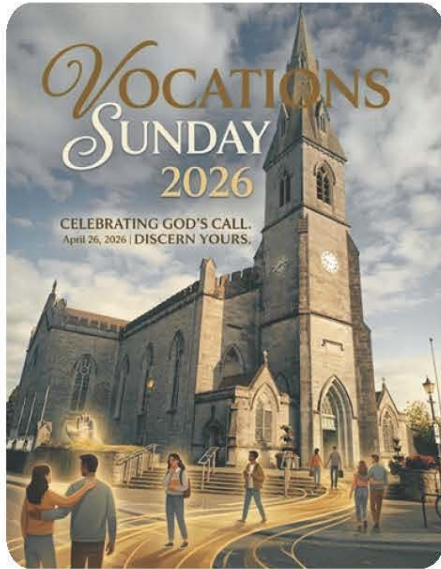
# NEWSLETTER

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR A

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026



One year ago this weekend, Pope Francis was laid to rest in Rome. In the conclave that followed, Cardinal Robert Prevost recalled being asked about the conclave and he replied by saying: ***"I think everything is in the hands of God, and I believe that profoundly"***.

He also said at the conclave, as he saw how it was emerging he prayed: ***"Here we go Lord. You are in charge, you lead the way"***.

Ireland's vocational landscape in 2026 feels suspended between grief and quiet hope. Vocations to priesthood and religious life remain few but their nature is shifting. The challenge is no longer "How to attract more" but "how to recognise the Spirit already moving".

Ireland's faith is being stripped back to essentials: hospitality; justice; care of creation and prayer. In that stripped back church, vocations emerge differently, not as a numbers game, but as a prophetic whisper.

While traditional pathways may be fewer, there remains a quiet but resilient call to service and community. The challenge now is not to lament decline but to recognise new forms of calling emerging in unexpected places, among lay people in small faith communities.

We need to be open to the unexpected as it may be revealing hidden treasures.

In our parish we have 3 people currently discerning the call to priesthood, please pray for them and especially for Ian who will be ordained to the priesthood on 31<sup>st</sup> May in the Friary.

## 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](http://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](http://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/](http://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

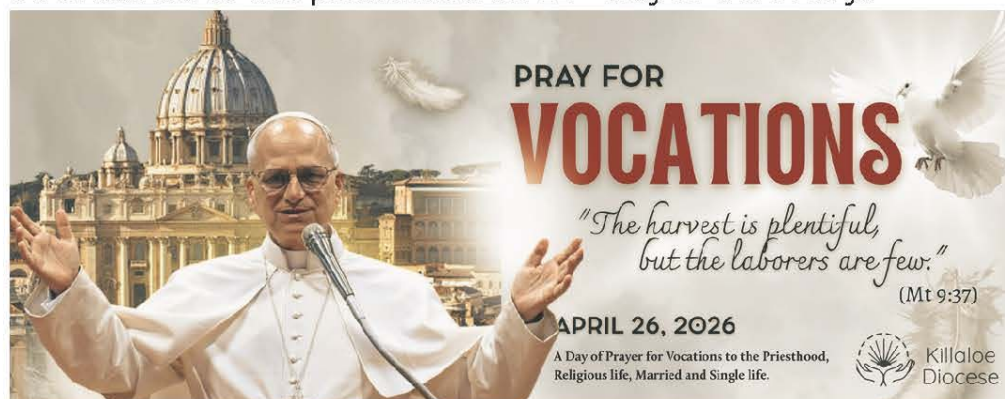
Monday to Friday in the Cathedral from 5pm until 7pm

### Presbyteries

Cathedral:- 6824043;  
Email: [info@ennisparish.com](mailto:info@ennisparish.com)  
Kincora Park:- 6829584  
Cloughleigh:- 6797489;  
Friary:- 6828751

### Ennis Parish Web Site:

<http://www.ennisparish.com>  
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PRAY FOR

# VOCATIONS

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."*

(Mt 9:37)

APRIL 26, 2026

A Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood, Religious life, Married and Single life.



Killaloe Diocese



# Priest on Duty: Fr Tom Ryan

Contact: 065 6869098



## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**6.30pm:** Sr. Mary O'Connell, St. Xavier's, Convent of Mercy. **1st Anniv.**  
Bridget, Seán & Fr. Mike O'Keefe, Ard na Gréine.  
Joe Maloney, Clareen.  
Mary Finlay, Willsgrove.

**Sun 26th 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** Ned Collins, St. Flannan's Tce.  
Lizzie Neylon, Parnell St.  
Monsignor Ignatius Murphy, Kilkee.  
Eleanor Murphy, Inch.  
Theresa & William Clohessy, Drumcliffe.  
Mary, Anne & John Ryan, Knockalough, Kilmihil.  
**11.30am:** Michael Kelly, John Paul Ave & Quin. **MM.**  
Eddie Daly, Hermitage.  
Mary Carroll, Kilrush Rd.  
Danny & Marie Moran, Shanaway.  
Joe & Mary Moloney, Hermitage.

**Mon: 7.40am:** Thomas & Veronica Haren, Kilmaley.

**11am:** Patsy Byrne, Tottenham, London..

**7.30pm:** No intention booked.

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

**11am:** Seamus O'Connell, St. Michael's Villas..

**7.30pm:** Maura Brooks, College Park.

Nancy Ward, Turnpike & St. Clare's Close.

**Wed 7.40am:** Holy Souls.

**11am:** O'Connell Family, St. Michael's Villas.

Pauline Clune, Quin.

**7.30pm:** Frank O'Brien, Clonmoney.

**Thurs 7.40am:** Special Intention.

**11am:** Anne Bradley, Tobartaiscain. **MM**

Inurnment of ashes after mass.

Francis Anthony McDonnell, Philippines & Parnell St.

**7.30pm:** Frank & Mary Kearse, Connolly Villas.

Jimmy Kelly, Kilrush Rd.

Bridie O'Donoghue, Limerick Rd.

Larry & Annie Clohessy, Hermitage.

John & Rachel O'Loughlin & decd family, Turnpike Rd.

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

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Marisa Enright, Iniscarraig & late O'Connell St.

George Metcalfe, New Road.

**Sat: 11am:** Rory Kennedy, Ballyalla.

Kevin & Ann Naughton, Summerhill.

**6.30pm:** Richard Dwyer, Tobartaoscain. **MM**

Joe Arthur, Gort Rd.

Michael & Kitty Kenneally, Fergus Park.

David Slattery, John Paul Ave.

Dominic Mulry, Willsgrove.

**Sun 3rd 8am:** Joe McInerney, Doora & Houston Texas.

Costelloe & O'Donoghue families, Ennis & Cork.

**9.30am:** Ann & John Keane, Hermitage &

Clare Burke, Mill Rd.

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

Owen Linnane, Parnell St.

Lucy McCarthy, Tulla Rd.

**1pm:** Mass for the Polish Community.



## Cloughleigh



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 26th 11am:** Michael Hoare, Morrissey Ave.  
Eugene White, Mungret & Considine Rd.  
Special Intention.

Peter & Teresa McMahon

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

**Sun 3rd May:** Noel Fawl, Gordon Drive.

Bridget Egan, Corofin.

### Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €10,000; €100; €80; €50 x2 & €5. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

### Lourdes Sick Pilgrims' Appeal

The second collection at all Masses next weekend is to support the Diocese in bringing sick and assisted pilgrims to Lourdes. These sick pilgrims would not be able to travel to Lourdes without the Diocese providing the necessary medical help and support for their travel and stay in the Sanctuary of Lourdes. Your generosity to this appeal is very much appreciated.

### First Friday of May



Friday next is 1st day of May. Sick and housebound parishioners will receive sacraments at home.

If you know of any housebound parishioner who would like to receive the sacraments, please contact the parish office.



### Rosary In honour of Our Lady

**St. Joseph's Well** daily 6pm;

**Buttermarket** daily 6pm;

**Dalcassian Park**

Sunday to Friday 6pm;

& Saturday 7.30pm;

**St. Michael's Villas** daily 7.30pm;

**Marian Avenue** daily at 7pm.

### Newly Baptised



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

**Jack Daly;**

**Angelina Rachel Cauley;**

**Hannah Brid O'Halloran**

## St. Joseph's



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**7pm:** Barry Coughlan, Corrovorran.

Joe & Patrick Conway & Theresa Kalkhuf.

**Sun 26th 10am:** Martin & Kathleen Kelly, Old Gort Rd. & Baby Emma, Toonagh.

**11.45am:** Ita & Paddy Real, Francis St.

Kay & Vincent Banks, Scotland.

**Mon 10.30am:** Eddie Worrell, London.

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

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

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

**Fri 10.30am:** John, Rita & Johnnie Mulkerrins, Marian Ave.

**Sat: 10.30am:** Mickey & Mary O'Gorman, Marian Ave. James Gallagher, Ennistymon & Cuan an Chláir.

**7pm:** Frank Gibbons, Kincora Park.

**Sun 3rd 10am:** No intention booked.

**11.45am:** No intention booked.

Bookings are now open for Helium's **FREE Summer Art Camp** in ENNIS for children and young people with long-term physical health conditions.

**Location:** DeValera Library, Ennis; **Ages:** 8-12 years; **Workshop Dates:** 14, 15, 16 July; Cadhla Brock, Community Outreach & Communications Officer  
M: +35386 8175093 / helium.ie

**Parent Support Evening for Bereaved Parents** on Wednesday 6th May at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Headford Point, Sandy Road, Galway.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** from May 20th to 27th. There are still places available, flying directly from Shannon to Mostar at a cost of €895.

For further information, please contact Jimmy on (065) 9059328

### Vocations' Sunday

Lord Jesus Christ, Gentle Shepherd,  
You know your sheep,  
and you know how to reach their hearts.  
Give to the people of the Diocese of Killaloe hearts that are open to the call of the Holy Spirit.  
Speak to the hearts of all in our diocese, that they may hear your call to follow you and serve your people.

Awaken in them the courage to answer:

"Here I am Lord. Send me".

St. Flannan, pray for us.

St. Senan, pray for us.

Sr. Francis, pray for us.

St. Clare, pray for us.

St. John Vianney, pray for us.



### Rest in Peace

**Bridget O'Reilly**, Abbeyville, Clare Road;

**Sr. Clare Setright**, Sisters of Mercy.

**Paddy O'Halloran**, Cahercallamore;

**Keith George Loftus**, Ennis.

**Gail McCarthy**, Birmingham, UK,

sister of Glenda Donnellan, Willow Park.



Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday, 19th April  
Fund €6,764  
Online €224.45

## Ennis Parish Development Fund

### Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Restoration Fund Income received in Year	€98,768.00	€73,710.00
<b>DEVELOPMENT FUND INCOME</b>		
Fund Contributions	€279,916.00	€281,337.00
Shrines	€75,583.00	€77,028.00
Wedding Contributions	€2,564.00	€1,703.00
Special Collections	€16,388.00	€17,049.00
St Joseph's Account		€49,761.00
Halls' Income	€33,445.00	€12,670.00
	€407,896.00	€439,548.00
Income Tax and Vat Refunds	€64,051.00	€88,022.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>€471,947.00</b>	<b>€527,570.00</b>
<b>DEVELOPMENT FUND EXPENDITURE</b>		
Wages & Salaries	€161,320.00	€170,833.00
Maintenance Parish Churches/Buildings	€94,172.00	€93,115.00
Contributions to Diocesan Levy & Collections	€162,891.00	€100,261.00
Light, Heat & Gas	€43,046.00	€42,859.00
Insurance	€23,502.00	€22,924.00
Donations and Gifts	€19,017.00	€6,200.00
Sundries	€10,424.00	€6,135.00
Shrine Candles	€25,303.00	€24,409.00
Church/Liturgical Requisites	€27,393.00	€5,598.00
IT/Office Equipment Costs	€20,909.00	€19,644.00
Poor Clare/Friary Heating Fund	€15,000.00	€15,000.00
Telephone	€4,700.00	€3,557.00
Pastoral Care	€11,063.00	€9,840.00
Meetings/Functions	€2,950.00	€3,927.00
Choir	€3,342.00	€3,041.00
Bank Charges	€2,360.00	€2,287.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>€627,392.00</b>	<b>€526,590.00</b>
<b>DEVELOPMENT FUND EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>-€155,445.00</b>	<b>€980.00</b>

#### Parish Financial Report 2025

This weekend we publish our Financial Report for 2025. We thank all who faithfully contribute to the financial running of the parish. This year, we record a deficit. Each parish makes a payment to support the work of the Diocese, our payment in the past year covered a period of 18 months as opposed to 12 months. In addition we made a once off contribution to the Friary Roof Appeal and towards the replacement of ageing equipment. Excluding these extraordinary expenses, the Parish's ordinary operation budget remains balanced.

The work of our counters, basket and envelope distributors, volunteers, office staff and our Finance and Property Committee is very much valued and appreciated.

The Cathedral Renovation Appeal is a separate fund specifically set up to support the work of updating and renovating our 184 year old Cathedral. The generous support to this fund is very much appreciated.

**Irish Cancer Society** desperately needs donations of clothes and bric a brac to help raise vital funds for cancer support. Tel. 065-6848826. Irish Cancer Society, Woodquay, Ennis. V95EP86. Thank you to all volunteers and customers for their ongoing support.

**Clare Roots' Lecture - the 1926 Census**  
The 1926 census at last! What this means for genealogy in Ireland will be delivered by Claire Bradley at Clare Education Centre, Government Buildings, Kiltrush Road, Ennis, V95 F782, on Thursday, April 30th at 7:30pm. All welcome.

Fr. Diarmuid O'Riain OFM



Fr. Diarmuid died peacefully in the Portiuncula Nursing Home in Multyfarnham, Co. Westmeath on Wednesday 15th April, 2026.

A native of Galbally, Co. Limerick where he was born 93 years ago.

Diarmuid joined the Franciscan Order in 1950. He was ordained a Priest in Rome in 1958. His ministry as a Franciscan Priest brought him to many Friaries in Ireland including Ennis where he was part of the Local Fraternity and was well known and respected for his involvement with prayer groups.

For decades he ministered to Priests each year with Sr. Breege McKenna at the Intercession of Priests in All Hallows College, Dublin every August.

He had a great love for Gaelic Games, especially hurling and was a passionate Limerick supporter. His final appointment was to the Friary in Multyfarnham where he lived out the final years of his life, before moving next door to the Portiuncula Nursing Home, where he died peacefully on the morning of the 15th April.

He was laid to rest in the Friary in Multyfarnham on Saturday 18th April.

In the words of St Francis in this Jubilee Year of his passing over into glory, "Welcome Sister Death".

### ***Sr. Eileen's Clúinne***

Muire Máthair Dé

Muire Máthair Dé. Is í Muire Banríon na bhflaitheas, Driantóir na bhforlag, Farraige na daonnachta, Réaltán Eolais gach seachránaigh, Bean réitigh na feirge, Idirmhíneitheoir na ngearánach, Sásamh an bhreithimh, Teanga na mbalbhán, Seomra séad na suáilcí, Tuile na ngrást agus Tonn Chliodhna na Trócaire.

Mary is the Queen of Heaven Protector of the weak, Sea of humanity, Astronomer's knowledge of stars, Woman resolving anger, Complainant's pacifier, Satisfaction of judge, The language of the dumb, The room of blessings, The flood of graces and The Clíodhna Wave of Mercy.

#### **Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving**

for those people who have died under the care of Milford Care Centre. We hope that you may wish to join with us, and we look forward to sharing with you this act of remembrance and thanksgiving to be held at **Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Castletroy, on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 3pm.** Please feel free to invite family and friends to join you in solidarity and support.

**Session on this Sunday in Cois na hAbhna**  
6pm—8.30pm. All musicians, singers, dancers, & listeners welcome. Cupán tae served.

**Spring Clean Up of Marian Avenue Grotto**  
All welcome to join in clean up of Marian Avenue Grotto this Monday at 7pm.

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
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 Ac 2:14.36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the  
Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud  
voice: "The whole House of Israel can be certain  
that God has made this Jesus whom you cruci-  
fied both Lord and Christ."

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said  
to Peter and the apostles, "What must we do,  
brothers?" "You must repent," Peter answered  
"and every one of you must be baptised in the  
name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins,  
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The  
promise that was made is for you and your chil-  
dren, and for all those who are far away, for all  
those whom the Lord our God will call to himself."  
He spoke to them for a long time using many  
arguments, and he urged them, "Save yourselves  
from this perverse generation." They were con-  
vinced by his arguments, and they accepted  
what he said and were baptised. That very day  
about three thousand were added to their number.

**The word of the Lord**

*Responsorial Psalm*

Response: *The Lord is my Shepherd, there is  
nothing I shall want*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow  
me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R**

## A reading from the first letter of St. Peter 1 Pt 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing  
punishment patiently when you are punished  
after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called  
to do, because Christ suffered for you and left  
an example for you to follow the way he took.  
He had not done anything wrong, and there  
had been no perjury in his mouth. He was  
insulted and did not retaliate with insults;  
when he was tortured he made no threats but  
he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was  
bearing our faults in his own body on the  
cross, so that we might die to our faults and  
live for holiness; through his wounds you  
have been healed. You had gone astray like  
sheep but now you have come back to the  
shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**The word of the Lord**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;*

*I know my own sheep and my own know me.*

*Alleluia!*

## Reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jn 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone  
who does not enter the sheepfold through the  
gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and  
a brigand. The one who enters through the  
gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gate-  
keeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice,  
one by one he calls his own sheep and leads  
them out. When he has brought out his flock,  
he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow

because they know his voice. They never  
follow a stranger but run away from him: they  
do not recognise the voice of strangers.'  
Jesus told them this parable but they failed to  
understand what he meant by telling it to  
them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:  
'I tell you most solemnly,  
I am the gate of the sheepfold.  
All others who have come  
are thieves and brigands;  
but the sheep took no notice of  
them.  
I am the gate.  
Anyone who enters through me will  
be safe:  
he will go freely in and out  
and be sure of finding pasture.  
The thief comes  
only to steal and kill and destroy.  
I have come  
so that they may have life  
and have it to the full.'

**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 ascend-  
ed 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 king-  
dom 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

**The Good Shepherd has risen,  
Who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia**