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NEWSLETTER

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - SOLEMNITY

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MATTHEW 28:16-20 .

Sunday 17th May 2026



Today we celebrate the glorious Feast of the Ascension, the moment when Jesus, after His resurrection, returns to the Father in heaven. But this is not just a farewell- it is a moment of hope and mission. The Feast of the ascension reminds us that even though Jesus has ascended into heaven and is no longer physically visible, we can still “ feel the pull” of His presence through the Holy Spirit, guiding, strengthening, and leading us toward heaven. His Ascension is not an absence but a new way of being present with us always.

The message of Ascension is that, in this world of doubt and darkness, cruel deeds and act of kindness, the Lord is ever at our side. We may not have immediate answers to our nagging questions. But when we unite our sufferings, our meaninglessness, our brokenness, our infirmities to Christ we find meaning even amidst meaninglessness and consolation even amidst desolation. Jesus transforms our Gethsemane experience into an ascension experience.

The Ascension does not mean that Christ has abandoned us; rather, it means that His work continues through us. The disciples were not left helpless. Jesus promised them the coming of the Holy Spirit, who would give them the courage and strength to carry out His mission. And that same Holy Spirit is given to us

Each of us is called to be a witness of Christ's love in the world. Not everyone is called to preach from a pulpit, but all of us can preach through our lives- by showing kindness, by forgiving others, by being a source of hope in our families and communities. Think of the apostles before the Ascension. They had been fearful, uncertain, and hesitant. But after receiving the Holy Spirit, they went out with boldness and joy, proclaiming the Gospel to the ends of the earth. That same Spirit is alive in us today. Are we ready to live our faith boldly?

The Ascension is not an ending- it is a new beginning. It marks the moment when the disciples must take responsibility for their faith and actively live it out. The same is true for us.

St. Alphonsus Liguori, the great teacher of prayer and founder of the Redemptorists, often reminded us that Jesus is always near to those who trust in Him. Though He has ascended, He remains present in the Eucharist, in the Holy Spirit, and in our hearts. Alphonsus would encourage us to turn to Christ with great confidence, knowing that He intercedes for us and will never abandon us.

So, let us take these three messages to heart: Trust in Christ's intercession- He is at the right hand of the Father, praying for you at this very moment. Bring your struggles and hopes to Him with confidence. Embrace your Mission- Do not just stand still in your faith. Go and be a witness of Christ's love in your family, your workplace, and your community. Rely on the Holy Spirit- You are not alone. The Spirit of God is within you, giving you the courage to live as a true disciple.

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;

Email: info@ennisparish.com

Kincora Park:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Michael O'Brien, Summerhill.
 Marie Gardiner, Considine's Tce.
 Frank Hassett, Ard na Greine.
 Mary **1st Anniv** & Frank Corey, Loughville.
 Brid Flanagan & deceased Flanagan family,
 Loughville & Ballygriffey.
 Breda Hassett, Drumbiggle Road.
 Healy & Deasy Families Cork.
 Coughlan & Browne Families Ennis.
 Mary Scanlan, Willow Park & Scattery Island.

Sun 17th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Aidan **1st Anniv** & Marie Deegan,
 Ashfield, Cusack Rd.
 Frances Roughan, Ballyneillan, Fountain.

11.30am: Michael & Una O'Meara, Limerick Rd.
 Sheila & Martin Cotter & deceased family, Loughville.
 Dónall MacMathúna, Ballybeg.
 James Kelly, Collins Park.
 Mary Quinn, Carlow & Watford, UK.
 Michael Fitzgerald, Corrovorrin Drive.

Mon 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Mary Kelly, Tuam, Galway.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Christopher Rynne, Hermitage.
 Irene Moloney, McNamara Park.

Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: John & Eileen Howard, Circular Rd.

Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: Bridget O'Reilly, Abbeyville. **MM**
 Madge Moloney, McNamara Pk.
 Mary Molloy, Turnpike Rd.

7.30pm: Ted Barron, The Hazels, Oakleigh Wood.
 Mary Ellen, Joe & Tommy Hickey, Tullassa, Inch
 P.J. Cleary, Cahercalla Cross.

6pm: Colaiste Mhuire Graduation Mass.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: George Tuohy, Gort na Rí.
7.30pm: Pat O'Halloran, Cahercallamore. **MM**
 Mary (Molly) Dinan, St. Michael's Villas. **MM**
 Nell Hanley, "Genazzano", New Rd.
 Noel, Mary & Packie Ryan, Clarecastle & late
 Dalcassian Ave.

Sat: 11am: No Mass
Holy Family Holy Communion.

6.30pm: Teresa **1st Anniv** & Tom McGrath,
 Coole Lodge, Francis St.
 Sr. Clare Setright, St. Xavier's Convent. **MM**.
 Peter Considine, Dromadrehid, Kilrush Rd.
 Frank & Sally O'Dea, Park Ave.
 Brendan Sullivan, "Rossa", Clonroad.
 Angela White, Considine Rd.
 Paddy O'Connell, Shanballa, Lahinch Rd.
 Julius Gajauskas & Algirdas Jecka, Lithuania.
 Martin Mounsey, Marian Ave.

Sun 24th 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: Mary & Gerard Davoren, Kilcorney, Kilfenora.
11.30am: Laurence Curtin, Miltown. **MM**
 Mary & Paddy Broderick, Loughville.
 John & Bridie Murray, Mullagh.
 Chacko Joseph & Rosanna Devasia, India.
 Eamon Moloney, McNamara Park.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donation of €200. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.



Safeguarding

May is Safeguarding month in the Diocese of Killaloe. Safeguarding seeks to be proactive, ensuring safe environments for all our ministries and covers both children and vulnerable adults. Education and training are key in keeping cathedral safeguarding message currently and not allowing complacency. We hold regular information sessions for all parish volunteers and priests ministering to children and adults. Visit www.killaloe-diocese.ie/safeguarding to find out more.

First Holy Communion



On Saturday next our Parish Community will celebrate First Holy Communion with the following schools:

Scoil Chríost Rí,
 Cloughleigh 11am;
Ennis National School
 Cathedral at 11am;
Ennis CBS
 St. Joseph's at 11am.

We ask you to keep the children and their parents and teachers in your prayers as they prepare for this Sacrament.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration takes place this week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 5pm to 7pm.

Please note
No Adoration Thursday.



Newly Baptised

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

Séadna Páidí Kelly;
Montana Philomena
 Keenan;
Peter Keenan;



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Jimmy & Theresa Madigan, Marian Ave.
Sun 17th 10am: Maura Burke, Carlow.
 Brendan Derrane, The Crescent. **1st Anniv**
 Kathleen Burke, Knockanoura, Tulla Rd.
 Johnny, Mark & Cathal Mulcaire, Cahercalla Heights.
 Special Intention.
11.45am: No intention booked.
Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.
Tues 10.30am: Book of intentions.
Wed 10.30am: Siobhán Sexton, Clareen.
Thu 10.30am: John Breslin, Sligo.
Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.
Sat: No 10.30am Mass.
Sat 11am: First Holy Communion CBS
7pm: Martin Tierney, Drumcliffe. **1st Anniv**
 Jimmy & Dilly O'Halloran, St. Senan's Rd.
 Noreen Carroll, Ennis & Naas.
Sun 24th 10am: Brendan Mounsey, Marian Ave.
11.45am: Christy Rushe, College Rd.
 P.J. & Eileen O'Loughlin, Kevin Barry Ave.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 17th 11am: No intention booked.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sat 11am: Holy Communion Scoil Chríost Rí.
Sun 24th 11am: Paddy, Kitty, Martin & Agnes
 Kennedy, Kilcurrish, Fountain.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association



The Association is keen to consult with members on how they can develop the Association in terms of the following:
 Membership; Involvement of young people safely;
 Developing individuals' activities and their prayer life and as an organisation
 They are holding a series of nationwide information/ consultations throughout the country and in our area. The meeting will be held in Woodstock Hotel, Shanaway Rd. Ennis on Tuesday 16th June 7.30pm to 9.30pm.
 For those unable to attend there will be an online meeting on Thursday 11th June from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.
 To access the link for this meeting, contact info@pioneers.ie

St. Anthony's Novena



This year's Novena begins on Thursday 4th June and concludes on Saturday 13th June, the Feast of St. Anthony at the Friary.
 This year's Novena will be led by Fr. Tom Ryan. The Novena Session on Sunday 7th June will be broadcast live on RTE 1 television as part of their public service broadcasting.

Bealtaine May 17th
from 2pm to 4pm

Free concert with the Ennis Choirs hosted by Mike Hanrahan, The Square, O'Connell Street. Everyone welcome



2pm: St. Michael's Villas Community Choir.
2.20pm: Harmony Bro
2.40pm: Suara
3pm: Loinnir Chamber Choir
3.20pm: Jess Poole Truly Amazing Gospel Choir
4pm: All Choirs

A fabulous afternoon of singing guaranteed!
All invited to join in the singing.

Grásta

Pre-Marriage Courses

13th –15th November, 2026;
26th—28th February, 2027.

Married Couples Courses

14th—15th November, 2026;
27th—28th February, 2027.

Weekend Course

Accommodation & meals included.

Website: grasta.org;

Email: info@grasta.org

Exams

We have arrived at the time of year, dreaded or anticipated by all students depending on how well the year's work has gone - Exam Time!

We wish all college students every blessing as they sit their exams and finish their academic year.

We offer you a little prayer that is most appropriate as you look forward.

God give me faith in myself,
not only on days when I am doing great
and winning and nothing seems
impossible,
but on days when the whole world looks
lousy and I am losing
and the road ahead seems too hard.
When I wonder if I am brave enough,
smart enough and I must be crazy to try,
don't let me quit, Lord...not ever.
Let me keep faith in myself,
no matter how many people discouraged
me, doubt me, laugh at me, warn me,
think me a fool,
don't let me listen.

REST IN PEACE

Mary Hartigan nee Doherty,
Turnpike Rd. & Lahinch;
Kitty Fitzgerald nee Kelly,
Cahercalla Cross;
Denis Exton, Drumbiggle Rd.



May the Month of Mary



May is the month of Mary. An opportunity for a May Altar in your home or class room and also an opportunity to pray the Rosary. We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly during May.

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flowers of the rarest
bring blossoms the fairest,
from gardens and woodlands
and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Chorus:

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

The Rosary will be prayed each evening during the month of May at the following grottos in the parish:

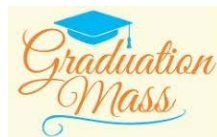
Rosary in honour of Our Lady

- Dalcassian Park daily 6pm
- Hermitage Grotto daily 6.30pm
- Marian Avenue Grotto daily 7pm
- Corrovorrin Crescent daily 7pm & Saturday at 5pm
- Gallows Hill daily 7pm
- St. Michael's Villas daily 7.30pm
- Loughville Grotto daily 8pm
- Fountain Grotto daily 8.30pm
- Buttermarket Grotto daily 6pm
- Ballybeg Grotto daily
- St. Joseph's Well daily 6pm
- McHugh Villas 7pm

Ennis Flower & Garden Club

Ennis Flower & Garden Club present Bertranda Delaney, Tipperary at Treacys' West County Hotel on Tuesday May 19th for a Floral Demonstration. Demonstration commences at 8.15pm. €10 non members. All welcome.

Graduation Masses



Rice College

Tuesday 7pm in St. Joseph's Church;

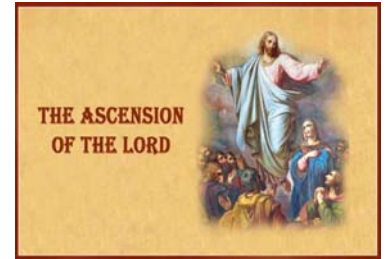
Coláiste Muire

Tuesday 6pm in Cathedral.

National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on 18th May - 25th May.

For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne



Deascabháil Ár dTiarna

Inniu táimid ag comóradh Dheascabháil Ár dTiarna Íosa Críost agus tugaimid chun cuimhne Íosa ag filleadh ar a Athair. Déanaimis machnamh ar imeacht Íosa ón domhan seo. Tá a mhísean teagaisc, a pháis agus an t-aiséirí curtha i gcrích agus lá na cinniúna buailte le hÍosa. Bhí breis is trí bliana caite ag na deisceabail i bhfochair Íosa agus grá mór acu dó. Ní haon ionadh gur bhraitheadar uaigneach agus imníoch nuair a bhí Sé ag imeacht uathu chun na bhFlaitheas. Bhí fíis ag Íosa dá dheisceabail go leanfaí lena shaothar ag craobhscaoileadh an dea-scéil. "Imigí faoin domhan uile agus fógraigí an dea-scéal" (Marcas 16:15) an obair a thug sé dóibh le déanamh. Gheall Íosa go seolfadh sé an Spiorad Naomh chucu chun treoir agus misneach a thabhairt dóibh.

Cabhraíonn Féile na Deascabhála linn ár n-aigine a dhírú ar an sprioc neamhaí atá romhainn amach. Níor cruthaíodh sinn don saol seo amháin. Is oilithrigh sinn agus lá éigin beimid ag tabhairt aghaidh ar chaladh ciúin na síoraíochta le bheith i láthair Dé. *Ní imithe uainn atá tú Íosa ach imithe romhainn. Is é ár ndóchas bheith san áit ina bhfuil tú.*

Ascension of Our Lord

Today we are celebrating the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ and we recall Jesus returning to His Father. Let us reflect on Jesus' departure from this world. His mission of teaching, his passion and resurrection been completed and the day of victory has arrived. The disciples have spent over three years with Jesus and loved him greatly.

It is not surprising that they felt lonely and anxious when He was leaving them to go to Heaven. Jesus had a vision for his disciples which was to spread the kingdom of his love, the Good News. "Go into the whole world and spread the Good News". (Mark 16 :15) Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to guide and give them courage.

The feast of the Ascension helps to focus our minds on our future heavenly goal. We have not been created for this world only. We are mere pilgrims here and one day will be in God's presence. *You have not gone away from us Jesus but before us. Our hope is to be where you are.*

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday,
10th May, 2026

Fund €5.809
Online €339.50

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven

Will return as you saw him go, 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 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. "It is", he had said, "what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit."

Now having met together, they asked him, "Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know times or dates that

the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth."

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there."

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

God goes up with shouts of joy;

The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

R

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R

God is king of all the earth.

Sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations;

God reigns on his holy throne.

R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians Ep1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations;

I am with you always;

yes, to the end of time.

Alleluia

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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.

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