

Ennis Parish News

Mass Times

Sundays:

Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm; Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am
St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7pm; Sunday: 10am, 11.45am
Cloughleigh Church:- 8.00am, 11am
Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30pm; Sunday: 10.30am, 12.00 noon
Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45 a.m.

Weekdays:

Cathedral: Mon. – Fri: 7.40am; 11am & 7.30pm; 11am on Saturday
St. Joseph's:- Monday – Saturday: 10.30am
Cloughleigh Church:- Monday – Friday: 9.30am
Friary:- Daily: 10am & 1.05pm; 10am on Saturday
Poor Clare Monastery:- Daily at 7.45 am; Daily Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament from 4-6pm in the Chapel.

Phone Numbers:

Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: info@ennisparish.com
St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6797489; Friary: 6828751

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ennis.parish>



Confessions in Cathedral Saturday After 11am Mass & after 6.30pm Mass
St Joseph's Saturday After 10.30am Mass
Parish Office open Mon to Fri 9.30-1pm & 2-5pm Sat 10.30-12noon

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A) 10th May, 2020

Pandemic

What if you thought of it
as the Jews consider the Sabbath
the most sacred of times?

Cease from travel.
Cease from buying and selling.
Give up just for now,
on trying to make the world
different than it is.
Sing.
Pray.
Touch only those
to whom you commit your life.

And when your body
has become still,
reach out with your heart.
Know that we are connected
in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.
(*You could hardly deny it now.*)

Know that our lives
are in one another's hands.
(*Surely that has come clear.*)
Do not reach out your hands.
Reach out your heart.
Reach out your words.
Reach out all the tendrils
of compassion that move, invisibly,
where we cannot touch.

Promise this world your love
for better or for worse,
in sickness and in health,
so long as we all shall live.



(*Rev. Lynn Ungar*)



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Joan & Patrick Barry, St. Senan's Rd.
Michael Kelly, Summerhill. MM
Sun 10th: 9.30am: Mass for the People.
11.30am: Anne Magan, Turnpike Rd.
Dónall Mac Mathúna, Ballybeg.
Ann Lacey, College Green.
James (Seamús) Kelly, Collins Pk.
Mon: 8.30am: Decd member Gilgunn family.
11am: Nancy Slattery, Cahercalla.
7.30pm: Pdraic Davis, Inisnee, Roundstone.
Flan Flynn, Connolly Villas.
Tues: 8.30am Book of Intentions.
11am: Ann (Nancy) & Bryan Mac Mahon, Woodlawn,
Lahinch Rd.
7.30pm: P.J., Mary & Burke family, Inch.
Wed: 8.30am: Peggy Smyth, Drumcliffe Rd & U.K.
11am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Breda Whelan, Dalcassian Pk.
Thurs: 8.30am: Decd memb Coll family.
11am: Dan O'Connor, Clonroad.
7.30pm: Anthony O'Loughlin, St. Michael's Villas.
Fri: 8.30am: John & Mary O'Rourke, Tulla.
11am: Christy Daly, College View, Clonroadmore.
7.30pm: Holy Souls.
Sat: 11am: Catherine Reddan, Mullagh
6.30pm: Marie King, Crusheen.
Teri Corcoran Giovannetti 1st Anniv & Frank, Highfield Pk.
Frank Hassett, Ard na Greine.
Brendan Mc Mahon, Ferndown, Lahinch Rd.
Breda Hassett, Drumbiggle Rd.
Sun 17th: 9.30am: John, Bridget, James & Pat
Hanley, Hermitage.
11.30am: Michael & Una O'Meara, Limerick Rd.
Paddy & Kitty Smith, Carmody St.

 **Cloughleigh** 
Remembered in Masses this Week:
Sun 10th 8am: Patricia Mulqueen, Considine's Rd.
11am: Bernadette Moloney, Cloughleigh.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 17th 11am: Joan Coote, Considine Rd.

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal
In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of: €50, €40 & €40. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. *All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.*

Pastoral Letter
Bishop Fintan has written a pastoral letter to the people of the Diocese outlining the latest developments in responding to the Covid 19 pandemic. It is hoped to be able to open our Churches for Personal, Private Prayer from Monday May 18th, 2020. To read Bishop Fintan's letter see: www.killaloe-diocese.ie/pastoral-letter-may-2020

The month of May is normally the Diocesan Safeguarding Month. However in these exceptional circumstances during this month, it is not possible to mark it as we would normally do. We ask that people keep in their prayers those children and adults who are experiencing harm and or have been hurt by others. We ask that you look out for those who are struggling during this time, by giving them a smile, a wave or a few kind words.

Hospital & Sick Calls
10th May, 2020
Priest on Duty:
Fr. Dariusz Plasek
Please call: 065 6869098

Returning Home
On a beach some forty miles south-east of Dublin a man took a crate of homing pigeons from the boot of his car. Opening the crate he released the birds who flew straight up into the air. However, instead of heading directly for Dublin, they proceeded to fly in circles. Round and round they went. Apparently what the pigeons were doing was finding their bearings. Once they had found these they set off for home. This homing instinct, which many birds possess, is an almost miraculous thing. Pigeons have to be trained and must be kept in good health so that they are capable of sustained flight, overcoming fog, snow, rain and adverse winds. We, too, have a homing instinct. God, who made us for Himself, has not left us rudderless. In His great wisdom, love and goodness, He has given us a homing instinct. Since God will never take away our freedom, this is a very subtle and fragile thing. This instinct is an inner restlessness, discontent and longing within each of us, which, far from being a curse, is a blessing. Just as their homing instinct doesn't save birds from the necessity of having to struggle against wind and rain, so Faith doesn't shield us from the hard knocks of life and death, but gives us bearings. These enable us to live in a topsy-turvy world without getting lost or giving in to despair. When Jesus, during the Last Supper, told the apostles He was leaving them, they were deeply distressed. Jesus consoled them with these words, among the loveliest in the Gospel, '

....I am going
to prepare a place for you.
I shall return
to take you with Me;
so that where I am
you may be too.

 **St. Joseph's**
Mass intentions for scheduled Masses in St. Joseph's Church should be booked through the Parish Office. For all other events call Fr John 0656822166.
Remembered in Masses this Week:
Sat 7pm: John Doohan, Kincora Pk.
Sun 10th 10am: Ann McMahan, Morrissey Ave.
Mon 10.30am: Michael, Patrick & Eileen Griffin, Kilmaley.
Thu 10.30am: Andy McTiernan, Sligo.
Fri 10.30am: Chrissie Clune, Ballymachill.
Sat 10.30am: Kathleen O'Loughlin, Old Gort Rd.
7pm: Maureen Skelly, New Rd.
Sun 17th 10am: Johnny, Mark & Cathal Mulcaire, Cahercalla Heights.
11.45am: Jimmy & Dilly O'Halloran, St. Senan's Rd.
Kathleen Burke, Knockanoura, Tulla Rd.

Cathedral Daily Programme
Sunday: 9.30am: Mass & Rosary
11.30am: Mass & Rosary
Monday: 8.30am: Morning Prayer & Mass
11am: Mass & Rosary;
7.30pm: Mass & Rosary;
8pm - 9pm: Holy Hour.
Tuesday: 8.30am: Morning Prayer & Mass
11am: Mass & Rosary;
7.30pm: Mass & Rosary.
Wednesday: 8.30am: Morning Prayer & Mass
11am: Mass & Rosary;
7.30pm: Mass & Rosary.
Thursday: 8.30am: Morning Prayer & Mass
11am: Mass & Rosary;
7.30pm: Mass & Rosary.
Friday: 8.30am: Morning Prayer & Mass
11am: Mass & Rosary;
7.30pm: Mass & Rosary.
Saturday: 11am: Mass & Rosary;
6.30pm Vigil Mass & Rosary;

May Devotions in honour of Our Lady
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.*



Parish Sunday Envelopes

A number of Parishioners have been giving their weekly contribution directly into the Parish Bank Account over the past few weeks and we thank all those who have contributed in anyway during this time. If other Parishioners would like to pay their weekly contribution in this way the Parish Bank Account Details are as follows:

Bank of Ireland, Bank Place, Ennis.
Ennis Parish Development Fund Account.
IBAN: IE87 BOFI 9042 1030 1780 10
BIC: BOFIE2D

If you choose to contribute into the Parish Account ensure that you put your envelope number or name as a reference so that we can keep track of contributions for those parishioners who are taking part in the Charitable Donation Tax Relief Scheme. We acknowledge that this is a difficult time financially for many Parishioners and we are very thankful to those who are able to continue to support the Parish at this time.

Go raibh míle maith agat.

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Wednesday 13th May

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared six times to three shepherd children; Lucia dos Santos and her cousins, Francisco, and Jacinta Marto; between May 13th and October 13th 1917. She came to the little village of Fatima which had remained faithful to the Catholic Church during the recent persecutions by the government. Our Lady came with a message from God to every man woman, and child. Our Lady of Fatima promised that the whole world would be in peace, and that many souls would go to Heaven if her requests were listened to and obeyed. At Fatima, Pope John Paul II said; "The message of Fatima is more relevant and more urgent than when Our Lady first appeared." Our Lady of Fatima continues to work miracles today through the message of Fatima and the prayers of countless pilgrims who have travelled here in the last hundred years.

Mass Offerings and Cards from the Friary

If you would like to make Mass offerings or request cards from the Friary while the present emergency lasts, please use one of the following: Please include your phone number and contact number with all options. By post to: Franciscan Friary, Francis Street, Ennis V95A4N2

Or you can e-mail it to Guardian.Ennis@franciscans.ie

You can also phone 087-4697971 during office hours - 9.30a.m. to 12.30p.m. - and outside of office hours, leave your name and number and we will get back to you.

Or, simply put it into the post-box beside the Friary Office door.

Hour of Prayer

On Monday night from 8pm to 9pm in the Cathedral we will stream live and broadcast from behind closed doors a conducted hour of prayer. We invite you from your home to join us during this hour of prayer.

All ceremonies take place behind closed doors at the present time but can be viewed on the parish webcam www.ennisparish.com/webcam and on our radio link (106.4fm) All churches will remain closed until further notice. Arrangements will be made for Funerals. During the present closure the Parish Office will be staffed behind closed doors each Wednesday from 10am—12noon to deal with queries or to arrange Masses. If you need the service of the Parish Office please ring 065 6824043 during these two hours. The email for the office is: info@ennisparish.com

A priest will remain on duty and can be contacted on 065 6869098.

We thank parishioners and benefactors who have left offerings into the Cathedral, and to the Friars and Poor Clare Sisters at this time.

Rest in Peace

John Murphy, Birmingham, England, late of Ennis, brother of Kieran, Corrovorrin, **Colm Madigan**, Newbridge, Kildare & late Kilrush Rd., Ennis, brother of Brendan, Friar's Close, **Anna Clohessy (nee Clune)**, Hermitage, & formerly of Clooney, **Michael (Fonto) Frawley**, Maddens Terrace, Clarecastle and formerly of Turnpike, **James McMahan**, Essex, England, brother of Brian, Fountain & Florrie Bradley, Loughville, **Nancy DeLoughery**, Kilkee, mother of Mary, **Michael Fahy**, Quin, brother of Mary Whyte, Turnpike.



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí na Bealtaine.

Tá an mhí seo tiomnaithe don Mhaighdean Mhuire. Bhí muintir na hÉireann an-ómósach do Mhuire i gcónaí. Tá nós ag daoine altóir a chruthú ina dtithe in onór na Maighdine Muire i rith Mí na Bealtaine agus an Choróin Mhuire a rá gach lá. I mbliana d'iarr an Pápa Proinsias orainn an Choróin Mhuire a rá san am ina bhfullimid in aonrú sóisialta. I rith na seachtaine seo caite mhol an t Easpag Fiontán dúinn feidhm a bhaint as Paidir na gCúig Mhéar agus an Paidrín Páirteach á rá againn. Bheartaigh an Pápa Proinsias an tseif blianta sular toghadh ina Phápa é chun cabhrú le daoine teagmháil a dhéanamh le Dia.

Paidir na gCúig Mhéar

1. An Ordóg: Is í an ordóg an mhéar is gaire duit. Tosaigh ag guí ar son na ndaoine is gaire duit. Is iad seo na daoine is fusa smaoineamh orthu. Tá sé de dhualgas orainn smaoineamh ar na daoine is ansa linn.

2. An Mhéar Thosaigh, (an Chormmhéar): Guímis ar son na ndaoine a mhúineann, a threoraíonn agus a leigheasann sinn. Tá gá acu do thacaíocht agus d'eagna chun daoine eile a threorú.

3. An Mhéar Fhada: Cuireann an mhéar seo i gcuimhne dúinn ár gceannairí agus lucht údaráis. Tá treoir Dé uathu de shíor.

4. Méar an Fháinne: Is í seo an mhéar is laige. Cuireann sé i gcuimhne dúinn guí ar son daoine laga, daoine breoite agus iad siúd faoi bhrón agus bhriseadh croí. Guímis ar a son.

5. An Lúidín: Is í seo an mhéar is lú. Guímis ar ár son féin. Feicimid ár riachtanais tar éis dúinn guí ar son na ngrúpaí eile.

Bain triail as guí sa mhodh seo agus go n-éirí an t-ádh leat.

This month is dedicated to Our Lady. Irish people have always had great respect for Our Lady. It is still a custom to have a May altar in homes and recite the rosary daily during the month of May. This year Pope Francis has asked us to use our time of social isolation and cocooning to pray the Rosary. Last week Bishop Fintan advised us to use the Prayer of the Five Fingers when saying the Rosary. This is a method of prayer devised by Pope Francis some years before he was elected Pope.

1. The thumb is closest finger to you. So, start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "Sweet Obligation."

2. The index finger is next. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.

3. The middle finger is the longest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. It is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.

5. And finally, the smallest of all. It reminds you to pray for yourself. When you have prayed for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.

Pope Francis has also asked us to use our time of social isolation and cocooning to pray the Rosary.

May you succeed when you try praying in this way.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,
For he has worked wonders;
In the sight of the nations
He has shown his deliverance, 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 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples
was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint
against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution
their own widows were being overlooked. So the
Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and
addressed them, "It would not be right for us to
neglect the word of God so as to give out food;
You, brothers, must select from among
yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled
with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand
over this duty to them, and continue to devote
ourselves to prayer and to the service of the
word." The whole assembly approved of this
proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith
and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip,
Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and
Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They
presented these to the apostles, who prayed
and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to
spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem
was greatly increased, and a large group of
priests made their submission to the faith.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

*May your love be upon us,
O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
For praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
With a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R**

For the word of the Lord is faithful
And all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
And fills the earth with his love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
On those who hope in his love,
To rescue their souls from death,
To keep them alive in famine. **R**

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

1Pt 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men
but chosen by God and precious to him; set
yourselves close to him so that you too, the
holy priesthood that offers the spiritual
sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made
acceptable to God, may be living stones making
a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I
lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have
chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will
not be disappointed. That means that for you
who are believers, it is precious; but for
unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders
has proved to be the keystone, a stone to
stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They
stumble over it because they do not believe in
the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing
the praises of God who called you out of the
darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus said: 'I am the Way,
the Truth and the Life.**

**No one can come to the Father
except through me.' Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jn 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's
house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am going now to prepare a place for
you,
and after I have gone and prepared you
a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I
am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you
are going, so how can we know the
way?'

Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except

through me.

If you know me, you know my Father
too.

From this moment you know him and
have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father
and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been
with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to
him 'and you still do not know me?'

"To have seen me is to have seen the
Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the
Father"?"

Do you not believe that I am in the Father
and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as
from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing
this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in
the Father and the Father is in me; believe it
on the evidence of this work, if for no other
reason.

"I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes
in me will perform the same works as I do
myself, he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

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

**I am the true vine and you are the
branches, says the Lord.**