

Ennis Parish Newsletter

Mass Times

Cathedral

Monday to Friday 7.40am, 11am & 7.30pm
Saturday 11am & Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday 8am, 9.30am & 11.30am

Friary

Monday to Friday 1.05pm **only**
Saturday 10am & Vigil 7.30pm
Sunday 12noon **only**

St. Joseph's

Monday to Friday 10.30am—(St Joseph's may need to close occasionally for Covid Testing— see inside for details)
Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm
Sunday 10am & 11.45am

Cloughleigh

Monday to Friday 9.30am
Sunday 11am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Cathedral

Monday to Friday 7pm to 7.25pm
Saturday: After 6.30pm Vigil Mass

Friary

Suspended until further notice.

Baptisms

Arrangements can be made through the Parish Office.
Baptisms are celebrated individually for each family.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Monday to Friday in the Cathedral from 5pm until 7pm

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

9th August 2020

Silent Witnesses

One of the great blessings in the Parish of Ennis is the presence of a Community of women known as the Poor Clare's. They live in a Power house of Prayer in Francis Street. These women have dedicated their lives to following the way of life St. Clare of Assisi marked out over Eight Centuries ago.

Clare's beginning was to choose to leave her comfortable life and observe the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In the world of today, some see the contemplative life as doing nothing, but we know better. Clare teaches her Sisters to pray, engage with the world and find Gospel responses to today's issues and problems.

St Clare challenges all of us to be observant of the Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Fear is one of the stumbling blocks to following the Gospel, and hasn't fear become our daily lot and our companion since the beginning of this pandemic!

Fear of the other, from whom we must protect ourselves, fear of evil at work, fear of

transmitting death to the other, fear that becomes panic when the virus does it's deadly work and when our own symptoms suddenly give alarming signals.

Fear, doubt and apprehension are emotions experienced by most of us at different times.



Today's Gospel passage is a great help to us when these emotions surface in our lives. We are reassured that the Lord, does not abandon us. All who put their faith and trust in God and Jesus Christ will be helped.

"Courage", he said, "It is I", Do not be afraid.

The Poor Clare Monastery here in Ennis is a Reservoir of Peace, tranquillity, hope and compassion for all who need the help of God. The Sisters intercessory prayer for all of us gives us courage and confidence not to be afraid.

On Tuesday, we celebrate the Feast of St. Clare. We thank, Mother Abbess, Sr Bernadine and her community, Srs Catherine, Regina, Bernadette, Gabriel, Gertrude, Mary, Leo and Frances for praying for us every day.

Happy Feast of St Clare.



Priest on Duty 9th August: 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Mary Hennessy, Colledge Green.
Colm Flynn, Corrovorrin & Cloughleigh.
Tom Joe Coffey, Tobertaoscain.

Sun 9th: 9.30am: Mass for the People.
11.30am: James Ruane, Considine Rd. MM

Mon: 7.40am: No Intention Booked.
11am: No Intention Booked.
7.30pm: Helen O'Reilly, Maynooth.

Tues: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.
11am: Ronnie O'Brien, St. Michael's Villas.
Maria Marshall, Hermitage.
7.30pm: Mass for Carers.

Wed: 7.40am: No Intention Booked.
11am: No Intention Booked.
7.30pm: John Madden, Corrovorrin Ave.

Thurs: 7.40am: No Intention Booked.
11am: Frank Cosgrove, Dalcassian Park;
Coughlan family, Steele's Tce.
Maura Finn, Oak Pk.
7.30pm: Elizabeth Guthrie, Loughville.

Fri: 7.40am Mass for the People.
11am: Denis Horgan, Tobartaoscain & Bróna Ní Bhéara.
7.30pm: Bridie Butler, Marian Ave. MM.

Sat: 11am: Seán & Maura Murchadha, Cusack Rd.
Bernadette Power, Shanaway Rd. **1st Anniv.**
Maura & Eddie Cotter, Cusack Rd.

6.30pm: T. Kenny, Rathflynn, Corofin.
Seán Mounsey, Marian Ave.
Pat & Brigid Woods & family, Circular Rd.

Sun 16th: 9.30am: Joe Moroney, Shanaway Rd.
Colm Hogan, USA & Ard na Gréine.
Ann & John Keane, Hermitage.
Clare Burke, Mill Rd.
Daniel & Bridget Considine, Tobartaoscáin.

11.30am: Michael McNamara, Glensheen.
Pat, Mary, PJ & Mary Neylon, Connolly Villas.
Larry Brennan, Abbeylawn, Clarecastle.

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €5,465.91, €250, €100

We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

All contributions for this work are very much appreciated

The annual Youth 2000 Summer Festival is Ireland's largest Catholic Youth event, but this year, for the first time, it will be streamed live on the 14th-16th of August.

Hear talks and workshops from some of the best Catholic speakers including Fr. John Harris OP, Dr. Scott Hahn, John Pridmore, Petroc Willey (University of Steubenville), Katie Ascough, Sr. Colleen Mattingly, Sr. Mary Hanrahan, Bill Keimig (University of Steubenville), Beth Davis (Blessed is She) and others from Ireland and around the world.

Youth 2000 Ireland 's motto is 'Youth leading Youth to the Heart of the Church' and we do this by leading Eucharistic-centred festivals, retreats and prayer meetings throughout the country. Register FREE at www.youth2000.ie/summerfestival2020

St. Anthony's Magazine

The latest edition of St. Anthony's magazine is available for just €2 in both the Friary & Cathedral. When you purchase a copy for family and friends, you are supporting the work of the Franciscan Friars.



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: Vincent Greene, Corrovorrin Ave.
Sun 9th 10am: Padraic Barrett, Elm Park.
Eddie Casey, Marian Ave.
Thu 10.30am: Pat Healy, Glenoir, St. Senan's Rd.
Sat 10.30am: Gerry Leyden, Steele's Tce;
Michael McLoughlin, Mayo.
7pm: Gerry Jones, Orchard Lane.
Sun 16th 10am: Patrick Carmody, Kincora Park.
11.45am: John & Mary McMahon, Marian Ave.
Teresa Butler, Court View, Lifford.

Parish Sunday Envelopes Website Donate Button

Parishioners who would like to give their weekly contribution to the parish through 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

We have now installed a **Donate Button on the Parish Website Home Page**, which is a secure and safe way to contribute to parish for those who prefer this option.

<https://donate.ennisparish.com/>

Go raibh mile maith agat.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Saturday next 15th August

It is a day of special solemnity, however this year due to the pandemic it is not a day of obligation.



Mass times in Ennis Parish for the Feast will be as follows.

Friday August 14th

Vigil Masses:

7pm	St. Joseph's
7.30pm:	Friary
7.30pm	Cathedral

Saturday August 15th

9.30am	Cloughleigh
10am	Friary
10.30am	St. Joseph's
11am:	Cathedral
12noon	Cathedral

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Newly Baptised

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

Rebecca Regina Mata
Áine Bridget Toni Blake
Monica Kate Stamp
Kristian Meszaros
Naomi Opiela



Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Monday to Friday in the Cathedral from 5pm until 7pm.



Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday, 2nd August: **€4,588.00**
Envelope Collection: **€4,413.00**
Online donations: **€175.00**

Rest in Peace

Elizabeth (Betty) Hanrahan, Gallows Hill
John Hume, Derry



*Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near;*

From A Distance Free Concerts



From A Distance is a community initiative encouraging people to recommence socializing safely after lockdown. These 30-40 minute bi-weekly concerts will allow people to see some familiar faces From A Distance.

These concerts will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2pm, free of charge, for the month of August in SS Peter and Paul Cathedral Ennis. The Civil Defence will be present to ensure all guidelines are followed and safety measures are in place.

Cocooning has seen many vulnerable members of our society isolated from friends, family for a substantial length of time. Now that lockdown is over, these concerts aspire to create a safe welcoming environment to bridge the fears, worries, and doubts people may have about getting out again to enjoy live music and entertainment.

Tuesday 11th August: Spencilhill Singers Club featuring Denise Synott Whelan, Paddy Commane, Sean Lyons & John Condon.

Thursday 13th August: Joan Hanrahan & friends.

Tuesday 18th August: Edel Vaughan & friends.

Thursday 20th August: Therese McInerney & friends.

Tuesday 25th August: Philomena & Michael O'Brien.

Thursday 27th August: Helen Houlihan accompanied by Michael Hennessy.

Tickets are limited, free of charge and can be obtained from the Ennis Parish Office on 065 68 682 4043 or on Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.ie/ef/from-a-distance-live-at-the-cathedral-tickets-114748876980>).

Annual Mass at St Joseph's Well, Saturday 15th August @ 8pm

The area around the well has been developed throughout the Covid lockdown. Work done has enhanced the possibility of this site to become a place of beauty, steeped in historical story of pilgrimage.

John Hume 1937-2020



The news of the death of John Hume on Monday Morning last brought sadness to the lives of many people in this country.

John was one of the greatest peacemakers and champions of social justice in the 20th century. He dedicated his life to being an instrument of peace.

He was a man of the 3 (F's), Family, Friend and Faith. While John was internationally known he remained rooted in the town he loved so well; Derry. It was in Derry that he first experienced injustice and violence and he set out to change life for the better. He did not believe that this could be achieved by violence but rather by dialogue and engagement. He dedicated his life to work for peace. On Good Friday 1998 he saw his dream become reality.

John was surrounded by his great wife Pat and family who supported him in his work. His friends were there for him in the many difficult days he had in pursuing peace for our country, but above all John was a man of faith. In retirement, daily Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry were part of his life.

John did not just dream of Peace, his life's vocation was to be a peacemaker for the good of others. Because of his past all of us can face the future with confidence. May his gentle soul now rest in God's peace and may he hear those eternal worlds "well done, good and faithful servant".

Hard to Believe at Times?

"You of little faith, why did you doubt"? - Today's Gospel. Christ invited Peter to come to him across the water.

Peter lost his nerve and began to sink. Christ lifted him up and said "you of little faith, why did you doubt"? The other disciples expressed their faith. "Truly you are the Son of God"

Shortly after Easter we had another of the apostles Thomas refusing to believe that Christ was risen. When Christ appeared he accepted it with the prayer "Lord I believe, help my unbelief". Peter and Thomas were very close to Christ. It is consoling to find that even they had difficulties with their faith and had their doubts at times.

All of us are a mixture of belief and unbelief. If we think seriously about our faith it is inevitable that we will have doubts at times. But can there be any real developments of faith unless we question it? Questioning it will lead to doubt at times. No growth in faith without the pains of doubt?

Lord I believe, Help my Unbelief

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí Lúnasa.

Is iad intinní an Phápa don mhí seo ná: -Guímid ar son na ndaoine a oibríonn agus a mhaireann ar an bhfarraige, go háirithe mairnéalaigh, iascairí agus a gclanna. Go raibh grá, meas agus treoir i gcroí lár na dteaghlach sa lá atá inniu ann.

Ar an Satharn seo chugainn 15 Lúnasa comórfar Féile Dheastógáil na Maighdine Muire. Is suntasach an phribhléid a bronnadh ar Mhuire. In Éirinn tugtar Lá Fhéile Muire san Fhómhar ar an lá seo. Is gné dár gCreideamh deabhóid chun na Maighdine Muire, mar is í Máthair Dé í; Máthair ár Slánaitheora í. Ghlac sí briathar Dé ina croí agus ina corp agus thug sí beatha don domhan. Gach uair a deirimid an *Sé do bheatha a Mhuire*, iarraidimid ar Mhuire sinn a chosaint i gcónaí ach go háirithe ar uair ár mbáis nuair a sheasfaimid os comhair Dé, breitheamh na mbeo agus na marbh.

Tá 15th-23rd Lúnasa ainmnithe mar Sheachtain Oidhreachta Náisiúnta ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta. Is í an ócáid oidhreachta is coitianta in Éirinn ach i mbliana ní bheidh aon teacht le chéile de bharr an Choróinviris ach is féidir bheith páirteach in imeachtaí ar líne. Tá oidhreachta shaibhir againn anseo in Éirinn, scéalaíocht, amhránaíocht, ceardaíocht, spórt, ceol, toibreacha beannaithe, carraigeacha an Aifrínn, treoir mharcanna, oidhreachtaí thógtha, flóra, fána, gnáthóga nádúrtha, aibhneacha, locha agus rudaí eile nach iad. Bíodh meas againn ar ár n-oidhreachta agus fonn orainn í a chaomhnú. *Moladh go deo le Dia.*

The Pope's intentions for this month are: - We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families. May love, respect and guidance be at the hearts of each family.

Next Saturday we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. The Irish people called this day *Lá Fhéile Muire san Fhómhar*, *Mary's Feast* in Autumn. Devotion to Our Lady is a feature of our faith because she is the Mother of God; the mother of our Saviour. She accepted the Word of God in her heart and body and she gave life to the world.

Every time we say the Hail Mary, we ask Our Lady to protect us especially at the hour of our death when we stand before the Judge of the living and the dead.

The 15th-23rd August is National Heritage Week organised by the National Council of Ireland. It is the most comprehensive heritage event in Ireland but this year there will be no assemblies due to the Coronavirus, but people may participate in the events online. We have a rich heritage in Ireland including storytelling, singing, craft, sport, music, blessed wells, Mass Rocks, monuments, flora, fauna, natural habitats, rivers and lakes. Let us respect and conserve it.

God be praised forever.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones
for ever.

Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who
seek you.

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 first book of the Kings

1 K 19:9.11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain
of God, he went into the cave and spent the
night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and
stand on the mountain before the Lord.'
Then the Lord himself went by. There came
a mighty wind, so strong it tore the
mountains and shattered the rocks before
the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind.
After the wind came an earthquake. But the
Lord was not in the earthquake. After the
earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was
not in the fire. And after the fire there came
the sound of a gentle breeze. And when
Elijah heard this, he covered his face with
his cloak and went out and stood at the
entrance of the cave.

This is the word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*R: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and
give us your saving help.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,

A voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him

And his glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;

Justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth

and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper

And our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him

And peace shall follow his steps. **R**

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

Rm 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in
union with Christ - it is the truth - my
conscience in union with the Holy Spirit
assures me of it too. What I want to say is
this: my sorrow is so great, my mental
anguish so endless, I would willingly be
condemned and be cut off from Christ if it
could help my people of Israel, my own
flesh and blood. They were adopted as
sons, they were given the glory and the
covenants; the Law and the ritual were
drawn up for them, and the promises were
made to them. They are descended from
the patriarchs and from their flesh and
blood came Christ who is above all, God
for ever blessed! Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes,

In the name of the Lord!

Peace in Heavens and glory in the Highest
Heavens!

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat
and go on ahead to the other side while he
would send the crowds away. After sending
the crowds away he went up into the hills
by himself to pray. When evening came, he
was there alone, while the boat, by now far
out on the lake, was battling with a heavy
sea, for there was a head-wind. In the

fourth watch of the night he went towards
them, walking on the lake, and when the
disciples saw him walking on the lake they
were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and
cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called
out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do
not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered.
'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come
to you across the water.' 'Come' said
Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and
started walking towards Jesus across the
water, but as soon as he felt the force of
the wind, he took fright and began to sink.
'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out
his hand at once and held him. 'Man of
little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?'
And as they got into the boat the wind
dropped. The men in the boat bowed
down before him and said, 'Truly, you are
the Son of God.'

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

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
Who gives you your fill of finest wheat.