

Ennis Parish Newsletter

Mass Times

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Cathedral-www.ennisparish.com/webcam

106.4fm

Monday to Friday 7.40am, 11am & 7.30pm

Saturday 11am & Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday 8am, 9.30am & 11.30am

St. Joseph's-www.ennisparish.com/webcam

Monday to Friday 10.30am

Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm

Sunday 10am & 11.45am

Cloughleigh-Monday to Friday 9.30am

Sunday 11am

Friary 1.05pm -Monday to Friday

10am Saturday

7.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 12 noon

Cathedral

Monday to Friday 7pm. Saturday after Vigil Mass

Friary

Tuesday to Saturday 11am to 12noon.

Baptisms

The sacrament can now be celebrated with limited numbers. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a date and time.

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

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Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B) 20th December, 2020

Diamond Jubilee of Devotion to the Priesthood

Fr. Michael O'Loughlin, Columban Fathers and Ennis native is celebrating his 60th year as a priest.

Ordained at St. Columbans, Dalgan Park, Navan on 21st December, 1960 he was assigned to the missions in South Korea where he ministered in a variety of capacities for twenty years. In 1981 he was assigned to the US as part of a Mission Awareness Programme. Noteworthy was his term in Washington DC as part of their Justice and Peace Programme and also liaison with the US Catholic Bishops Conference.

In 1988 he was appointed director of the Columbans in the United States and subsequently as assistant to the Superior General. For the past 15 years Fr. Michael, on returning to Ireland mainly for health reasons, was very much part of the parish team here in Ennis participating in many areas of pastoral ministry. In recognition of his contribution he was awarded with a special certification of merit by the parish. Occasionally he enjoyed a game of Golf but more recently as his health deteriorated he has become less active.

Over the years the affirmation of family, friends and larger community was pivotal in support of his

priesthood. He is particularly conscious of the changing patterns in the post Vatican II Church and the Diocesan Pastoral Plan which demands more participation of the laity in not only liturgical functions but in the general administrative affairs of the diocese.

Being close to Christmas in spite of the ill effects of Covid-19 he wishes that we can all participate and embrace the true meaning of Christmas

Emmanuel, Christ with us.



Priest on Duty 20th December: Fr. Tom Ryan

Contact: 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Annie O'Brien, Dysart.
Paddy & Amy Molloy, Dalcassian Park.
Noel Scanlan, Willow Pk.

Sun 20th: 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Donal O'Brien, Turnpike Rd.
Patrick Gregan, Knock, Inch.
Peggy Kearney, Summerhill.
Brian Holroyd, Mc Namara Pk.
Martin Slattery, Kevin Barry Ave.

11.30am: John Costin, Gallows Hill. **1st Anniv.**
Christine O'Sullivan, Shragh & London.
Thomas Byrnes, Hillcrest, Tulla Rd.
Donal Cahill, Hazelgrove, Roslevan.
Marie O'Loughlin, Castlewood Park
Jim Harnett, Rockmount.

Maureen Martin, Woodstock View, Shanaway Rd.

Mon: 7.40am: Michael O'Brien, Ballybeg.

11am: Jimmy Duggan, Connolly Villas.

7.30pm: John & Agnes Farrell.
Michael, Eileen, Oliver, Martin, John & Leo
Byrnes, Glasha, Doolin.

Tues: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.

11am: Stephen & Ellen O'Sullivan, Cork;
Stephen O'Sullivan, Ruan.
Frank Hogan, St. Flannan's Tce.

7.30pm: Paddy & Mary Shanahan, St. Michael's Villas.
Joe Callinan, Gallow's Hill.
Anna Murphy, Ashfield Park.

Mick, Marion & Michael Molloy, St. Michael's Villas.

Wed: 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Elizabeth Holmes, Wexford & Bernard
Kennedy, Limerick.

7.30pm: Nicholas & Catherine McMahon & family,
Fountain House, Ennis.

Thurs: 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Thomas & Margaret Collins, Honan's Tce.
Mary Fitzgerald, St. Flannan's Tce.

Christmas Eve.

Fri: Christmas Day

Sat 11am: Margo & Frank Mulqueen, Highfield.
Stella Collins, The Meadow, Kilmihil. **1st Anniv**
Hannah Ahern, Limerick.

6.30pm: Bernard McNeill, Limerick Rd.
Michael, James & Margaret Meehan,
Killimer, Kilrush.

Sun 27th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Gertrude Vaughan, The Market.

11.30am: Mary Browne, Circular Rd.
Pat O'Brien, Magowna, Inch & McNamara Park.
Anastasia & Michael McNamara & Patrick
Linnane, Labasheeda.

Martina O'Dea, Teresa & John Wilson, Labasheeda.
Dan, Peggy, Margaret & Sean Mullins, Monreel,
Ennistymon.

Cathedral Renovation

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €5,000, €50 & €50. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. **All contributions for this work very much appreciated**

Readers of the Word: We remind our Readers of the Word in the Cathedral to please call to the Parish Office to collect new Missal for 2021 and their Roster.

Share a cup of Warm Wishes on Christmas Day: Tea bags in specially designed bags available at Parish and Friary Offices and selected local outlets - €3 for one or two for €5.

An ideal Christmas Decoration. All proceeds to Cathedral Restoration Appeal

Newly Baptised

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

Joanna Julia Nawrocka
Angel Martina Joyce
Riley Mulcaire.

Prayer Around the Crib

On Christmas Eve, at 5 p.m., *Prayer Around the Crib* will be live streamed from the Church of Our Lady in Roslevan. Families are invited to gather around their crib at home and join Bishop Fintan and Team for a short, child friendly, interactive telling of the Christmas Story and the Blessing of the Crib. All families in the Doora - Barefield Parish and in the Abbey Pastoral Area are invited to participate.

Parish Envelopes & Calendars

Distribution of parish envelopes for 2021 and our parish calendar began in the last few days and hopefully will be complete in the coming days. We are most grateful to the volunteers who prepared the boxes of envelopes for supporting the parish and enabling us to make a claim to revenue each year for tax rebates.

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:

Sun 20th 10am: Catherine & Michael Griffin, Maurice's Mills.
11.45am: Sean & Clare McGrath, Lifford Rd.
Mon 10.30am: Special Intention.
Tues 10.30am: Tom Dixon, Mountain View.
Wed 10.30am: Maura Nevin, Corrovorrin Crescent.

Thu Christmas Eve
Fri Christmas Day

Sat 10.30am: Michael Keane, Fergus Lawn.
7pm: Mary & Dan Doorty, Tulla Rd.
Sun 27th 11.45am: Eric Mc Nevin, Corrovorrin Green.

In St Joseph's, our stewards are doing trojan work to ensure the safety of those attending Christmas Masses here. They have generously given up family time to allow masses to go ahead. Please treat them with respect and comply with their directions.

However we are very restricted this year.

Only 70 in the church at each mass; last year it was 700

There is absolutely **no access to the hospital corridor or the Residents' Chapel.** This also means **no access to public toilets.**

Keep access to hospital clear to facilitate staff going on and off duty.

Keep 2 metre distancing as you approach the church.

Stewards will allocate seats to fit in as many as safely possible. **Please use the seat they direct you to.**

It is better if **households arrive together** and share one seat.

You can also join us through the internet from the comfort of home on <https://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/st-josephs-church-webcam/>

A very Happy (even if very different) Christmas from the team at St Joseph's.

Friary News

Daily Mass During Advent

Monday - Wednesday: 1.05pm
Saturday 10am & Vigil 7.30pm
Sunday 12noon
Confessions: see timetable opposite

Friary Mass Office

Monday - Wednesday 10am - 5pm
The office will close on Christmas Eve at 12.30pm and reopen on Monday 4th January 10am

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions

Wed 9.30am: Patrick Crowe, Knockerra.

Thu 9.30am: Kathleen Donovan, Cooraclare.

Fri 9.30am: Christmas Day

Sun 27th 11am: Peggy & Michael Whelan & family, Cree.
Jim O'Driscoll & family, Castleconnell & Ennis.

Ennis Parish

Development Fund

Sunday 13th December 2020

€5,432.00

Envelope Collection: €4,776.00

Online Donations: €656.00

Rest in Peace

John Curtin, Willow Pk.

Mary Maher nee Crowley, Dublin & Ennis

Peter O'Dwyer, Clonmel, father of
Michael, Oakleigh Wood, Tulla Rd.

George Micks, Canada & Hermitage



Season of Advent
20th December—24th December
Advent Programme SS Peter & Paul
Cathedral



Simplify
Christmas

Celebrate
Christmas

- ◆ Morning Prayer of the Church will be prayed at 7.30am Monday to Thursday.
- ◆ The Rosary will be prayed daily after 11am & 7.30pm masses Monday to Wednesday.
- ◆ Eucharistic Adoration: Monday to Wednesday 5pm to 7pm
- ◆ Confessions: See timetable below

Priests' Christmas Collection



The Christmas Collection for the Bishop & Priests of the parish will take place at all masses on Christmas Eve /Christmas Day. Due to the lockdown this year, this is only the second opportunity to hold what usually are four appeals in the year, so your support and generosity are very much appreciated. Envelopes are now available in all church porches and can be returned during the week. We thank you for your great kindness to us your priests.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Nollaig.

Táimid ag tnúth go dílis le féile na Nollag, Breith ár dTiarna. Beimid ag ceiliúradh le dícheall is le dúthracht ar an Aoine seo chugainn. Tá na cártaí Nollag á sheoladh, na bronntanais á dháileadh agus is comharthaí grá iad seo go léir. Féile ghrá is ea an Nollaig. Ghráigh Dia chomh mór sin sinne gur sheol Sé a Mhac chugainn mar Shlánaitheoir. Déanaimis ullmhúchán spioradálta idir an dá linn. Bhíodh paidir á rá i mBéarla ag ár sinsir mar ullmhúcháin do bhreith an Linbh Íosa. Seo leagan Gaeilge de:

Is beannaithe an nóiméad a rugadh Mac na hÓige, ag meán oíche i mBeithil i lár an gheimhridh ghairbh. Deonaigh a Dhia, trí idirghuí Íosa Críost agus Muire, Máthair Íosa, éist le mo ghuí agus glac le m'achainí. Áiméan

Tá an Cró Nollag againn le beagnach ocht gcéad bliain. Naomh Proinsias Assisi a chuir tús leis an gCró Nollag san Eoraip. Sa bhliain 1220 thug sé cuairt ar Bheithil agus thaitin an tslí inar ceiliúradh an Nollaig ansin go mór leis. Nuair a d'fhill sé abhaile rinne sé mainséar in uaimh. Chuir sé íomhá chloiche den Leabh Íosa isteach inti agus chuir sé ainmhithe beo timpeall uirthi. Bhí na daoine an-sásta leis an gCró Nollag agus d'fhás an nós as sin.

Nollaig bheannaithe agus athbhliain faoi mhaise go raibh agaibh go léir agus is é seo a leanas mo ghuí daoibh: Síocháin an Naí Íosa a gealladh do lucht na dea-thola, go raibh agaibh uile.

Christmas is near and we must prepare for it. We look forward with anticipation and excitement to the feast of Christmas, the Birth of our Lord and we will celebrate with enthusiasm and eagerness on Friday next. The cards are being sent and the presents being distributed which are signs of love. God loved each of us so much that He sent His son into the world to be our saviour. Let us prepare spiritually from now on. Friendship with Christ is the light that leads us in this world. This prayer was said by our ancestors in preparation for the birth of the Child Jesus. ***Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born, of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my petition through the intercession of Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary His Mother. Amen.***

May you have a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year. This is my wish for all. May the peace of the Infant Jesus, promised to people of goodwill be with you all this Christmas and in the New Year.

Parish Office closed on Wednesday 23rd Dec at 5pm and reopens Monday 4th January 9.30am

Ennis Christmas Mass Schedule for Ennis and Doora Barefield

Christmas Eve		Christmas Day	
4.00pm	Cathedral	7.00am	Cathedral
4.30pm	Barefield	8.00am	Cathedral
5.00pm	St. Joseph's		Friary
5.30pm	Cloughleigh	8.30am	St. Joseph's
6.00pm	Church of Our Lady, Roslevan	9.00am	Cloughleigh
	Friary	9.30am	Cathedral
6.30pm	Cathedral	9.45am	Doora
7.00pm	St. Joseph's	10.00am	Friary
8.00pm	Friary		St. Joseph's
	Barefield	11.00am	Cloughleigh
8.30pm	Cloughleigh	11.15am	Barefield
	St. Joseph's	11.30am	Cathedral
9.00pm	Cathedral	11.45am	St. Joseph's
10.00pm	Friary	12 noon	Church of Our Lady, Roslevan
	Doora		Friary
Midnight	Cathedral (Polish)	1.00pm	Cathedral (Polish)
		6.30pm	Cathedral

Please Note: There are no Special Children's Masses this year

Confessions Cathedral

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
after 11am Mass
Each evening at 7pm

Thursday Christmas Eve
10am—3pm

Friary

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &
Christmas Eve
10am - 11am
11.30am-12.30pm
3pm-4pm
4.30pm-5.30pm

We need help: As we prepare for Christmas Masses, which we are very happy to celebrate for parishioners, we can only do so with your help. With thirty-three masses to be celebrated on Christmas Eve/Christmas Day we need stewards to assist people to their seats and welcome them to the different masses. Without stewarding these masses cannot go ahead. Please consider offering your services for one of the masses, so that others may come to mass. To offer help please call to the Sacristy or Parish Office and leave your details. We thank those who have volunteered in the past week.

Concert at Cathedral on this Sunday at 3.30pm to say thanks to frontline services and staff and residents of Nursing Homes – featuring a host of Clare Musicians. View via parish webcam @ <https://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/web-cam/> and via our Facebook live feed @ <http://www.facebook.com/ennisparish>

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

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.

A reading from the second book of Samuel

2Sm 7:1-5.8-12.14.16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all the ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heaven.

R

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.'

R

He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.' I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure.

R

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

Rom 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:

let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lk 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be

great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

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

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son'

And his name will be called Emmanuel.