

ENNIS PARISH NEWSLETTER

Cathedral-

Mass Times

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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

Friary

Masses are currently suspended

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Cathedral &

Friary

Currently suspended

Baptisms

Currently suspended

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place

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

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th February 2021

(Year B)

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolise the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: **"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"** or **"Repent and believe in the Gospel."** The ashes may be delivered by a family member to those who are sick or shut-in.

The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's palm Sunday Mass. While the ashes symbolise penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

The season of Lent is a Catholic liturgical season consisting of forty days of fasting, prayer, and penitence. Since this is more than forty days, some contend that Sundays are not counted in Lent. The

Stations of the Cross are most commonly prayed during Lent on Fridays, and especially on Good Friday, the day of the year upon which the events actually occurred. The official liturgical colour for the season of Lent is violet.

Many Catholics were taught as children to "give up something" for Lent. The sacrifices in Lent are really penance, in the same spirit as the Ninevites that repented at the preaching of Jonah. Throughout our history, Christians have found prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to be an important part of repentance and renewal. Many Catholics now add something during Lent rather than giving up something, either to address



personal habits that need work or to add some outreach to others in need. The sacrifices and extra things we do for Lent help us grow closer to Christ. We are missing out on so many graces if we do not participate fully in Lent. It is not necessary to be perfect, but we should put forth a good effort.

A good practice is to do something extra in prayer, something involving fasting and something involving almsgiving (giving money or goods to the needy or doing extra acts of charity). **Trócaire** is the Irish language word for "compassion". For almost 50 years Trócaire has put the compassion of Irish people into action. Trócaire turns the compassion of the Irish people into life-changing support for some of the world's poorest people.



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Patricia McInerney (nee Roche), Cappalaheen, Kilkishen. **1st Anniv.**
 Humphrey Counihan, Fergus Lawn, Tulla Rd. **MM**
 Paul Brassil, St. Michael's Villas.
 Danny Moran, Shanaway Rd.
 Barry O'Halloran, Limerick Rd. **MM**

Sun: 14th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Paddy & Mary Keane, Clare Rd.
 Bernadette Keane, Summerhill.
 Gerry & Mary Moroney, Lr. Market St.
 Tess, Andrew, Gerard & Christy McCarthy, Clontabonniv, Connolly.

11.30am: John Scanlon, Dalcassian Ave.
 Frank & Mary MacNamara, Corofin.
 Lorraine Cooley, Dalcassian Ave.
 Olive Slattery, College Park.
 PJ O'Dwyer, Clearwater, Clonroad.
 Kitty & Brendan Casey, Monument Hse., O'Connell Sq.
 Patrick Stewart, Kilkishen.
 Donal Ryan, Cusack Rd.
 Michael O'Neill snr, Quin.

Mon: 7.40am: Bridie Fitzpatrick
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Agnes Sexton, Hermitage.
 Catherine Chimblo, USA.

Tues: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.
11am: Mattie & Angela Hanrahan, Crusheen.
7.30pm: Flora Herlihy, Cooper's Place.

Wed: 7.40am: Fr. James McInerney, Doora & Birr.
 Nora St. Leger, O'Callaghan's Mills.
11am: Michael & Mary Hogan, St. Flannan's Tce.
 Mary Hegarty, Shanaway Rd.
 Noel Molloy, Turnpike.
 Bryan & Anne MacMahon, Woodlawn.

7.30pm: Pauline O'Mahoney, Westbourne Court.

Thurs: 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: Fr. Irenaeus Guy, O.F.M.
 Nancy Guy, Francis St.

7.30pm: Yvonne O'Callaghan, Cahercalla & Turnpike.
 Cyril Lane, Tobertaoscairn.
 Michael & Mary Ryan, St. Michaels Villas.

Fri: 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Sr. Mary Neylon, Inagh.
 James O'Halloran, Dalcassian Ave.
 Mary McNamara, Fergus Pk. **MM**

7.30pm: Henry McMullen, McNamara Pk. & Shanaway Rd. **MM**

Sat: 11am: Stephen Meaney, Greenpark. **MM.**
 Gerry Keane, St. Anne's Tce.
 Patrick, Catherine & Margaret Doohan, Connolly.

6.30pm: Nora Kierse, St. Michael's Villas.
 Anthony Coyle, Glenina, Gort Rd.
 Francis Lyons, Golf Links Rd.;
 Jacinta Flynn, Clontarf.

Sun 21st: 8am: No Intention booked.
9.30am: Tony Dargan & Siobhan Dargan Colleran, Limerick Rd.
11.30am: Catherine Boland, Clonroad. **MM.**
 Bridie Frawley, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd. **MM.**
 Senan Sheehan, Clare Rd. & Cillian O'Sullivan, Ballinskelligs.
 Mark Leyden, Shanaway Rd.
 Pat Jones, College Pk.

Daily Programme for Lent in the Cathedral beginning Ash Wednesday

Available on webcam & parish radio link 106.4fm

Monday to Friday

7.30am Morning Prayer
 7.40am Mass
 11am Mass & Rosary
 7.30pm Mass & Rosary
 8pm **Friday only**
 Stations of the cross

St. Joseph's Church

Monday to Saturday

10.30am Mass
 Saturday Vigil 7pm
 Sunday: 10am & 11.45am

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 open each day as normal for personal prayer with the exception of mass times in the Cathedral. A priest will remain on duty and can be contacted at 065 6869098.

Funeral Musicians/Singers: Expressions of interest are welcome from Church Musicians/Singers to be included in a listing for Funeral Music Services at the Ennis Cathedral. enniscathedralchoir@gmail.com or Fiona 087 6886378

Diocesan Needs' Appeal: Our thanks to all who contributed to this appeal. Bishop Fintan appreciates your generosity that enables the Diocese to provide pastoral care throughout all our parishes. The total amount collected: **Envelopes: €2,235 Online: €196.00**

Rest in Peace

Sr. M Gregory Hennessy, Bon Secour Sisters Cork, sister of Kitty Torpey, New Rd.,

Peggy Coote, Gallows Hill;

Brian Ensko, Connolly Villas;

Paddy Dooley, Mullagh, father of Pat, Beechpark;



Ennis Parish Development Fund
Sunday 31st January
&
Sunday 7th February 2021
€6,232.00 - Online €473

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 14th 10am: Teresa Howard, Kilrush Rd.
11.45am: Peadar & Marie O'Keeffe, Drumcliffe Rd.
 Mary C. O'Keeffe, Drumcliffe Rd. & Parnell St. **MM.**
Tues 10.30am: Breda McMahon, "St. Philomena's", Lifford Rd. **MM**
Wed 10.30am: Tom Burke, Cappoquin.
Thu 10.30am: Fay Campion, Boston & Ballinakill
Fri 10.30am: Kathleen Horan, Clouna, Ennistymon. **MM**
Sat 10.30am: Katie Drennan, Claireen, Lahinch Rd.
7pm: Patrick O'Donovan, The Crescent & Kyle O'Donovan, London.
Sun 21st 10am: Michael Duggan, Claireen, Lahinch Rd.

Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 14th 11am: PJ, Bridie & Trevor Dilger, Hermitage.
Mon 9.30am: Aidan, Mary B & Nicola Ward, Athlone.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Fri 9.30am: Gabriel Kerin, Considine Rd.

Cloughleigh Oratory is open daily, Monday—Friday for private prayer between 10:00a.m -1:00p.m. You are welcome to pop in and light a candle for your intentions.

New Prayer Box now operating in Cloughleigh. Write your prayer, anxiety, petition or thanksgiving in strictest confidence on paper provided, pop it into the box and leave it in God's Hands. We will offer the Thursday Mass in Cloughleigh for all intentions in the box.

Limited amount of Blessed Ashes for Ash Wednesday will be available in envelopes in Cloughleigh Oratory and in O'Brien's Gala Stores in Cloughleigh on Wednesday Morning. You are welcome to take an envelope home with you as we enter the season of Lent.

EIGHT GIFTS THAT DON'T COST A CENT

The Gift of Listening

But you must really listen. Don't interrupt, don't plan your response. Just listen.

The Gift of Affection

Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handouts.

The Gift of laughter

Share jokes and funny stories. You are saying 'I love to laugh with you'.

The Gift of Solitude

There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of peace to others.

The Gift of a Favour

Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

The Gift of a Written Note

This can be a simple "Thanks for the help!". A brief handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime.

The Gift of a Compliment

A simple and sincere "You look great in red!". "You did a super job!" or "that was a wonderful meal!" can make someone's day.

The Gift of a Cheerful Disposition

The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone, or even just a smile.

Happy St. Valentine's Day

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 17th February, a day of fast and abstinence. This year with Level 5 restrictions in place it will not be possible to distribute ashes in the traditional way of placing them on your forehead.

Ashes will be blessed at all our masses on Ash Wednesday and when the Cathedral opens for private prayer, the ashes in brown envelopes will be available for collection. We ask you to place the ashes in a container and add some water before placing them with a sign of the cross on your forehead. Packets of ashes are limited so we ask you to take only one packet per household.



Lent 2021

As we enter Lent this coming week we are reminded that we are "dust to dust" and "ashes to ashes". After a year of challenge and sorrow we should ready ourselves for a season of sombre humility. Lent offers an invitation for us to pray, to say "I am sorry" and to look forward. The tools of Lent are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.



7.30am	Morning Prayer
7.40am	Mass
11am	Mass & Rosary
7.30pm	Mass & Rosary
8pm Friday only	Stations of the cross

Trócaire

Trócaire Lenten Campaign Begins next Wednesday. The 2021 campaign tells the stories of two families in South Sudan whose lives have been impacted by conflict. Trócaire Lenten Boxes are available for collection in all our churches. When you are collecting your ashes on Wednesday please also collect your Trócaire box.



Friary News

Next Wednesday, February 17th is Ash Wednesday, the day that starts our traditional season of Lent. Obviously, this year things will be a little different. Since ashes cannot be distributed in the church as usual, we are letting you know that ashes will be available in small envelopes that will be left on a table before the altar. These will be blessed at one of the earlier Masses said that morning and so, you are invited to come along and collect these envelopes during the day. You can take the ashes home with you and apply them to yourselves.

While we are on the topic of Lent, a few things might be worth mentioning. Traditionally, this is a penitential season with a focus on fasting where young and old undertake penances e.g. certain foods or drinks or give up something else for six weeks. Given the reality of Covid-19, I think it would be fair to say that many people are already living their own Lent and that the season of Lent is not the usual six weeks but has become a way of life for the world over this past year. Accordingly, more than anything, we would recommend that people might opt for taking on something different e.g. to take time *to be gentle* with themselves and with one another during this time of great restrictions.

Being constrained because of health and safety reasons is understandable but being in a lengthy lockdown certainly takes its emotional toll on all of us. For a good while now, most people have not been able to get away from being kept at bay in "*familiar territory*." Since the customary exits for getting away have not been available to us, conscious and unconscious pressures have built up and put a strain on people's good will. For one thing, keeping our tempers under control has become much more difficult.

So, you can see why we would recommend *gentleness* rather than suggesting that we take on a whole new batch of traditional penances or practices, worthy and all as these might seem. Other features worth focusing on are *trust* and *thankfulness*. These qualities are like bookends in that they help us to hold our day together. At the start of the day, we can begin with *trust*, knowing that God understands us and sees what we are going through. Then, at the end of the day, we can show our *thanks* for being helped through another day of this global pandemic.

We will keep you updated with what is happening in terms of Masses and services for Holy Week. In the meantime, we want you to know that out of sight is never out of mind. As we have often said, we are truly humbled by your kind generosity and unfailing support without which we could not keep going. Each day we remember you and all your loved ones, both dead and alive, in our prayers and Masses. Until soon again, we would like to end with the blessing that St. Francis gave to Bro. Leo, one of his faithful companions: "May the Lord bless you and keep you. May he show his face to you and have mercy on you. May he turn his countenance to you and give you peace."

Fr. Paschal, OFM Guardian and Sr. Bernardine, Abbess of the Poor Clares.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach na Measartha.

Tá an Domhnach seo tiomnaithe do Mheasartha. Is suáilce í gur féidir linn a chleachtadh i ngach gné dár saol. Is eol dúinn go bhfuil fadhb an óil agus drugaí ag cur isteach go mór ar theaghlaigh. Is mór an brón agus briseadh croí a bhíonn le fulaingt dá bhrí sin.

Tá plaic crochta ar an mballa in a lán de na hionaid a chuireann coir ar andúiligh agus scríofa uirthi tá: 'Is tusa amháin atá in ann é a dhéanamh ach ní féidir leat é a dhéanamh i d'aonar'. Cuireann sé i gcuimhne dúinn freisin go gcaithfidh cúnaimh a iarraidh ar Dhia agus ar a chéile má táimid ag iarraidh alcól a úsáid go measartha..Is féidir cúnaimh breise a fháil ó A.A nó Ionad Leighis nó ó Chomhairleoir.

Beidh Céadaoin an Luathrigh ar an 17 Feabhra. Is tús tréimhse an Charghais é, an daichead lá roimh an Cháisc. Iarrtar orainn cúl a thabhairt don pheaca agus grá a léiriú do Dhia agus do dhaoine eile. Cuirtear an luathreach ar ár n-éadan i gcuimhne dúinn go bhfuil an bás in ndán dúinn go léir. Ni tharlóidh sé seo i mbliana de bharr srianta Covid-19.

Tá an cleachtadh seo coitianta i measc, Anglacánaigh, Liútaraigh, Meitidistigh agus Preispitéirigh.

Is féidir machnamh a dhéanamh ar an bpaidir seo a leanas ón Traidisiún:

A losa, glan mo chroise

Go gléghlan gach lá,

A losa, cuir m'intinn faoi léirsmacht do ghrá.

Déan mo smaointe go fíorghlan agus briathra mo bhéil,

Is a Thiarna, 'Dhia dhílis, stiúir choíche mo shaol.

This Sunday is dedicated to Temperance. It is a virtue which we ought to practise in our lives. We know that drink and drug abuse causes serious problems, pain and suffering for many families. Many centres that treat addicts have a plaque hanging on the wall which states: "You alone can do it but you cannot do it on your own" This reminds us that we must ask help from God and from each other if we are to use alcohol moderately. Help is also available from A.A, Treatment Centres or a Counsellor.

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on Wednesday next 17 February. It is the beginning of the Lenten Season, the forty days before Easter. We are invited to turn away from sin and love God and our neighbour. The ashes on our foreheads remind us of our mortality. Due to Covid-19 rules this will not be possible this year. Ash Wednesday is observed by many Western Christians among them Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists and Presbyterians. Let us reflect on the following prayer from Tradition:

Jesus, cleanse my heart each day and make it spotless,

Jesus, rule my mind by the power of your love. Make truly clean my thoughts and the words of my mouth, and, dear Lord God, direct my life now and forever.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your
name.

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 book of Leviticus.

Lv 13:1-2.44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a
swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a
man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to
be suspected. The man must be taken to
Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests
who are his sons.'

'The man is leprous he is unclean.
The priest must declare him unclean; he is
suffering from leprosy of the head.

A man infected with leprosy must wear his
clothing torn and his hair disordered; he
must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean,
unclean". As long as the disease lasts a
person must be unclean; and therefore he
must live apart he must live outside the
camp.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*You are my refuge, O Lord;
You fill me with the joy of salvation*

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
Whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
Imputes no guilt,
In whose spirit is no guile.

R.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
My guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
My offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
The guilt of my sin.

R.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
Exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
All you upright of heart.

R.

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink,
whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of
God. Never do anything offensive to
anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the
Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to
everyone at all times, not anxious for my
own advantage but for the advantage of
everybody else, so that they may be saved.
Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

Enlighten the eyes of our mind,

*So that we can see what hope his call
holds for us.*

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his
knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure
me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched
out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I
want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the

leprosy left him at once and he was cured.
Jesus immediately sent him away and
sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing
to anyone, but go and show yourself to
the priest, and make the offering for your
healing prescribed by Moses as evidence
of your recovery.' The man went away, but
then started talking about it freely and
telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus
could no longer go openly into any town,
but had to stay outside in places where
nobody lived. Even so, people from all
around would come to him.

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

**They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave
them;
They were not disappointed in what
they craved.**