

Ennis Parish Newsletter

Mass Times

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

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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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 31st January, 2021

Unexpected Moments

This Monday we celebrate St. Brigid, second patron of Ireland whose feast day marks the beginning of Spring, a season of light and growth.

Brigid was noted for her hospitality and simple life of goodness.

Tuesday, Candlemas Day, the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. It was an important day for this little family, when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem. They could not have expected two elderly people to suddenly appear in the temple with a message about their child; in that he was going to do great things but would also be rejected and cause great pain to his mother. Was it at this moment that they realised life would never be the same again?.

The most important messages can come from unexpected sources. Anna and Simeon were advanced in years, wise and devout people who

had lived well and still hoped and trusted in God's plan. The encounter was unexpected for them too, taking place close to the end of their lives, but they were ready, willing and able to recognise its significance. Their call was to be among the first people to encounter the messiah and to share the good news.

What is our call?

The story of Anna and Simeon shows us the value of being open to an encounter with Jesus despite all that we have been through, or what stage we are at in life, there are good things to come. Each of us

has something unique to offer. We pray that we will recognise the unexpected opportunities to encounter God that come our way.

**Be open to the unexpected,
it may reveal hidden treasures.**





Priest on Duty 31st January Fr. Tom Ryan

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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Al Wrafter & Bernadette Wrafter (nee Dunne), Tullamore & Ennis. Kitty & Patrick Hogan, Maryville, Aylmer's Cross. Mary Arthur, Gort Rd.

Francie O'Halloran, Collins Park.

Sun 31st: 8am: No Intention Booked.

9.30am: Mary & Tom Gallagher, Kilkelly, Mayo. Jim Kennedy, Shannon, late Gort Road.

11.30am: Frank Fitzpatrick, College Green.

Michael & Bridget Singleton, Hermitage.

Larry Clohessy, Hermitage.

Tom & Sheila Coote, St. Michael's Villas.

Mon: 7.40am: Nora & Martin Meaney, Cranny.

11am: Daniel Curtin, Cahercalla Drive.

Special Intention.

7.30pm: May Neylon, Kilmaley.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Seamus Vaughan, Broadford.

7.30pm: James, Agnes, Seamus Blake &

Fitzpatrick family, Limerick Rd.

Bridget O'Keeffe, Ard na Gréine.

Wed: 7.40am: Stella Munby, Salisbury, England.

11am: Denis Moloney, McNamara Park.

Paddy & Mary Hogan, Tobertaoscaín.

7.30pm: Eva, Tom, Mary & Noel Ryan, Summerhill.

Thurs: 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Roger O'Donoghue, Brookville Gardens,

Clareview, Limerick. **1st Anniv.**

Jonathan O'Sullivan, London.

Frey Barry, Coolorta, Boston, Tubber.

7.30pm: Pauline Saunderson, Rockmount Cross.

1st Anniv

Kathleen Doran, Tulla & Charlie O'Grady, McNamara Pk.

William Burke, Mill Rd.

Fri: 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Theresa MM & Maureen Murphy, Hermitage.

Sat: 11am: Michael Sheedy, College View.

Aleksey Cecotka, Hill View, Clarecastle.

6.30pm: Vincent Coffey, Tara House, Clonroad.

1st Anniv.

Sun 7th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Virginia Donnellan, 'St. Joseph's', Hermitage.

James Kelly, Clonroadmore.

Helen Griffin, Woodlawn, Loughville.

Mary, Kitty & Mick Connellan, Ard na Gréine.

Sr. Clare, Texas.

Mai & Miko Glynn, Knockaderra, Ennis.

11.30am: Mary Considine, Hazlewood. **MM**

John Fogarty, Fernhill, Gort Rd.

William (Bill) Leacy, College Grove.

James F (Jim) O'Sullivan, Woodlawn.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of: €8,000; \$1,000 & €50 x 2. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. All contributions for this work very much appreciated.

Daily Programme for this week in the Cathedral.

Available on webcam & parish radio link 106.4fm

Monday to Friday

7.40am Mass

11am Mass & Rosary

7.30pm Mass & Rosary

8-9pm Monday

Eucharist hour of prayer

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.

Diocesan Needs' Appeal

This weekend the annual appeal for support of the Diocese takes place. Bishop Fintan appreciates your generosity to this collection that enables the Diocese to provide Pastoral Care throughout the Diocese.

World Day for Consecrated Life

February 2nd marks the 25th Anniversary of St. John Paul declaring the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple as World Day of prayer for Consecrated Life.

We are privileged in this Parish to have both women and men who have consecrated their lives to bring the light of Christ into our lives. It is an opportunity for all of us to publicly thank the Franciscan Friars; Christian Brothers; Sisters of Mercy; Poor Clare Sisters and others in Consecrated life who have chosen to live in our Parish; for their presence and witness to the light of Christ.

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

St. Joseph's



Masses in St Joseph's on Tue and Wed are moved from 10.30am to 7pm to facilitate vaccination of residents and staff. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Vicky Keane, Corrovorrin Drive.

Sun 31st 10am: Joe Moran, Corrovorrin Grove.

11.45am: Bill Hanrahan, Ashfield Park.

Peter Burke, Lifford Rd.

Tues 7pm: Paddy Rynne, Ballyalla **1st Anniv.**

Wed 7pm: Melissa Mallaghan, O'Halloran's Lane.

1st Anniv.

Thu 10.30am: Griffin family, Loughburke, Kilmaley.

Fri 10.30am: Dympna O'Connell, Oakleigh Wood;

& Dan Gaffney.

Sat 10.30am: Tony Strand, Shannon Park.

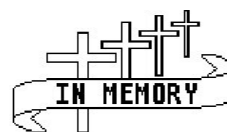
7pm: Paddy Barrett, Lifford.

Susan Brohan, Considine Rd.

Sun 7th 10am: Maura Cavanagh, Pine Grove.

Rest in Peace

Vera Wall, Inchbeg & Limerick Rd; Donal Houlihan, Castleconnell, brother of Sr. Mary Cecilia, St. Xavier's Convent; Margaret Considine, Francis St.; Mary McNamara, Fergus Pk.; Mary Gallery, Rockmount, Ballybeg; William F O'Keeffe, Castlebar & formerly Abbey House; John Joe Monahan, John Paul Ave; Bridie Frawley, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd; Michael Kelly, Ballyhannon, Quin brother of Mary Strand, Shannonn Pk; Noel Noonan, Hermitage; Joan Kelly, Corrovorrin Drive; Nuala Butler nee Purtil, late Hermitage & Middlesex, England, wife of Brendan Butler, John Paul Ave; Stephen Meaney, Greenpark; Emily Regan, Shannon, mother of Karen, Mill Road; Christy Kelly, Mullagh father of John, Woodstock View & Claire An tSean Dun, Tulla Road; Mary McInerney, Ballymacahill, Barefield; Anne McCullagh, Ain Karim, Tulla Road;



Muire na nGael

On Monday we celebrate St. Brigid, second patron of Ireland whose feast day marks the beginning of spring, a season of light and growth. Sadly this year it is not possible to make St. Brigid's Crosses available.

Candlemas - Feast of the Presentation

Tuesday we celebrate the light that enlightens the nations in the Feast of the Presentation, when Jesus was presented in the temple.

Candles for both use in church and home will be blessed at all Masses.

We welcome the donation of candles for use in our churches throughout the year. Candles for home or church use can be left in the sanctuary for blessing up to Tuesday Evening. Candles for home use, please put your name on them for collection.

Feast of St. Blaise: This year on Wednesday when we Celebrate the Feast of Saint Blaise it will not be possible to have the annual Blessing of throats. A virtual Blessing will take place at all our Masses on Wednesday.

Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes



Organised by *Franciscan Pilgrimage and Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage*

Wednesday 3rd February to Thursday 11th February
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Weekdays 7.30pm | Saturday 11.00am | Sunday 11.30am

Conducted by Br. Damian Casey OFM Franciscan Pilgrimage Director
and Fr. Tom Ryan Killaloe Pilgrimage Director

- **Wednesday 3rd February, 7.30pm**
Feast of St. Blaise. Opening Mass of the Novena
- **Thursday 4th February, 7.30pm**
Mass of Reconciliation
- **Friday 5th February, 7.30pm**
Mass of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Blessing of Helpers & Carers
8pm Stations of the Cross
- **Saturday 6th February, 11am**
Mass and Prayers for the Sick
- **Sunday 7th February, 11.30am**
Mass for the 5th Sunday of the year
- **Monday 8th February, 7.30pm**
Mass of St. Bernadette
8pm Blessed Sacrament Procession and Blessing of the sick.
- **Tuesday 9th February, 7.30pm**
Mass of the Immaculate Conception and the blessing of the water.
- **Wednesday 10th February, 7.30pm**
Mass of the Apparition of Our Lady.
8pm Marian torchlight procession praying the Rosary
- **Thursday 11th February, 7.30pm**
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick
Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes and the Blessing of Homes



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Novena Prayer leaflets are available - both in the Friary and Cathedral and can be downloaded from the parish website.

Message from the Friary

Once again, we would like to wish you warmest greetings and blessings from the Poor Clares and the Friars here in Ennis. As well we know, Covid-19 continues to call the shots and it looks like this present lockdown could last much longer than people thought or ever imagined. As the numbers of those being infected and dying rise, we are also aware of the many left behind who mourn them in the most confined circumstances. At this time of year, the end of January, people are usually getting ready for Candlemas Day and having their candles blessed. Often, we use some of these candles in the blessing of throats the following day, on the feast of St. Blaise, Feb. 3rd. Alas, because of the present and on-going pandemic, this will not be happening this year. Nor indeed will we have the usual distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday for the beginning of Lent. However, those wishing to have candles blessed can leave them in the usual place viz. on the church pew at the right-hand side of Our Lady's altar in her shrine, the place where we traditionally set up the Christmas Crib. We will have two sections clearly marked out on this church pew or bench. One part (on the near side of the bench) will be for those left-in candles that have already been blessed. The other part (on the far side of the bench), will be for the candles that have yet to be blessed. We would like to inform you that candles will be blessed throughout Tuesday (Feb. 2nd). It will be helpful if those bringing candles can put their names on them and collect them later during the day. These candles, on the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, will be a visual reminder to us that Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness, the light which the darkness (no matter what that darkness might represent) can never overpower. In the meantime, we thank you for the many ways in which you continue to show your kindness, generosity, fidelity and support and we remind you that we are keeping all of you and your loved ones, living and dead, in our daily thoughts and prayers. Fr. Paschal, Guardian OFM and Sr. Bernardine, Abbess of the Poor Clares.

The Irish Catholic Newspaper: From the edition of February 4th 2021, the price of the Irish Catholic will increase to €2.50. The paper is available Thursday at the back of the Cathedral.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí Feabhra

Mí Feabhra, mí na Féile Bríde, mí na n-uan, mí an Charghais, mí na dTrí Shíon – báisteach, gaith agus sneachta. Tá laethanta gruama an Gheimhridh thart. Seo í tréimhse na bliana ina mbíonn borradh agus fás faoi na plandaí agus cheana féin, tá na plúiríní sneachta, na crócas agus lus an chromchinn os cionn talún.

I mí Feabhra, bí linn a Thiarna agus go dtugaimis moladh agus glóir duit de shíor. Aiméan

Is í intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Guímis ar son na mban a d'fhulaing foréigean, go dtuga an tsochaí cosaint dóibh agus go gcuire siad san áireamh an méid atá fulaingthe acu agus go dtuga siad ard air.

Amárach Lá Fhéile Bríde, lá speisialta ar fud na hÉireann. Tá cáil ar Naomh Bríd mar gheall ar a féile, a carthanacht agus a cúram do na heasláin. Ba mhaith lena hathair cleamhnas a dhéanamh di ach theastaigh uaithe a maighdeanas a choisreacan do Dhia. Mar a rinne Naomh Pádraig, bhain Bríd úsáid as an nádúr mórthimpeall uirthi le teagasc a thabhairt faoi íosa. D'úsáid sí brobh luachra le cros a dhéanamh, agus tá an nós seo againn in Éirinn go dtí an lá atá inniu ann. Feictear na crosa i dtithe ar fud an domhain.

Is é seo a leanas an phaidir a deirtear ag beannú na gcros "*Go raibh beannacht an Athar, an Mhic agus an Spioraid Naoimh ar na crosa seo, ar na háiteanna ina bhfuil siad agus ar gach duine a fhéachann orthu.*"

Warning Over Covid Vaccine Scam

An Garda Síochána, the HSE, and The Department of Health have issued a warning to members of the public about potential scams relating to the Covid-19 vaccine. An Garda Síochána has been made aware of members of the public having received fraudulent text messages and telephone calls regarding Covid vaccination.

The text messages and phone calls have made requests for people to confirm private and sensitive information such as PPS number, date of birth, and address.

The HSE will never text or call individuals requesting personal information and they will never request payment for a Covid test or Vaccine. Your local GP will be the first point of contact about vaccination or Covid testing. The Covid-19 vaccine is free and it is not available privately.

We would ask that members of the public make any vulnerable friends or family aware of these calls and text messages.

Candlemas Day

Next Tuesday 2nd February is Candlemas Day, the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus. Candles both for home and church use will be blessed at all Masses on Feast day. We welcome candles for use in Church. They can be left in to the Parish office during the week.



Ennis Parish Development Fund

Sunday 24th January 2021

€2,556.00 - Online €361

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise 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 book of Deuteronomy Dt 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will
raise up for you a prophet like myself, from
among yourselves, from your own brothers;
to him you must listen. This is what you
yourselves asked of the Lord your God at
Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not
let me hear again" you said "the voice of the
Lord my God, nor look any longer on this
great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to
me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will
raise up a prophet like yourself for them from
their own brothers; I will put my words into his
mouth and he shall tell them all I command
him. The man who does not listen to my
words that he speaks in my name, shall be
held answerable to me for it. But the prophet
who presumes to say in my name a thing I
have not commanded him to say, or who
speaks in the name of other gods, that
prophet shall die".

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*O that today you would listen to his
voice!*

Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. R.

Come in; let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. R.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work'. R.

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

1 Cor 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry.
An unmarried man can devote himself to the
Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is
pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to
bother about the world's affairs and devote
himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two
ways. In the same way an unmarried
woman, like a young girl, can devote herself
to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry
about is being holy in body and spirit. The
married woman, on the other hand, has to
worry about the world's affairs and devote
herself to pleasing her husband. I say this
only to help you, not to put a halter round
your necks, but simply to make sure that
everything is as it should be, and that you
give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The people that lived in darkness

Has seen a great light;

*On those who dwell in the land & shadow
of death a light has dawned.*

Alleluia

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went as far as
Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath
came Jesus went to the synagogue and

began to teach. And his teaching made a
deep impression on them because, unlike
the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there
was a man possessed by an unclean spirit,
and it shouted, 'What do you want with us,
Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to
destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy
One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be
quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean
spirit threw the man into convulsions and
with a loud cry went out of him. The people
were so astonished that they started asking
each other what it all meant. 'Here is a
teaching that is new' they said 'and with
authority behind it: he gives orders even to
unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his
reputation rapidly spread everywhere,
through all the surrounding Galilean
countryside.

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

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame,
for I call on you.