

# ENNIS PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Mass Times

Cathedral-[www.ennisparish.com/webcam](http://www.ennisparish.com/webcam)

Radio link: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/our-parish/st-](http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/st-josephs-church-webcam)

[josephs-church-webcam](http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/st-josephs-church-webcam)

Monday to Friday 10.30am

Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm

Sunday 10am & 11.45am

Friary-[www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscan-](http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscan-friary-webcam/)

[friary-webcam/](http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscan-friary-webcam/)

Monday to Saturday 10am

Vigil Mass Saturday 7.30pm

Sunday 10.30am

Christ the King Oratory Cloughleigh

Monday to Friday 9.30am

Sunday 11am

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Cathedral & Friary

Cathedral: Monday to Friday 7pm to 7.25pm

Saturday after the Vigil Mass

Friary: Tuesday to Saturday 11-12 noon & 4-5pm

Baptisms

Can be booked through the Parish Office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place

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

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St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Year B 12th May, 2024

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD.



Forty days after his resurrection, our Lord ascended to heaven to take his rightful place beside the throne of God. The apostles were certainly saddened by the Lord's departure while they gazed towards the sky, but in leaving his followers Jesus did not abandon them. St. Augustine once wrote: "In coming down to earth, our Lord Jesus never fully left heaven, and in going back to heaven, he never fully left earth". This confirms our belief that Jesus is not an historical figure of the past, a 'super hero' who once walked the earth, an immortal name and influence, but rather he is our Lord and God, who is alive and very much active. He is not the one who was but the one who is!

In Mark's gospel passage, the task of the community of believers is presented in very clear terms. *Jesus said to his disciples: "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation"*. It is the duty of the Church and of every Christian to proclaim the good news of the gospel of Jesus in word and example always and everywhere. Our Christian duty is to be heralds of Jesus in the world, even though at times we may find it hard to keep up the faith, we are nevertheless called to help others believe as well.

The Ascension serves as a reminder of our own call to ascend—to rise above the limitations of this world and strive for the higher things of God. Just as Jesus ascended into heaven, so too are we called to lift our hearts and minds to heavenly things, seeking the will of God in all that we do. This means letting go of earthly attachments and desires that weigh us down and hinder our spiritual growth, and instead, fixing our gaze on the eternal truths of God's kingdom.

The Ascension also challenges us to embrace our role as witnesses of Christ's love and truth in the world. Just as the disciples were commissioned to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth, so too are we called to proclaim the good news of salvation to all nations. This is not merely a suggestion but a command—a mandate given to us by our Lord Himself. As followers of Christ, we are called to bear witness to His love through our words and actions, sharing the light of His truth with all whom we encounter.

This feast of the Ascension calls us to reflect on the mysteries of our faith and to renew our commitment to following Christ wholeheartedly. May we, like the disciples, fix our gaze on heaven and strive to live lives that are pleasing to God, bearing witness to His love and truth in all that we do. And may we always be mindful of the presence of the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to be faithful witnesses of the risen and ascended Lord.



Priest on Duty Fr. Ger Jones 12th May 2024

Contact: 065 6869098



### Cathedral

#### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**6.30pm:** Val Bredin, Barrack St. **1st Anniv**  
 John Brown, 'St. Anthony's', Circular Rd. **1st Anniv**  
 Marie Gardiner, Considines Terrace. **1st Anniv**  
 Anthony Daly, Golf Links Rd. **1st Anniv**  
 Jack & Molly Burke & dec'd family, Dunsallagh.  
 Frank O'Dwyer, Clonroadbeg, Ennis.  
 Jimmy & Maisie Henchy, Ennistymon.

**Sun 12th 8am:** John Meaney, Surrey.

**9.30am:** Monica Heaney Zadro & Gerard Heaney, Dundalk.

**11.30am:** Rory Kennedy, Cloonteen, Ballyalla. **1st Anniv**  
 John and Rebecca Hogan, Shanaway Rd. **1st Anniv's**  
 Margaret Staunton, Gallows Hill.  
 Annie Caul, London and Ballinruan.  
 Paddy & Margaret Quinn, Clare Rd.  
 Ann and Kevin Naughton, Summerhill.  
 Donal MacMathúna, Ballybeg, Ennis.

**Mon: 7.40am:** John Meaney, Surrey.

**11am:** Nora McCarthy, Cappahard & late Drumbiggle. **1st Anniv**  
 Michael, Sheila, Thomas & Paddy Keenan, Clare.

**7.30pm:** Breeda, Patrick, Thomas, John & baby Caoibhe Whelan, Dalcassian Park.

**Tues: 7.40am:** Book of Intentions.

**11am:** Dan O'Connor, Clonroad.  
 Anne (Nancy) & Brian McMahan, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.  
 Christy & Nora Daly, College View, Clonroadmore.

**7.30pm:** Ann & Martin O'Grady, Gertie & Bernard Bleasdale, Corrovorrin & College Park.  
 Dan & Eileen O'Connor, Clonroad.  
 Mary Neville, Pearse Avenue.  
 Special Intention.

**Wed 7.40am:** No intention booked.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** John & Bridget Hanley, Hermitage.  
 Anthony O'Loughlin, St. Michael's Villas.  
 P.J. & Mary Bourke & family, Inch, Kilmaley.  
 Johnny & Kathleen O'Loughlin, Old Gort Rd.

**Thurs 7.40am:** Tom Lillis, Kilkee.

**11am:** Frank Hassett, Ard na Greine.

**7.30pm:** St. Flannan's College Graduation Mass.

**Fri 7.40am:** Mass for the People.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** P.J. & Jack Dinan, Hermitage.  
 Mary Ellen, Joe & Tommy Hickey, Tullassa, Inch.  
 Gerry Moroney, Loughville.

**Sat: 11am:** First Holy Communion, Holy Family School.

**6.30pm:** Loretta Doogan, Limerick. MM  
 Dominic Foley, College Rd. **1st Anniv**  
 Irene Maloney, McNamara Park.  
 Breda Hassett, Drumbiggle Rd.

**Sun 19th 8am:** No intention booked.

**9.30am:** No intention booked.

**11.30am:** Michael O'Brien, Summerhill.  
 Josie, Kitty, & Joe Hayes, Shanaway & Miltown Malbay.  
 Marian Guinnane, Park Avenue.  
 Mary Quinn, Carlow & Waterford.  
 Paddy & Kitty Smyth, Carmody Street.  
 Joan Coote, Considine Rd.  
 Christopher Ryne, Honan's Terrace.  
 James Kelly, Collins Park.

### Lourdes Invalid Appeal

Thanks to all who contributed €6,465.00 to this appeal in helping bring sick and terminally ill pilgrims to Lourdes. Special thanks to those who donated €750 to sponsor a sick pilgrim.



### Newly Baptised

*We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:*  
 Christy Anthony McDonagh  
 Evan Sebastian Ryan;  
 Bradley Kalvin Brooks;  
 Robin Nic Dhonnacha.

### May is Safeguarding month in the Diocese of Killaloe.

Since Covid we are seeing ministry with children, such as Pray and Play, Altar Servers etc returning in the parishes. The Diocese ensures that all children involved in parish activities are safe and cared for. We have in place, parental/guardian consent forms for all activities, code of conduct for both children & adults, sign in and out registers, gardai vetting for all adult helpers/leaders. Visit [www.killaloe-diocese.ie/safeguarding](http://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/safeguarding) to find out more.



### St. Joseph's

#### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**7pm:** James Cahill, Shannon Park. **1st Anniv**  
 John Darcy, "Ashling", Shanaway Rd. MM  
 Chrissie Clune, Ballymachill.

**Sun 12th 10am:** No intention booked.

**11.45am:** Tom Roche, Kincora Park.  
 John Doohan, Kincora Park.  
 Tom Stack, Lifford Rd.

**Mon 10.30am:** No intention booked.

**Tues 10.30am:** Book of intentions.

**Wed 11am:** First Holy Communion St. Anne's School.

**Thu 10.30am:** Andy McTiernan, Sligo.

**Fri 10.30am:** Algirdas Jecka & Julius Gajauskas, Lithuania.

**Sat: 11am:** First Holy Communion CBS

**1.30pm :** Enzo d'Auria, Clonroadmore. MM

**7pm:** Jimmy & Dilly O'Halloran, St. Senan's Rd.  
 Jimmy & Teresa Madigan, Marian Avenue.  
 John, Seán & Rose O'Sullivan, Kevin Barry Ave.  
 Kathleen Bourke, Knockanoura, Tulla Rd.

**Sun 19th 10am:** Johnny, Mark & Cathal Mulcaire, Cahercalla Heights.

**Maura Burke, Carlow.**

**11.45am:** Brendan Mounsey, Marian Avenue.  
 Christy Rushe, College Rd.

#### Please Note:

Due to the celebration of First Holy Communion this week, there will be no 10.30am Mass in St. Joseph's on Wednesday and Saturday.



### Cloughleigh

#### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 12th 11am:** Bernadette Moloney, Cloughleigh.

**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.

**Thurs 9.30am:** Thomas Crowe, Ballyvaskin, Miltown Malbay.

**Sat 11am:** First Holy Communion, Scoil Chríost Rí

**Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 5th May 2024**  
**Fund € 5,706.00 Online €302.50**

### First Holy Communion

This coming week we will celebrate the sacrament with children and their families from the following schools:

#### Wednesday 15th May:

11.30am St. Joseph's Church - St. Anne's School.

#### Saturday 18th May:

11am Christ the King Oratory, Cloughleigh - Scoil Chríost Rí, Cloughleigh.

11am St. Joseph's Church - Ennis CBS.

11am Cathedral - Holy Family School.

Please pray for the Children as they prepare for this very special occasion in their faith journey.



### Graduation Masses

Thursday 16th May @ 7.30pm; Cathedral - St. Flannan's College.

Monday 20th May @ 7.30pm; St. Joseph's Church - Rice College.

Thursday 23rd May @ 6pm; Cathedral - Colaiste Mhuire.

*Please pray for these Leaving Cert Students as they prepare for Exams and bring their Secondary Education to conclusion.*



## May the Month of Mary



May is the month of Mary. An opportunity for a May Altar in your home or class room and also an opportunity to pray the Rosary. 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.*

The Rosary will be prayed each evening during the month of May at the following grottos in the parish.



### Rosary in honour of Our Lady

- Dalcaasian Park daily 6pm
- Hermitage Grotto daily 6.30pm
- Marian Avenue Grotto daily 7pm
- Corrovorrin Crescent daily 7pm
- Gallows Hill daily 7pm
- St. Michael's Villas daily 7.30pm
- Loughville Grotto daily 8pm
- Fountain Grotto daily 8.30pm
- Buttermarket Grotto daily 7pm



### May Devotions

- On this Monday May 13th the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, May devotions will take place at the Grotto in St. Michael's Villas at 7.30pm.
- On Friday May 31st, 7.30pm at Lees Road Grotto, Rosary & Benediction.

### Cursillo walk: Cork to Knock route

Tue July 16th - 21st. Approx 23 miles (37kms) per day. Mass daily, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet & fellowship each day. Contact [corktoknock@gmail.com](mailto:corktoknock@gmail.com) to sign up for the full walk, a day or a stage. Walks also leaving from Dublin, Belfast & Derry: all converging to arrive in Knock.

### SUMMER SOLSTICE GO YELLOW JUNE 20

- 23 Grow Mental Health provides free, non-judgmental peer support groups for those dealing with mental health challenges or life's struggles. Based all over Ireland with in-person or online meetings. Each year we fundraise to provide this much needed community service through Go Yellow walks/runs/workshops/information sessions or any fundraising event that helps. To donate visit [www.Grow.ie](http://www.Grow.ie) or [midwesternregion@grow.ie](mailto:midwesternregion@grow.ie) or contact 061-318813

### On the Move: A Higher Calling

Join Focus Ireland's iconic climbs and help us to raise vital funds to support those experiencing homelessness in our communities. Our Carrauntoohil hike takes place on June 15th or Croagh Patrick on June 16th. Alternatively, organise your own hiking challenge with your family or friends. Contact Niamh 087 489 1974 or email: [events@focusireland.ie](mailto:events@focusireland.ie)

### 'Come Follow Me' Weekend Workshop, 7th

-9th June: An introductory training weekend to teach children (ages 7-11) about the Catholic faith using the 'Come Follow Me' catechetical programme, for use in parishes and schools. Presented by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph at St Mary's Church, the Claddagh. No previous experience required! For more information and to register, please contact Ruth on (087) 4090344 or email [comefollowmegalway@gmail.com](mailto:comefollowmegalway@gmail.com).

The Catholic Communications Office produces a five-story weekly Ezine *Sharing Good News* that reports on stories associated with the Bishops' Conference, activities in parishes and dioceses, and that celebrates Church life generally. If you wish to subscribe to receive *Sharing Good News* please register your email address on <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>

**Catholic Mothers Ireland Retreat Day.** On Saturday 25th May 2024 in the Church of Our Lady, Roslevan, Ennis, Co. Clare. V95 A253. Join us for a day of Spiritual Restoration, Inspiring Talks on the Theme 'To Jesus, through Mary', Holy Mass, Prayer and Confession. Guest speakers on the day Fr Marius O'Reilly, Sr Miriam Loveland SHM and Sinéad Strong. This all day Retreat will run from 9.30am-4pm at a cost of €40. Lunch provided. Call 085 147 1516 or email [catholicmothers@outlook.ie](mailto:catholicmothers@outlook.ie) to book your place!

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Muire Máthair Dé

Muire Máthair Dé. Is í Muire Banríon na bhflaitheas, Díontóir na bhfíorlag, Farraige na daonnachta, Réaltan eolais gach seachránaigh, Bean réitigh na feirge, Idirhinightheoir na ngearánach, Sásamh an bhreithimh, Teanga na mbalbhán, Seomra séad na suáilcí, Tuile na ngrást agus Tonn Chlíodhna na Trócaire.

Mary is the Queen of Heaven Protector of the weak, Sea of humanity, Astronomer's knowledge of stars, Woman resolving anger, Complainant's pacifier, Satisfaction of judge, The language of the dumb, The room of blessings, The flood of graces and The Clíodhna Wave of Mercy.

### REST IN PEACE



James Gallagher, Cuan An Chláir, Cahercalla, Ennis, Co. Clare and formerly of Churchhill, Ennistymon;

Baby Hunter Molloy, son of Peter & Alisha Molloy, Ballaughboy;

Martin Fitzpatrick, Ennis;

Martina Foley, Shanaway Road;

Mary Strand (nee Kelly), Shannon Pk;

Martin Griffin, Kincora Park;

### Cathedral Renovation Appeal

Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following contributions €50x2 received for the appeal; these once off contributions are very much appreciated and are helping to complete the renovation work at the Cathedral.

### Pilgrimages

This year the Diocese will be organising the following pilgrimages:

#### Lourdes:

June 21st to 26th Fully Booked

September 30th to October 5th

Booking: [joewalshstours.ie](http://joewalshstours.ie)

Tel: 01 2410800

#### Knock Shrine:

Sunday 7th July Diocesan Pilgrimage

#### Lough Derg:

Bank Holiday Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th August

All three pilgrimages will be led by Bishop Fintan.

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, 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

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and

Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: .

God goes up with shouts of joy;

The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

All peoples, clap your hands,  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. R.

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
Sing praise to our king, sing praise. R.

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. R.

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

Eph 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations;

I am with you always;

yes, to the end of time.

Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

## 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, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.