

# 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-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-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 MOST HOLY TRINITY Year B 26th May, 2024

## THE MYSTERY OF GOD

Two men, both very spiritual men and great thinkers, were walking along the seashore. As they walked they discussed the mystery of God. Each was convinced that the other was making a poor job of explaining what God meant to him.

Suddenly they came upon a small boy playing by the water's edge. He had dug a small hole in the sand and kept running down to the sea, dipping his toy bucket in the water, and running back up the beach to empty the water into the hole. They watched him for some time as he ran backwards and forwards emptying and filling his bucket. They found the scene amusing, so they went up to him and asked him what he was doing. The child pointed to the sea and told them, very seriously, that he was going to take all the water in it and pour it into the hole he had dug in the sand.

The two men smiled and went on their way, carrying on their discussion about God. Suddenly, however; one of them stopped and said: "You know, we were amused just now when that child told us what he was trying to do. Yet what we have been trying to do in our discussion about God is just the same. It is just as impossible for us to understand the mystery of God as it is for that child to put all the water of the sea into that hole. Our minds are but tiny thimbles, whereas the reality of God is as great as the ocean".

The Trinity is of course a mystery. Yet even a child can grasp it.

**We think of God as a Father,  
a Father who cares deeply about us.**

**We think of Jesus as a Brother  
who died for us.**

**We think of the Holy Spirit  
as a Friend and Comforter.**

Like fish in the sea, or birds in the air, this becomes the very atmosphere in which the Christian prays and lives.





### Cathedral

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**6.30pm:** Peter Considine, Dromadrehid & Abbey St.  
 Noel Ryan, Dalcassian Avenue & Clarecastle.  
 Delia Reidy, Golf Links Rd.  
 Gerard O'Connor, 1st Anniv Darragh & Staffordshire, England.  
 Ann White, College Grove.  
 May Kelly, Knock, Kilrush.  
**Sun 26th 8am:** No intention booked  
**9.30am:** Mary & Gerard Davoren, Kilcorney, Kilfenora.  
 Brigid & Michael Keane, Kilrush Rd.  
 Paddy O'Connell, Shanballa, Lahinch Rd.  
**11.30am:** Christy & Bridie Murphy, Hermitage.  
 Jackie (John) & Mary Hanrahan, St. Michael's Villas.  
 John & Bridie Murray, Mullagh.  
 Eamonn Moloney, McNamara Pk.  
 Michael & Lana McNamara, Ennis.

**Mon: 7.40am:** John & Anne McNamara, Corofin.

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Catherine Mulconroy, Kildysart.

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

**11am:** John & Bridget Stokes, Limerick.

**7.30pm:** William, Eileen & John Kerin, late Hermitage.

**Wed 7.40am:** Holy Souls.

**11am:** Bridie Kelly, Carmody St.

Bridget & Michel O'Halloran, Roslevan.

**7.30pm:** Therese Slattery, St. Michael's Villas.

Martin & Anna Murphy & Ann O'Connor, Newmarket on Fergus.

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

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Gerard Marrinan, Hermitage.

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

**11am:** No intention booked.

**7.30pm:** Brendan Sullivan, "Rossa" Clonroad. 1st Anniv

**Sat: 11am:** Owen & Eileen Griffin, Pauline Lucy,

Una O'Donoghue nee Griffin, Buttermarket.

Bernie Killeen, Clonroadbeg.

Lilly Close, Miltown Malbay.

Mick McDonald, College Green.

**6.30pm:** Susan Tuttle, Castlclawn, Tulla Rd. 1st Anniv

Brian Malone, Castlclawn & O'Connell Street. 1st Anniv

Shay Moloney, Hazlewood, Ard Aoibhinn.

Jack Kenneally, Waterpark Heights, Drumbiggie.

Johnny Flynn, Turnpike Rd

**Sun 2nd June 8am:** Kathleen Corry, Spencilhill.

**9.30am:** No intention booked.

**11.30am:** Kieran O'Regan, Woodview, Shanaway Rd.

### Cloughleigh

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sun 26th 11am:** No intention booked.

**Mon 9.30am:** Marty Killeen, Miltown Malbay.

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

**Sun 2nd June 11am:** John Garrihy, Dun na hInse.

Bunny & Paddy Tuohy, Old Mill Street.

**Ennis Parish  
 Development Fund  
 for Sunday 19th May 2024,**

**Fund €5,376.00  
 Online €153.50**



As we complete the season of Lent and Easter we thank you for your very generous contributions of €15,165 to this year's Trócaire Lenten Appeal. Such generosity is very much appreciated by those most in need at this time.

### Newly Baptised

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

*Emily Caitlin Keane;*

*Praise Kelechi Aku;*

*Grace Darlah Dobbins;*

*Sarah Jane Monahan;*



### Cathedral Renovation Appeal

Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following contributions of €50 & €20 received for the appeal; these once off contributions are very much appreciated and are helping to complete the renovation work at the Cathedral.

### Fleadh



### Nua Golden Jubilee

This weekend the 50th Fleadh Nua to be held in Ennis begins and concludes on Monday 3rd June.

This year's Fleadh Nua Mass celebrating 50years at the Fleadh will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan at 11:30am in the Cathedral on Sunday next 2nd June.

Aifrean Fleadh Nua is always a wonderful celebration of traditional Irish Music and



### St. Joseph's



**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**7pm:** Eileen Murphy & family, St. Anne's Tce.

**Sun 26th 10am:** Niall White, Lifford Rd.

Chrissie & Seán O'Connell, The Crescent.

Mark Farren, Corrovorrin Grove.

**11.45am:** No intention booked.

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

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

Maureen Skelly, New Road.

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

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

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

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

**7pm:** Pat Scully, Clancy Park. 1st Anniv

John & Mary Roughan, Shannon Pk.

John & Bridie Mulcaire & decd family, St. Senan's Rd.

**Sun 2nd 10am:** Seamus O'Sullivan, Rosanore.

**11.45am:** Cyril Brennan, Kevin Barry Ave.

### Congratulations to our Confirmation and First Holy Communion Candidates.



This weekend brings to a conclusion the last First Holy Communion Ceremony for this year. We thank our Parish Schools and After School Teams, teachers and school staff for all their help and support, encouragement and example to the young people. We thank our music makers, choirs and sacristans for their contribution in enriching the many celebrations. Please continue to pray for these young people; that they will grow in their relationship with Jesus and the help of the Holy Spirit.

### Priests' Summer Collection

The Summer Collection for the priests of the Pastoral Area will take place at all masses next weekend. This is the second of only four appeals in the year to support your priests. Envelopes are available in all churches and your generosity and kindness to all our priests are very much appreciated.

### Rest in Peace

**Nancy Barry,** Ennistymon mother of Anne (Barry) Chambers, Parnell Grove, Ennis;

**Mary Molloy nee Fox,** Turnpike Rd.;

**Martin Cotter,** Loughville ;

**Jimmy (James) Healy,** Inisgrove, Lahinch Rd.;

**Angela White nee Clancy,** Considine's Rd.;

## 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

- Dalcassian 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 6pm

### May Devotions

- Friday May 31st, devotions at 7.30pm at Lees' Road Grotto, Rosary & Benediction.
- Wednesday 29th June at 9pm, Rosary & Benediction at Loughville Grotto.
- Wednesday 29th May Rosary and Benediction at Marian Avenue Grotto at 7pm
- Rosary & Benediction at Buttermarket on 31st May Friday at 6 pm.

## St. Anthony's Novena



This year's Novena begins on Tuesday 4th June at 10am in the Friary and concludes on Thursday 13th June, the Feast of St. Anthony.

**Weekdays 10am & 7:30pm**  
**Sunday Mass at 10:30am**

On St. Anthony's Feast Day, Blessing of Lillies at all masses and Blessing of Children at 4pm

We welcome back to Ennis Fr. Caoimhín Ó Laoide OFM who will lead this year's Novena.

## SAFEGUARDING



May is Safeguarding month in the Diocese of Killaloe. In the Diocese we have a safeguarding committee, made up of lay members and Diocesan personnel. They meet approx. 4 times a year and work along side the Director of safeguarding in ensuring safeguarding standards are maintained in the parishes as well as producing and updating policy, plans and guidance. On the safeguarding page of the Diocesan website [www.killaloeocese.ie/safeguarding](http://www.killaloeocese.ie/safeguarding) you will find our safeguarding plans, policies and guidance.

## Pilgrimages

This year the Diocese will be organising the following pilgrimages:

### Lourdes:

June 21st to 26th Fully Booked

September 30th to October 5th

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

Tel: 01 2410800

### Knock Shrine:

Sunday 7th July Diocesan Pilgrimage

### Lough Derg:

Bank Holiday Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th August. For booking contact Parish Office. All three pilgrimages will be led by Bishop Fintan.

## Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

### An Tríonóid Rónaofa.

Ceiliúramid inniu Féile na Tríonóide Naofa. Is í an Tríonóid an rúndiamhair is mó agus is doimhne de na rúndiamhra Chríostaí. Thóg sé na céadta bliain ar an Eaglais bealach a fháil chun foirmle a bhaint amach faoin rúndiamhair seo. Creidimid go bhfuil trí phearsa i nDia, gur Dia an tAthair, Dia an Mac agus Dia an Spiorad Naomh aon Dia amháin. Ní féidir leis an réasún daonna é seo a thuiscint ach tháinig Dia an Mac, Íosa Críost, ar an saol agus mhínigh Sé é sin dúinn. Ó lá ár mbaisteadh tagann Dia chun cónaithe ionainn. Cuireann an fhéile seo os ár gcomhair gurb é atá i ndán dúinn tar éis báis ná maireachtáil i láthair na Tríonóide ar feadh na síoraíochta. I gCoineartú tuigtear dúinn go bhfuil misean againn bheith dílis don chreideamh agus Íosa a fhógairt don saol mór.

Is iad Comhartha na Croise, Glóir don Athair agus Beannachtaí na hEaglaise na deabhóidí is mó atá againn don Tríonóid Naofa agus na paidreacha is minice a deirtear i rith an lae.

**Don Tríonóid Naofa.** (An Duanairé 1600-1900: Poems of the Dispossessed.)

*Trí fhille in éadach 's gan ann ach aon éadach amháin,  
trí ailt i méar 's gan ann ach aon mhéar amháin,  
trí dhuilliúir i seamróg 's gan ann ach aon seamróg amháin.  
Sioc, sneachta, leac oighir, níl sna trí ní sin ach uisce,  
mar sin tá trí Phearsa i nDia 's gan ann ach aon Dia amháin.*

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Trinity. It is the deepest of all Christian mysteries. The Church spent many years devising a formula for this mystery. We believe that there is only one God but there are three persons God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost in God. Human reason cannot understand this, but Jesus Christ came on earth and explained this to us. In Baptism God comes to dwell in us. This feast reminds us that after death we will live in the presence of the Trinity for all eternity. In Confirmation we are given the mission to be faithful to our Faith and to proclaim Jesus to the world. The Sign of the Cross, the Glory be to the Father and Church Blessings are the usual devotions to the Blessed Trinity which are recited many times daily.

### To the Holy Trinity

Three folds in cloth, yet there is but the one cloth.

Three joints in a finger, yet there is but one finger.

Three leaves in a shamrock, yet there is but the one shamrock.

Frost, snow and ice...yet the three are only water,

Three Persons in God likewise, and but the one God.

### Exam Students

A special mass for all doing state exams this year will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church Quin on Sunday 2nd June at 11am

### Prayer for Exam Students

O' God help all students doing exams,

Help them to remember well  
and think clearly

Help them not to be so nervous

or excited that they will  
do themselves an injustice

Keep them calm  
but clear headed

Help them to try their hardest  
and do their best .Amen

### Annual Corpus Christi Procession.

This years Doora-Barefield procession starts at St. Joseph's Well at 6.30pm 30th May, concluding with Holy Mass at Church of Our Lady, 7.30pm. The route comes in the Gort road and passes Ennis and St. Joseph's Hospital, Kincora and Shannon Park, then out Tulla road. It is tradition for homes and businesses to adorn route with flowers and sacred objects. All are Welcome.

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father,  
and the Only Begotten Son of  
God, and also the Holy Spirit,  
for he has shown us his merciful love.

## 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 4:32-34.39-40

Moses said to the people: 'Put this  
question to the ages that are past, that  
went before you, from the time God  
created man on earth: Was there ever a  
word so majestic, from one end of heaven  
to the other? Was anything ever heard?  
Did ever a people hear the voice of the  
living God speaking from the heart of the  
fire, as you heard it, and remain alive?  
Has any god ventured to take to himself  
one nation from the midst of another by  
ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty  
hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome  
terrors - all this that the Lord your God did  
for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and  
take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed,  
in heaven above as on earth beneath, he

and no other keep his laws and  
commandments as I give them to you  
today so that you and your children may  
prosper and live long in the land that the  
Lord your God gives you for ever.'

## The word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

**Response: Happy the people the Lord  
has chosen as his own.**

The word of the Lord is faithful  
And all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
And fills the earth with his love. R.

By his word the heavens were  
made, By the breath of his mouth all  
the stars. He spoke; and they came  
to be.  
He commanded; they sprang into being. R.

The Lord looks on those who revere  
him, On those who hope in his love,  
To rescue their souls from death,  
To keep them alive in famine. R.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our  
shield. May your love be upon  
us,  
O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. R.

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans. Rm 8:14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of  
God. The spirit you received is not the  
spirit of slaves bringing fear into your  
lives again; it is the spirit of sons and it  
makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The  
Spirit himself and our spirit bear united  
witness that we are children of God. And  
if we are children we are heirs as well:  
heirs of God and coheirs with Christ,  
sharing his sufferings so as to share his  
glory.

## The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory be to the Father, and to the  
Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
The God who is, who was,  
and who is to come.  
Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to  
the mountain where Jesus had arranged  
to meet them. When they saw him they  
fell down before him, though some  
hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to  
them. He said, 'All authority in heaven  
and on earth has been given to me. Go,  
therefore, make disciples of all the  
nations; baptise them in the name of the  
Father and of the Son and of the Holy  
Spirit, and teach them to observe all the  
commands I gave you. And know that I  
am with you always; yes, to the end of  
time.'

## 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

Since you are children of God,  
God has sent into your hearts  
the Spirit of his Son,  
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father