ENNIS PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mass Times

Cathedral-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 Monday to Friday 10.30am Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm Sunday 10am & 11.45am

Monday to Friday 9.30am

Sunday 11am

Friary-www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscanfriary-webcam/ Monday to Saturday 10am Vigil Mass Saturday 7.30pm Sunday 10.30am Christ the King Oratory Cloughleigh

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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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B 7th July, 2024.

"Recognising a God that is close to Us."

When we think about the people in this Gospel, we might say they knew Jesus, but they did not recognise him. There is а difference between knowing and recognising. In essence, this difference makes us understand that we can know various things about a person, form an idea, rely on what others say about that person, we might perhaps meet that person every now and then in the neighbourhood; but all that is

not enough. This is a knowledge, that does not recognise the uniqueness of the person. We all run this risk: we think we know so much about a person, even worse, we use labels and close the person within our own prejudices. Jesus's fellow villagers knew him for thirty years in the same way and they thought they knew everything! *"But isn't this the boy we saw growing up, the carpenter, the son of Mary? Where did this man get all this?"* In reality, they never realised who Jesus truly was. They remained at the exterior level and refused what was unique about Jesus.

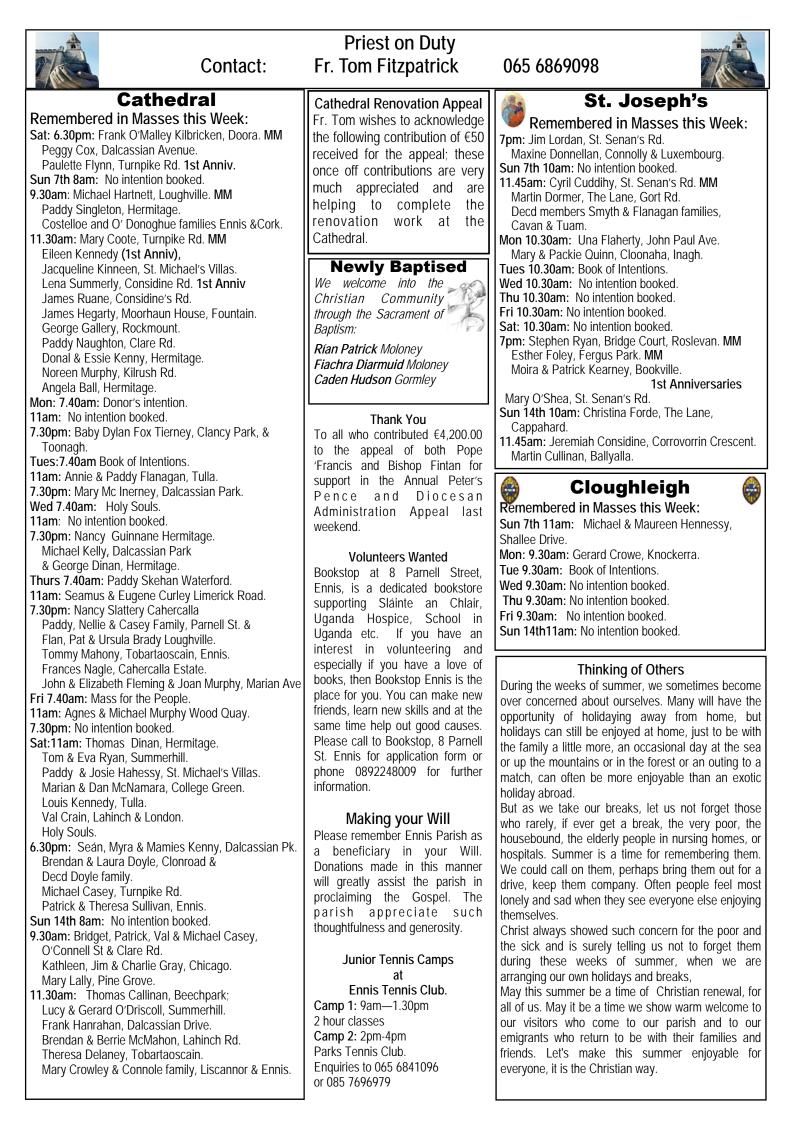
But why didn't Jesus's fellow villagers recognise and believe in Him? What is the reason? I think that they did not accept the reality of the Incarnation. They did not know this mystery of the Incarnation. The Incarnation is indeed difficult to accept, that the immensity of God should be revealed in the smallness of our flesh, that the Son of God



should be apparently the son of a carpenter, that the divine should be hidden in the human, that God should inhabit the face, the words, the gestures of a simple man. This is the heart of the Christian faith: the incarnation of God, his concreteness, his participation in daily life. God in becoming a human being in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, has became a companion on the way, he made himself one of us. *"You are one of*

us", we can say to Jesus. What a beautiful prayer! It is because he is one of us he understands us, accompanies us, forgives us, loves us so much.

Very often, like the villagers in this gospel we fail to recognise a God that is close to us, we often prefer an abstract, distant God, it makes us more comfortable, one that doesn't get himself involved in everyday situations and who causes a faith that is far from life, from problems, from society. But that is not the God that Jesus reveals. **God incarnated Himself: God is humble, God is tender, God is hidden, he draws near to us, living the normality of our daily life.** Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which means, God with us. **God is with us, the challenge is to recognise how close he is!**



Episcopal Ordination



Msgr Seamus Horgan, son of the late Denis & Pauline Horgan, Tobartaoscain will be ordained, Titular Archbishop of Ard Stratha Apostolic Nuncio to South Sudan in the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul, Ennis on Saturday 27th July at 11am.

All are welcome to the ordination as we ask for your prayers for Msgr Seamus as he prepares to answer this calling.

Following his ordination in the Cathedral in 1994, Msgr Seamus served as a curate in Bodyke and Roscrea, before going to Rome for further studies and his calling to serve in the Diplomatic service of the Holy See.

Knock Shrine



Our Diocesan Pilgrimage takes place this Sunday Afternoon. Ceremonies begin at Knock Shrine at 2pm and can be viewed on the Knock Shrine website.

National Pilgrimage Croagh Patrick



28th July is Reek Sunday this year on Croagh Patrick. Masses hourly on the summit of Croagh Patrick from 8am to 2pm Confessions begin at 7.30am and conclude at 2pm.

Lough Derg



Booking has now opened for this year's Parish and Diocesan Pilgrimage, taking place from Bank holiday Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th August. The bus will leave from the Cathedral at 7am sharp; total cost €135.

Early booking is recommended; to secure a place contact parish office (065) 6824043

Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock



Will take place on Sunday 21 July, Mass at 3pm will be followed by Eucharistic Blessing and Procession to the Shrine.

Pioneers along with friends and relations of people who are living "one day at a time" with addiction are welcome.

A Blast from the Past

In our Parish Newsletter of 10th July 1994

- The Clare team were wished the best for their Munster Final outing that day.
- An upholstery service was available at the Clare Youth Centre.
- Youth mass was celebrated in the Dánlann.
- Clare Care were looking for primary school uniforms.
- Pilgrimages were taking place to Knock and Lough Derg.
- The Sisters of Mercy were moving from a Diocesan Structure to a National Structure, known as Mercy Ireland.
- Pilgrimage to Taize took place that week.
- Fr. Walsh (later Bishop Walsh) was the Priest on Duty.
- The Annual Collection for Peter's Pence and Diocesan Needs raised £3,813

Relics of St Bernadette



On the 11th February 1858, Mary the Mother of God appeared to a young 14 year old French girl called Bernadette Soubirous in a place called Massabille, Lourdes. In the intervening months Bernadette encountered the Blessed Virgin Mary, they prayed the Rosary together. Bernadette died as a Sister of Charity in Nevers at the age of 35.

This September and October the Relics of St Bernadette will visit every Irish Diocese and some Religious Houses. On Monday 9th September the Relics will be in the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul Ennis and on Tuesday 10th September the Relics will be in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Silvermines Co Tipperary. More details to follow later.

Prayer for Fine Weather

Heavenly Father, you have created all things and we depend upon your loving goodness. You have given us the earth to care for and provide our food. We humbly ask you to give fine weather for our hardworking farming families of this community so that their animals may have food, and their crops can be planted Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Tá mí lúil thar tairseach isteach chugainn. Is i mí lúil a bhíonn Comóradh Fola Sárluachmhaire ár dTiarna, Íosa Críost. Mí lúil, mí an fhéir thirim, mí na laethanta saoire, forchéim an tsamhraidh. I mí lúil bí linn a Thiarna. Is é Intinn Uilíoch an Phápa do mhí lúil: Le haghaidh Tréadchúraim na dTinne Iarrann an tAthair Naofa "go dtabharfaidh sacraimint Aontú na mBinne neart ón Tiarna dóibh siúd a fhaigheann é agus dá ngaolta, chun bheith ina chomhartha infheicthe comhbhá agus dóchais do chách."

I rith an tSamhraidh, bíonn pobail ag teacht le chéile ag ceiliúradh imeachtaí éagsúla, diaga, cultúrtha, lúthchleasaíochta. Go raibh siad slán sábháilte de shíor.

A Dhia cabhraigh linn a bheith páirteach i bpobal ar bhealach amháin nó ar bhealach eile. Cabhraigh linn freisin meas a bheith againn ar Dhia, orainn féin, ar dhaoine eile agus ar an imshaol agus gaolmhaireacht chóir, chothrom a chothú agus a chleachtadh pé áit ina mbeimid. Áiméan

July is the month devoted to the Precious Blood of Jesus. July, month of haymaking, month of holidaymaking, highlight of summer. In July be with us O Lord. The Pope's intention for this month: For Pastoral Care of the Sick

The Holy Father asks "for the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to give strength from the Lord to those who receive it and their loved ones, becoming a visible sign of compassion and hope for everyone."

During the Summer, communities assemble to celebrate various events, religious, cultural and athletic. May they be always safe.

God Our Father, help us to be part of a community. May we respect God, ourselves, others and the environment and set up just and fair relationships wherever we may be. Amen.



Patrick Linnane, Galway brother of Mamie O'Dea, Corrovorrin

Those we love don't go away; They walk beside us every day.

Unseen, unheard but always near. Sill loved, still missed, and very dear.

Wishing us hope in the midst of sorrow, Offering comfort in the midst of pain, both today and tomorrow.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 1st July 2024

Fund €6289.00 Online €145.50

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God, We have received in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, O God, like your name, Reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

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 prophet Ezekiel. Ez 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm *Response: Our eyes are on the Lord Till He show us his mercy*

To you have I lifted up my eyes, You who dwell in the heavens: My eyes, like the eyes of slaves On the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant On the hand of her mistress, So our eyes are on the Lord our God Till He show us mercy.

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Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul With the scorn of the rich, With the proud man's disdain.

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. 2 Cor 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but He has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; To all who did accept him He gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. *Mk: 6-1-6*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of

them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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 Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, And I will refresh you, says the Lord.