

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

Friary-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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Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ennis.parish>

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary time

18th August 2024

The Bread of Life

The people listening to Jesus argued about what he said. Clearly his words had an impact on them. Perhaps, we are so used to hearing the words and teaching contained in this morning's gospel reading that we find it difficult to open our minds to their wonder and mystery.

Jesus gives us his flesh to eat, his blood to drink. Many just see it as a symbol, as exaggerated language which is not to be taken too seriously. Yet, our Catholic tradition emphasises the reality of it all. Christ did really give his life for our salvation. The cross was no mere figure of speech but a historical enactment of God's saving love for each of us. More than that, it wasn't just a historical moment that came and went, never to happen again. It is a reality that continues.

Christ is the living bread come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. We gather this Sunday morning to celebrate that presence. We do it by means of hearing and reflecting on God's word, by prayer, by giving and receiving inspiration and encouragement to and from each other and receiving the body and blood of Christ. It is an extraordinary fact that Christ didn't just become human once and for all. He continues to be present to us. Never ending love. We receive the Lord at this Mass and at every celebration of the Eucharist under the visible forms of bread and wine, in a way that is powerful, real and salvific.

Christ entered our world by becoming human. Each and every time we celebrate the Eucharist, he enters our lives to sustain us and give us strength. Christ is food for the journey of life. The Lord isn't merely with us or close to us but he becomes part of us. That is a truly amazing fact. No wonder Jesus' listeners found it hard to understand and even harder to accept. We only understand it once we begin to live it. Like the love that binds husband and wife in marriage it may seem to make little or no sense on a rational or intellectual level. Yet, once we have experienced the love of God present in our lives it all becomes clear. May we continue to grow in our appreciation of God's unfailing love for each of us. Each of us are created in his image and likeness. He is our very life.





Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Seán Shannon, Connolly Villas. **1st Anniv**
 Patrick & Brigid Woods & family, Circular Rd.
 Patrick McNamara, Mullagh & London.

Sun 18th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Paddy Forde, "St. Martin's", Ardlea Rd.
 Eddie & Maura Cotter, Cusack Rd.
 Marie Mulqueen, Fountain.

11.30am: Maureen Mahony, Doonane, Tulla. **MM**
 Pat & Mary Neylon, & P.J., Mary & Michael Palmer,
 Connolly Villas.
 Tom Pilkington, Loughville.
 Larry Brennan, Clarecastle & Dublin.

Mon: 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Paddy Phelan & family, Kilkenny.

7.30pm: Barry Clune, Breaffa West, Lissycasey. **1st Anniv**

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Teresa Walsh, Kilbrecken, Doora.
 James, Kathleen & Tommy Coote, Circular Rd.

7.30pm: Pádraig & Colette O'Flaherty, Shanaway Rd.

Wed 7.40am: Phil & Peg Russell, Thurles.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Thurs 7.40am: John Nagle, Claireen, Lahinch Rd.

11am: Denis & Pauline Horgan, Tobartaoscain.

7.30pm: Della Moroney, Loughville.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: John O'Sullivan, Cork & London.

7.30pm: Evelyn Brigdale, Claireen Rd., Drumcliffe. **MM**

Sat: 11am: Seán & Maura O'Murchadha, "Tara", Cusack Rd.

6.30pm: Michael Griffin, Parnell St.
 Tom Dillon, Ard na Greine.
 Theresa (Teddy) Ryan & family, Connolly Villas.
 Bridie Cassidy, Turnpike Rd.

Sun 25th 8am: Mary & Thomas Haren, Kilmaley.

9.30am: Jerry Murphy, Clarecastle.
 David Timlin, Ashfield Pk.

11.30am: William & Patricia Casey, "La Verna",
 Cappahard, Tulla Rd.
 John & Mary O'Dwyer, Castlewood Park.
 Paul Whelan, Kilrush Rd, Breda, Joe & Jim
 O'Halloran, Doora & Ennis.
 Monica & Fergus Gallagher, Cappahard.
 Florence Considine, Coopers' Place.
 P.J. & Rita Coulter, Dublin & Ennis.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following contributions of €300 & €50 received for the appeal; these once off contributions are very much appreciated and are helping to complete the renovation work at the Cathedral.

Knock Novena

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock continues until Thursday of this week with two sessions daily at 3pm and 8pm. The Novena can be viewed on www.knockshrine.ie

Burren Weekend Retreat 6th-8th September

Would you like to come on a guided journey through the Burren? Experience the silence and beauty of this unique landscape through walking mindfully on ancient pathways or limestone pavements. Get to know some of the rare flora and appreciate our rich faith heritage in one of the many ancient sacred sites.

Further information:
 Mary 087 970 1130.
 Booking: Des 085 161 4951.

Members of the youth ministry group which meets in Church of Our Lady Roslevan, on the last Sunday of every month recently went on Pilgrimage to Taizé. 24 Pilgrims led by Fr. Donagh O' Meara, Myriam Black, Joanne O' Brien and Youth leaders Arlene O' Sullivan, Saoirse Boyce & Joanna Lacka spent a week in Taize. All the young people loved the experience of meeting Christians from all over the world while exploring their faith and participating in the very beautiful Taize style of prayer three times day. The group hope to return again next year. If you are a young person and are senior cycle in Secondary School or College age and would like to be part of this group, you are welcome to join us. Please contact Fr. Donagh O' Meara (087) 232 2140 Myriam Black(087) 234 1831 Joanne O' Brien (086) 600 9682



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Holy Souls.
 Anne Hartney, Mountain View.

Sun 18th 10am: Teresa Butler, Lifford.

11.45am: Gerry Jones, Orchard Lane.
 Patrick Healy, St. Senan's Rd.

Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.

Tues 10.30am: Book of intentions.
 Seán Dolan, Castlelawn, Tulla Rd.

Wed 10.30am: Lauretta O'Sullivan, Woodlawn,
 Lahinch Rd.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.

Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.

7pm: Augustine O'Leary, The Crescent. **MM**
 Tommy McGann, Drumcliffe Rd.

Sun 25th 10am: Michael, Mary & Michael Jnr
 Spellissy, Drumcliffe.

11.45am: Gerry Sheridan, Marian Avenue.
 Frank Doris, Roslevan, Tulla Rd.

It is that time of year where we appeal for volunteers for St Joseph's Church - readers, eucharistic ministers and cleaners. Training will be given in the necessary areas. We need your help and would be very grateful if you would consider joining the rotas. Contact Fr David or leave your contact details at the parish office. Thanks to everyone who gives their gift of time to the church so generously.

Would whoever borrowed the "Clare Umbrella" from inside the main door of St. Joseph's Church last week please return same as it is of great sentimental value to its owner. Thank You

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Mon 19th: 9.30am: Ellen O'Loughlin. **1st Anniv**,
 Edward & Bidy, Ann Marie, Charlie, Elizabeth & Uncle
 Charlie Doherty.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Newly Baptised

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

Áine Hehir;
Charlie Coleman Griffin;



Relics of St Bernadette



In the autumn this year the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to Ireland for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them. We are delighted to announce that the Relics will visit the Diocese of Killaloe on Monday 9th September in the Cathedral Ennis and on Tuesday 10th September in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes Silvermines Co. Tipperary. More information will follow in the coming weeks.
 See www.stbernadette.ie

Prayers for those
Awaiting Exam Results

Give us peace in our hearts,
our bodies, our minds,
our souls as we await patiently
and with confidence
knowing that we will
emerge victorious.
Let worry, fear and doubt flee
at the sound of your great name.
Grant us favour loving Father,
in the eyes of examiners
We put our uttermost faith
and trust in you.

Rest in Peace

Terry McGann, Kilfenora, brother of
Brid Keane, Turnpike;

Mary Deely, (née Flanagan),
Corkscrew Hill, Ballyvaughan &
Corrovorin;

Kathleen O'Callaghan,
sister of Brid & Mary, Ennis;

Brigid Haran (nee Scanlan),
Cahercallamore, Kilrush Rd.;

Martin Yelverton, England, son of
Eileen Yelverton, Pairc na Coille,
Showgrounds;

Michael Roarty, Ballykelly, Co. Derry,
husband of Mary (Nee Reidy),
Connolly;

Kathleen Lane, Hermitage;

You are not alone.

Drink problem?

Alcoholics Anonymous

www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie

Tel: 01-8420700

gso@alcoholicsanonymous.ie

All enquiries are treated in the strictest
confidence.



Fr. John Quinn
90th Birthday



On Monday 19th August Fr. John Quinn will celebrate his 90th birthday. Born in Edenvale he was educated in Ballyea National School and St. Flannan's College.

After school the young John joined An Garda Síochána serving in various stations from Kerry to Cavan. On his appointment as a Sergeant, he was at the time the youngest Sergeant in An Garda Síochána.

Resigning from the force he emigrated to Australia where he was very involved in the Legion of Mary, especially in their ministry to seafarers in the Stella Maris Club. He studied Japanese to help him in this ministry. Feeling drawn to priesthood, John was accepted by the Archdiocese of Melbourne as a candidate and in September 1984, the not so young John Quinn was ordained as a priest by the late Bishop Michael Harty here in the Cathedral in Ennis.

For the past forty years Fr. John has ministered to the people in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Australia. Now in retirement, Fr. John joins us via the parish webcam for a Mass of Thanksgiving from the Cathedral here in Ennis this Sunday Morning as he celebrates his 90th birthday and Ruby Jubilee of Ordination.

We here in Ennis wish Fr. John every blessing for the next decade.

Ad Multos Annos.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Smaoineamh na Seachtaine

Sa spioradáltacht Cheilteach bhí ár sinsear an-tugtha do Dhia. Bhí paidir ar leith acu do gach ócáid. Is iad seo a leanas dhá cheann a bhíodh i mbéal an phobail ar son na sábháilteachta.

Dia idir mé agus uisce mo bháite,
Dia idir mé agus tine mo dhóite,
Dia idir mé agus bás gan chairde,
Dia idir mé agus taisme bhóthar. Áiméan.

Crios Chorp Chríost is Muire,
Ár dtionlacan fan bóthar,
Nára turas é in aistear,
Gura leas dúinn gach orlach. Áiméan.

According to Celtic Spirituality our ancestors were very devoted to God. They had a prayer for every occasion. The following are two of their prayers for safety:

God between me and the water that may
drown me,

God between me and the fire that may burn
me,

God between me and death in debt,
God between me and a road accident.

Amen.

May the girdle of Jesus and Mary

Be around us on our journey

May we have a safe trip

And benefit from every inch. Amen.

Volunteer Ministries in the
Killaloe Diocese

Have you ever thought of enriching your faith or of equipping yourself to be able to give something to your parish or pastoral area? The Diocese of Killaloe is hoping to build on the success of our initial lay ministry training programme by offering training to those who feel called to give time as Catechist and as Ministers of Pastoral Care. It is hoped to begin journeying with those interested in the Autumn. These ministries will be of interest to those already involved in their parish or pastoral area or those wishing to be more involved in the life of their local Church community. This programme involves lay people working side by side with priests in key ministries in our parishes and pastoral areas. Brochures are available on the Diocesan Webpage. Further information and application forms can be found at: <https://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/our-diocese/lay-ministries/>

This weekend Gerard Lynch a Pastoral Minister in the Abbey Pastoral Area will speak at all masses in the Cathedral.

VIP

Some friends were discussing what part of the body was the most important.

Rose said "The eyes" "No the ears" argued Mary,

"so you can enjoy friendly arguments like this "

Liz the oldest person among the friends, added,

"I think you are both wrong. To me the most important part is my shoulder. Not because it supports my head, but because it can hold the head of a friend or loved one when they cry".

How true, everybody at some time or another needs a shoulder to cry on and a friend to offer that shoulder. We will sometimes forget what is said or done, but we'll never forget how we are made to feel.



Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday 11th August 2024
Fund €5,796.00
Online €367.50

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
And look on the face of your anointed
one;
One day within your courts
Is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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 Fa-
ther, 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 Proverbs.

Pr 9:1-6

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has
erected her seven pillars, she has slaugh-
tered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has
laid her table. She has despatched her
maidservants and proclaimed from the city's
heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this
way'. To the fool she says, 'Come and eat
my bread, drink the wine I have prepared!
Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the
ways of perception'.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
His praise always on my lips;
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
But those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing. **R**

Come, children, and hear me
That I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
And many days, to enjoy His prosperity?
R

Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
Seek and strive after peace. **R**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians. *Eph 5:15-20*

Be very careful about the sort of lives you
lead, like intelligent and not like senseless
people. This may be a wicked age, but
your lives should redeem it. And do not
be thoughtless but recognise what is the
will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves
with wine, this is simply dissipation; be
filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and
tunes of the psalms and hymns when you
are together, and go on singing and
chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so
that always and everywhere you are giv-
ing thanks to God who is our Father in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 John. *Jn 6:51-58.*

Jesus said to the crowd:
'I am the living bread which has come
down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for
ever; and the bread that I shall give is my
flesh, for the life of the world.'
Then the Jews started arguing with one
another: 'How can this man give us his
flesh to eat?' they said.
Jesus replied:
'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat
the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his

blood, you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink
my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise
him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food and my blood is
real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father, so who-
ever eats me will draw life from me. This
is the bread come down from heaven; not
like the bread our ancestors ate: they are
dead, but anyone who eats this bread will
live for ever.'

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 suf-
fered 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 Fa-
ther. 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 spo-
ken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostol-
ic 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

*I am the living bread that came down
from heaven, says the Lord.
Whoever eats of this bread will live for
ever.*