

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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Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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8th September

23rd Sunday in Ordinary

Time B

The healing miracle of this Gospel is extraordinary in itself; the description by Mark is very detailed, the touch, the spittle, Jesus' sigh and the command 'Be Opened'. And the order not to tell anyone which is promptly ignored. The humanity of Jesus meets the humanity of the crowd – who is not going to tell of this extraordinary event?

How deep does this event touch people? It can't be just at the physical; there must be a deeper level, heart and soul to be opened up as well. This miracle takes place just after a meeting that Jesus had with a woman, not of his faith, who pleads for scraps from the table just as dogs would eat the crumbs. And he rewards her faith. To know this context is to give a very different meaning to our understanding of the miraculous words 'Be Opened'.

Can you read the words of Isaiah in the first reading and believe anything other than that they are directed not just to our physical human state but much more? That belief in God, belief in Jesus, leads to more than just opening our eyes and ears physically; it is opening up spiritually and this is clear from the prophet who proclaims that God is coming to save you. Can you believe that 'the parched land will become springs of water' is not simply referring to a desert somewhere but indeed to the dry weary land of our souls and by bringing us new life, we will bring that new life to others.

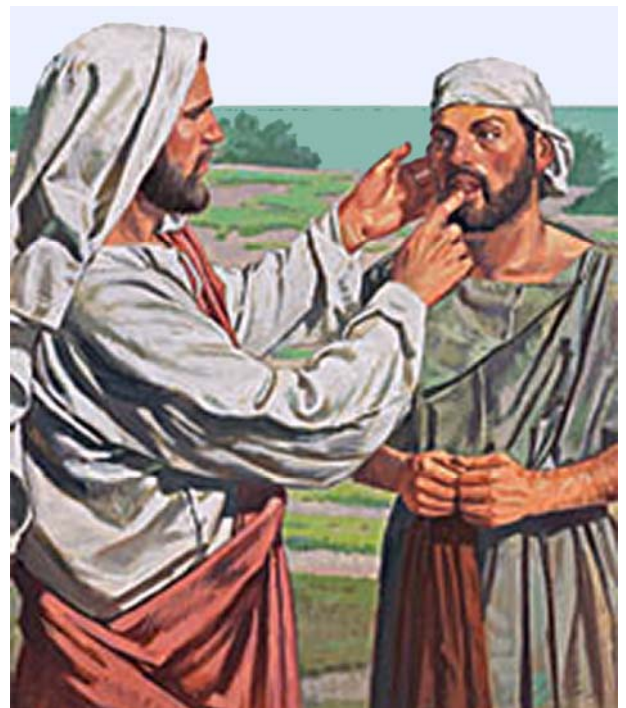
I wonder if Jesus' sigh is because he knows people will be caught up in the physical moment but forget to tell of his core message, of his great commandment of love? When we go from Mass,

we surely must bring something with us other than this newsletter and the bits and pieces of information contained in it.

Be opened, hear the Word of God;
be opened, receive the Bread of Life.

Be opened to the healing power of Jesus which goes much further than a touch to eyes and ears. Be opened and wonder why we resist telling the Good News but have no trouble telling the bad news of gossip and criticism.

Let us have courage, let us not be afraid; God is coming.





Priest on Duty 8th September 2024

Contact: Fr Joy 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Martin Linnane, Considine Rd. MM
Pat Connellan, Gallows Hill. MM
Teresa Sherin Ryan, Kilmaley, Tulla Rd.,
Cranny & Trim, Co. Meath.
Margaret Smith, Cahercalla Heights Kilrush Rd.
Hugh & Margaret Talty, Inagh.

Sun 8th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: John & Michael Shannon, Loughville.
Nancy & Jack Fitzpatrick, Slaveen.

11.30am: Ronan Kildea, Castlerock, Tulla.
Pauline Greer, "Greenhill House", Ashline.
Paddy Quinn, Corofin.
Anthony (Tony) Corcoran & decd family, Ennis.
Bridget, Joseph & decd Molloy family, Ennis.
Veronica & John Drinan, "Ashmere", Cusack Rd.

Mon: 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Molly Slattery, Cahercalla.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: No intention booked.

Wed 7.40am: Mass of Thanksgiving.
11am: Andrew Hogan, Hermitage.
Sr. Bridget Collins, Carron.

7.30pm: Aidan Frost, Castlewood Park.
Patricia Arthur, Station Court.
Dolores Twomey, Hermitage & England.

Thurs 7.40am: Joe Egan, Castlebar.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Michael Kearse, St. Michael's Villas.
Susan McMahon, Limerick Rd.
Tom & Mary Dillon, Kilkishen & Broadford.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Carmel 1st Anniv & Gerard Keane,
Newtown, Galway.

7.30pm: P.J. Kelly, Carmody St. 1st Anniv
William McNamara, Bodyke.

Sat: 11am: Olive O'Malley, Kilbricken, Doora.
Ann, Seán & Brendan Mullarkey, College Green.
Seán, Tom & Lily Verling, Summerhill.

6.30pm: Frances & Brian Tuohy, Cloughleigh.
Seán & Bridie McMahon, Knockanoura, Tulla Rd.
Patrick Mulconry, Kildysart.

Sun 15th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Kevin & Mary Bleach, Scarriff.
P.J. & Rita Keane, Loughville.

11.30am: Mary Daffy, Ballymacooda, Darragh. MM
Kathleen McGovern, "St. Martin's", College View.
Eileen Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.
Tony Mulrennan, Westfields.
Finbarr O'Toole, Friars' Close, Ennis.
Michael Tierney, Cahercalla.
Michael Mongans, Old Hill Rd. Clarecastle.
Seán McDonnell, Gallows Hill.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal
Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following contribution of €1,000 received for the appeal; these once off contributions are very much appreciated and are helping to complete the renovation work at the Cathedral.

Sick and Housebound Parishioners

Bro Philip McMahon O.F.M, our Deacon will visit all in the care of Fr. Tom this week with Holy Communion.

Clare Youth Service Personal Social Development Programme, running 11 groups in eight locations in Clare, programmes start in September for 15-17yr olds focusing on building core skills, for info contact Helena on 0858047580

'Stór' - A Musical Tour of Clare Museum for Culture Night Friday 20 September, 7.30-8.30pm in Clare Museum, Ennis All are welcome to journey with us from room to room, where we shall discover treasures in the Clare Museum's collection, complemented with music from Ireland's rich musical heritage. Featuring performances by: Joanne Callinan, Deirdre Griffin, Ellie Eilís Griffin, Emer O'Flaherty and Roisín McMullin Admission Free. Donations to Clare Museum are welcome on the night.

The Clare Alzheimer Society Memory Walk will be held in Lees' Road, Ennis on Sunday the 22nd of September at 11am. By taking part in this year's event, you are helping raise urgently needed funds for vital dementia services in Co Clare. You can register for your pack at www.memorywalk.ie or give a donation on the day.

Newly Baptised

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

Theo Petr Krystof

Kimberley Mae Donovan

Tomás Patrick O'Brien

Dáithí Brandon Healy



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Michael Meere, Corrovorrin Green.
Martin & Maureen Mullins, Marian Ave.

Sun 8th 10am: Basil Minihane, Corrovorrin. 1st Anniv
Margaret Lernihán, Pearse Avenue.

11.45am: No intention booked.

Mon 10.30am: James Fahy, Cavan & Whitegate.
Lelia O'Brien, Ennis.

Tues 10.30am: Book of intentions.
Special Intention.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: Madeleine Keown, Corofin.

Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.
7pm: No intention booked.

Sun 15th 10am: Noel Carmody, Kincora Park.
11.45am: Con & Johnny Butler, late Clonroad & Marian Avenue.
John & Mgt McNamara, St. Senan's Rd.
Cahir & Quinn families, Kilfenora & Corofin.

Altar Servers



A recruitment drive to re-introduce the Ministry of Altar Serving in our churches is now taking place. Any boy or girl from 3rd Class up is invited to consider the ministry of Altar Serving. We ask parents or grandparents to talk and explain to their child/grandchild the role of an Altar Girl/Boy.

Ten Reasons to be an Altar Server

- * Opportunity to serve God;
- * Grow in respect and understanding of the Mass;
- * Make great friends;
- * Strengthen your relationship with Jesus;
- * Learn valuable life skills;
- * Opportunity for leadership;
- * Learn more about Vocations.

Application Forms are available from any of the priests or from your school. Training will be provided by all who apply.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 8th 11am: Teresa Larkin, Cusack Rd.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

The Clare Branch of the Alzheimer Society continues its Information Cafe on the third Wednesday of each Month, in our Ennis Centre, V95P9V9, from 11.30-13.30. Next Cafe is on the 18th of Sept with guest speaker Leahnora Clohessey, Occupation Therapist with the HSE, covering Functionality/Encouraging Independence/Meaningful Activities/Assistive Technologies. Join us for tea and a chat. For more information contact Linda Murphy 0879152151, e-mail : linda.murphy@alzheimier.ie

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday 1st September 2024

Fund €6,291.00
Online €218.50

Prayer for the Season of Creation (September 1st to October 4th)

God our Heavenly Father,
creator of all,
we praise you for your goodness,
visible in all the diversity
that you have created,
making its a cosmic family living
in a common home.
Through the earth you created,
we experience love and nourishment,
home and protection.
Grant us a fresh vision
of our relationship with earth,
and with one another,
as creatures that are made
in your image.
In the name of the one who came to
proclaim the good news to all creation,
Jesus Christ, Amen.

Ministry of Pastoral Care and Catechetics

If you have an interest in exploring more about these Ministries, take one of the promotional brochures, visit the diocesan website, come to one of the information evenings.

**Ennis Pastoral Centre, Thursday
12th September at 7.30pm Visit the
website: www.killaloe-diocese.ie**

Thank You

Bishop Fintan expresses his thanks to all who contributed €5,654 to the sick & retired Priests' and Bishop's appeal last weekend. Such generosity enables Bishop Fintan to care for an increasing number of elderly priests in their twilight years.

A New Beginning

In the coming week, many young people will for the first time move away from home as they begin their third level education. We pray God's blessing on them at this time of new beginning. May they remember the gift of the Holy Spirit given to them on Confirmation Day that will always be with them to guide and support. Come Holy Spirit, upon these young people at this time.

Sacramental Preparation 2025

Meetings for parents or guardians of those who intend receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion or Confirmation in 2025 will take place over the coming weeks across the parish. Information letters have been distributed through schools and a full list is also available on our website. Please make every effort to ensure that your family is represented at one of these gatherings; if you are not able to attend the assigned date for your school, you are welcome to attend any other of the meetings.

Relics of St. Bernadette



The relics will be received into the Cathedral on this Monday 9th September at 10.30am followed by Mass at 11am.

Veneration will continue throughout the day with Rosary at 3pm.

Concelebrated Mass at 7.30pm followed by a Marian Torchlight Procession in the grounds of the Cathedral.

The Cathedral will close at 10pm.

On Tuesday 10th September veneration will start at 7am with Mass at 7.40am followed by veneration until the Mass of farewell at 11am. The relics will leave the Cathedral at 12noon. www.stbernadette.ie

St. Bernadette



Bernadette Soubirous was 14 years old when on a mission to collect fire wood near the river Gave in Lourdes her home town she encountered the Blessed Virgin Mary. Between February and July that year she saw the Blessed Virgin 18 times. The apparitions were authenticated by the Church in 1866. Our Lady's request to Bernadette was to ask the authorities to build a chapel, ask people to come and pray and do penance. For the past 166 years millions of people have responded to that request and travelled to Lourdes. For the past 70 years with the exception of the covid years the Killaloe Diocese has brought thousands of pilgrims to Lourdes in what is often described as "a little bit of Heaven here on earth."

On Monday and Tuesday next Lourdes comes to our diocese with all the blessings that flow from having "a little piece of heaven here on earth" for awhile.

St. Michael's Holy Well Mass

This year the mass will be concelebrated by Bishop Fintan Monahan and Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick on Friday the 27th Sept at 6.30p.m.

Pilgrims will gather at 6.00p.m. at the top of the farmers' access road next to N18 By -Pass Bridge, Quin Road, for onward pilgrim walk to St. Michael's Holy Well, Kilbreckan. Join us in the footsteps of our ancestors on this ancient pilgrim path. All welcome.



Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

An Tríú Domhnach is Fiche Saor.

Inniu an Tríú Domhnach is Fiche Saor. Tá mí Mheán Fómhair agus séasúr an Fhómhair buailte linn. Mí Mheáin Fómhair, mí na torthúlachta, mí bhainte an arbhair, mí na scoile, mí Féile Mhichíl. I mí Mheáin Fómhair bí linn, a Thiarna. Seo paidir do Mheán Fómhair ón gcuuasach Feac do Ghlúin

Smaoineoidh muid feasta ar Mhuire, Máthair Íosa, a chuaigh ar mhuin asail go stábla fíorfhuar; Saolaíodh di an leanbh ar uair an mheán oíche, Is tháinig aingil ó na flaithis aici a' canadh is a' ceol. Áiméan.

Today is the Twenty-Third Sunday of the year. The month of September and Autumn have arrived. September, season of fruitfulness, season of harvesting the corn, month of schools' re-opening, month we celebrate the feast of St. Michael. Be with us Lord during the month of September. The following prayer for September is from the collection Feac do Ghlúin. We will keep forever in our memory Mary, Mother of Jesus Who rode on a donkey to a bitterly cold stable, Her baby was born at midnight and angels from Heaven came singing and rejoicing. Amen.

9/11 Anniversary

On this Wednesday 11th September, we recall the 23rd anniversary of what is now known as 9/11.



In commemorating this tragedy,
we give you thanks
for your abiding presence
in our time of need
and we seek you
in your spirit to continue
to guide and help us
journey through life. Amen

REST IN PEACE



Senan O'Donoghue,
Mallow and late of St. Michael's Villas;
Baby Corrina Rose Joyce, Cnoc na
Scoille, Kilrush Rd;
Cyril O'Donoghue, Shannon, late of
Cloughleigh Rd.;
Eamonn O'Connor, Killorgin, Co.Kerry,
late of Lahinch Rd.;
John O'Connor, Flagmount, father of
Gerry, Abbeycourt;

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your 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 prophet Isaiah.

Is 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts,

'Courage! Do not be afraid'.

'Look, your God is coming,

vengeance is coming,

the retribution of God;

He is coming to save you'.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

the ears of the deaf unsealed,

then the lame shall leap like a deer

and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,

streams in the wasteland,

the scorched earth becomes a lake,

the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
Who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry;

The Lord who sets prisoners free. *R*

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
Who raises up those who are bowed down,
The Lord who loves the just,

The Lord, who protects the stranger. *R*

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
But thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,

Zion's God, from age to age. *R*

A reading from the letter of St. James.

Jm 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seat'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot -rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:

You have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel

according to Mark.

Mk 7:31-37.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took

him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,

So my soul is yearning for you, my God;

My soul is thirsting for God, the living God.