

# 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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Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B)

13th October 2024

## THE EYE OF A NEEDLE

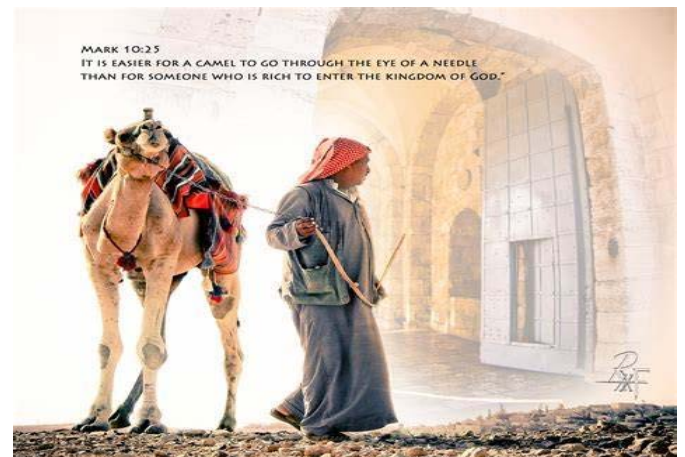
What do you hold as most important in your life? Jesus seems to be asking us this question as he talks to the rich young man in the gospel. He tells this man to value the kingdom of God over worldly things. He should sell his possessions for him to inherit the kingdom of God. The young man is saddened because he is not ready to detach himself from his riches. Jesus uses this opportunity to drive home a teaching as he talks about "the eye of the needle."

The "eye of the needle" was a language very familiar to people in the time of Jesus. When we hear these words with a literal frame of mind we think of a sewing needle and a string or thread. This is not what Jesus is talking about, even though for us it still makes sense that a Camel cannot go through that tiny eye of the needle.

The eye of the needle, mentioned in the parable, was one of the several gates that provided passage through the city of Jerusalem's massive walls. The "Needle Gate" was used when the city's main gates were closed at night. Those coming into the city 'after hours' could only enter through the smaller gate(s), otherwise known as "the eye of the needle." It was designed for security reasons so that enemies could not simply ride into the city on their camels or horses and attack. The gate was so small that a man would have to offload his Camel of all that it was carrying and then carefully lead it through this small gate.

It was a slow and difficult task. You can see that it would indeed be difficult for a Camel to get through that same gate. So while "eye of the needle" seems proverbial to us, it was a language very familiar to Jesus' listeners since they already knew what he was talking about the moment he mentioned it.

Jesus did not dislike the rich young man in the parable for being materially wealthy, but he did sense his emptiness and search for a greater purpose, even after following all the commandments. So, Jesus told him that to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, he needed to disentangle himself from his wealth first like you would have to offload all that was on a camel's back to get through the eye of the needle. Unfortunately, the rich young man in the parable was not willing to offload his back and he missed out on what his heart was looking for.



**Priest on Duty 13th October 2024**  
**Contact: Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sat 6.30pm:** Martin Daly, College Rd. **1st Anniv**  
 Jimmy Kenny, John Paul Ave. & Kilkenny.  
 Frank Brennan, Clonroad.  
 Eileen Mungovan, Gort na mBláth, Tulla Rd.  
 Brid Walsh, Ballyline, Crusheen.  
 Joseph Moloney, Mc Hugh Villas.

**Sun 13th 8am:** No intention Booked.

**9.30am:** Kenneth Sherriff, Garden View, Clarecastle.

**11.30am:** Paddy Ryan, St. Michael's Villas. **MM**  
 Tony & Mary Carey, Carmody Street.  
 John Joe Moroney, "Rockview House", Cusack Rd.  
 Canon Dan Spaight, Ard na Greine. **1st Anniv**

**1pm:** Mass for the Ukrainian Community.

**Mon 7:40am:** Sr. Mary Mercy Meaney, Kilkenny.

**11:00am:** No intention booked.  
 Bridie O'Connor, Cashel, Co. Tipperary.

**7:30pm:** Irene Meere & decd family, Limerick Rd.

**Tues 7:40am:** Book of Intentions.

**11:00am:** No intention booked.

**7:30pm:** Francis & Margaret Greene & decd family,  
 Main Street, Newmarket on Fergus.  
 Phil & Tony Millar, Limerick Rd., Newmarket on  
 Fergus.  
 Tom & Josie McNamara & decd family, Circular Rd.

**Wed 7:40am:** Holy Souls.

**11:00am:** James Molloy, Ennis.  
 Brian Malone, Castlelawn, Tulla Rd.

**7:30pm:** Cropera family, "Ashfield House", Kilrush Rd.

**Thurs 7.40am:** John Raffety, Galway.  
 Edmund Cahill, Corofin.

**11:00am:** Andrew Hogan, St. Flannan's Tce.  
 Maura Kelly, late Abbey St.

**7:30pm:** Esther & Christopher Gilligan, Cloughleigh.

**Fri 7:40am:** Mass for the People.

**11:00am:** No intention booked.

**7:30pm:** Nancy Crimmins, Clonroad. **MM**  
 Josie Moloney, Mc Namara Pk. **1st Anniv**

**Sat 11:00am:** James & Bridget Dilleen, Clonroad.  
 Ellen Gill, Sandfield Park.  
 Mary Margaret & Tom Joe Coffey, Tobartaoscaín.

**6:30pm:** Michael Kenny, Circular Rd. **1st Anniv**  
 Jimmy Moroney, Golf Links Rd. **1st Anniv**  
 Anne Manton, Ardlea Rd.  
 James, Eileen & Mary Bredin, Limerick Rd.  
 Paddy & Lena Kearney, Circular Rd.  
 Paulette Fitzpatrick, Hermitage,  
 Helen Daly, Clare Rd.  
 Martin O'Connell, Killimer.

**Sun 20th 8:00am:** Mai & Pat Tynan, Ennis & Limerick.

**9:30am:** James & Ethel Harte, Dublin & Kilkee.

**11:30am:** Francie Mc Mahon, Morrissey Ave.  
 Frank Moroney, & decd family Hermitage.  
 Michael Evens, Golf Links Rd.  
 Pádraig O'Halloran, Woodlawn.  
 Garry Michael O'Loughlin, Keston, London.

**6:30pm:** Mass for the Polish Community.

**Newly Baptised**

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

**Darcie Ann Ball Moloney**



Interested in becoming a Community First Responder? Critical charity are hosting an information evening in Tracey's Hotel Thursday 24th October at 7pm sharp.

**St. Anthony's Magazine**

The latest edition of St. Anthony's magazine is available for €2 a copy, available in both the Cathedral and the Friary.

*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 16th of October, with guest speaker Ennis Community Garda, covering Keeping Safe at Home/Personal Safety during the Winter Months. Join us for tea and a chat. For more information contact Linda Murphy 0879152151, e-mail : linda.murphy@alzheimer.ie

**Céilí with The Star of Munster CB** at Cois na hAbhna, Saturday October 5th 8pm - 11pm. Admission €10. - 065 68 24276

**Cloughleigh Branch CCE The Rambling House**, Tuesday October 8th - 7.30pm - Admission €5 065 68 24276

**Ennis Flower and Garden Club** present Hester Forde, RHSI, on Tuesday October 15th, at Treacy's West County Hotel, doors open at 7.30pm and garden talk commences at 8.15 sharp, €10 non members, all are welcome, plants raffled on the night, contact ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

**Ennis Campus**

**Now Enrolling: Fully Funded Adult Courses**



An Introduction to English Literature, Introduction to Barista and Seasonal Craft courses commencing in November in College of Further Education & Training, Ennis Campus.

All welcome. To book a place or for more information contact 065 6897654/086 0752014 or email antoinette.houlihan@lcteb.ie



**St. Joseph's**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**7pm:** Eileen Connellan, late Corrovorrin & Lahinch Rd

**Sun 13th 10am:** CBS Enrolment Mass.

**11:45am:** CBS Enrolment Mass.

**Mon 10.30am:** Special intention.

**Tues 10:30am:** Book of intentions.

**Wed 10:30am:** No intention booked.

**Thurs 10:30am:** No intention booked.

**Fri 10:30am:** No intention booked.

**Sat 10:30am:** Nuala Keane, Tullyodea, Ruan.  
 Muriel McInerney, & Michael McMahan, Coolmeen.

**7:00pm:** Mary McInerney, Corrovorrin Green. **1st Anniv**  
 Joseph & Mary Hegarty, Shanaway Rd.

**Sun 20th 10:00am:** No intention booked.

**11:45am:** Michael & Mary Tully, Shannon Park.

Enrolment for the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation will take place for children attending CBS Primary at all masses on this weekend 12th/13th October in St Joseph's Church. Parents and children can attend any one of the masses for this important part of the sacramental preparation journey.

Enrolment ceremonies for those attending Holy Family School will take place in the Cathedral on Sunday 20th October at the 9:30am & 11:30am Masses.

**Cloughleigh**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Sun 13th 11am:** Kitty O'Regan, John Paul Avenue.  
 Special intention.

**Mon 9:30am:** No Mass

**Tues 9:30am:** No Mass

**Wed 9:30am:** No Mass

**Thurs 9:30am:** Book of Intentions

**Fri 9:30am:** Paul & Mary Briody, Roscommon.

**Sun 20th 11:00am:** Christina & Patrick Coote, Considine Tce.

**Rest in Peace**



**Nuala (Phinula) Cahill (née McConnon)**, Drimeen East, mother of Margaret Mc Mahon, Parish Office;

**Maureen Derrane, (née McMahan)**, The Crescent.

**Christy Dixon**, Mullagh, late of St. Michael's Villas & Dublin.

**Michael Coughlan**, Corrovorrin Green,

Funeral mass on Tuesday at 11am followed by cremation in Shannon Crematorium.

### Priests' Autumn Collection

The Priests of the Pastoral Area very much appreciate your generosity to the Autumn Collection last weekend. If you were away or forgot, your generosity will be very much appreciated.

### Mission Sunday

Next weekend we celebrate World Mission Sunday. The second collection at all masses on the day is to support Pope Francis' Appeal for overseas missions and missionaries.

### Synod of Bishops

The synod has resumed in Rome. This gathering which first met last October is a coming together of Bishops, Priests, Religious and laity at the request of Pope Francis to discern the future of the Church and collaborate with Pope Francis. Please pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all participants.

### Welcoming Migrants to Ireland

This weekend the Bishops of Ireland publish a Pastoral Letter "A Hundred Thousand Welcomes" to welcome Migrants to Ireland. As Christians, we have a responsibility to respond to the key question of immigration across our island and the world. This fundamental question asks, "Who is my neighbour?", and to answer this we are informed by the parable of the Good Samaritan ( Luke 10: 29-37). In the light of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching, our bishops offer this reflection on what hospitality for migrant people means in contemporary Ireland. Mindful that migration has been a central part of our history, the Pastoral Letter provides a space to us as "migrant pilgrim people" to contemplate the causes of migration, the gifts that migrants bring to our Church and to our country, the economic and social issues we all face in Ireland, and the importance of encountering building a true sense of belonging in every parish and community.



A short video on the Pastoral Letter, and its text in short and long form, are available on CatholicBishops.ie.

### Defibrillator

In recent weeks a defibrillator has been installed in the grounds of the Cathedral House, opposite the Sacristy door.

This has been made possible by the fundraising efforts of Bella & Denise Hehir in organizing coffee mornings and with contributions from El Shannon and Councillor Mary Howard. Training has been provided to parish personnel through the National Ambulance Service.

Out thanks to all who have made this very valuable resource available to the parish.

Clare Roots' Society Talk on Thursday October 17th at Clare Education Centre, Kilrush Road, Ennis V95 F782 at 7.30p.m.



Lecture: "Census and Population Records in the Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland" by Dr Brian Gurrin.

### Sacrament Dates 2025

Celebrating the Sacraments is at the core of our parish life. Details of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation celebrations for each school in the parish are as follows.

#### Confirmation

7th February	Gaelscoil
13th March	Scoil Christ Ri
14th March	HFS
19th March	St. Anne's
21st March	Ennis National
5th April	CBS
14th May	St. Clare's

#### Holy Communion

3rd May	CBS
10th May	HFS
16th May	St. Anne's
17th May	ENS
24th May	Scoil Christ Ri
24th May	Gaelscoil
30th May	St. Clare's

#### Reconciliation

25th February	ENS
26th February	CBS
27th February	HFS
February	Scoil Christ Ri
8th April	St. Anne's

### Cemetery Sunday



Sunday 3rd November is Cemetery Sunday for the Parish of Ennis.

12:30pm	Prayers at the Columbarium in the Cathedral.
2pm	Prayers in Corrovorrin Cemetery
3pm	Prayers in Drumcliffe Cemetery

**Le Chéile Youth Ministry Group**

What is it? A youth group for TY, 5th & 6th Year students in the Mid Clare area.

When? Sun evenings Once a month 6pm - 8pm

Where? Church of Our Lady/ Fahy Hall, Rostevan, Ennis

What happens? Young people gather, have fun activities, grow in friendship & time for reflection.

Next Meeting: Sun 13th October 6pm - 8pm

Pilgrimage to Taize, France Summer 2025

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Aire do Chruthú Dé.

Le tamall anuas cloisimid sna meáin chumarsáide faoi thubaistí nádúrtha atá ag tarlú ar fud na cruinne. De réir na saineolaithe is é an cine daonna faoi ndear roinnt mhaith díobh seo. Mar sin ba cheart dúinn gach iarracht a dhéanamh chun iad a mhaolú. Chruthaigh Dia an domhan dúinn chun maireachtáil inti le cruthaitheacht agus freagracht. Ina imlíir 'Laudato Si', impionn an Pápa Proinsias orainn ár nósanna a athrú toisc an scrios atá déanta againn don domhan trí mhí-úsáid. Is í Éire an tír is mó san Eoraip le dramháil phlaisteach. De réir na staitisticí is déanaí téann 13 milliún tonna plaisteach isteach i bhfarraigí an domhain gach bliain agus tógann éisc, éanlaith agus orgánaigh eile iad isteach ina gcorp gan trácht ar an díobháil don duine. Is féidir linn gearradh siar ar an méid dramháil a chaithimid i draipisí gach aon lá. Ní foláir dúinn machnamh a dhéanamh ar Laudato Si.

We hear and read daily of weather related disasters worldwide. According to the experts, these are the result of first world lifestyles. We ought to make every effort to redress the harm done. God created the world for us to live in it creativity and responsibility. In his Encyclical 'Laudato Si', Pope Francis invites us to change our habits. Ireland has the most plastic waste in Europe. According to the latest statistics, 13 million tons of plastic go into the world's seas every year. Fish, birds and other organisms take this into their bodies and so it enters the food chain. We can dramatically reduce our use of plastic and other pollutants. Let us reflect on 'Laudato Si.'

### Irish Blood Donation Clinic in the West County Hotel.



Wednesday 16th  
Wednesday 23rd October  
4.50pm - 8.10pm

New Donors welcome

Please call 1800 222 111 to book an appointment.

### Come see the Old Boys' National School

Given that 2024 marks fifty years since the original Old Boys' National School on Carmody Street in Ennis was given to Clare Youth Service for development as a Youth Centre we are opening our doors to invite adults in for a look at the building. The Open House takes place on Monday October 14th between 4pm and 7 p.m. and everyone is welcome. It's an informal event just displays, tours and light refreshments. There is no charge and no fundraising, just a warm welcome to showcase what your local Youth Service is all about.



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

## 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 Wisdom.

**Ws 7:7-11**

I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to  
me.

I esteemed her more than sceptres and  
thrones; compared with her, I held riches as  
nothing.

I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of  
sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud.

I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light, since her radiance  
never sleeps.

In her company all good things came to me,  
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm:

**Response:**

**Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.**

Make us know the shortness of our life

that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. **R**

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune **R**

Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **R**

## A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

**Heb 4:12-13**

The word of God is something alive and ac-  
tive; it cuts like any double-edged sword but  
more finely: it can slip through the place  
where the soul is divided from the spirit, or  
joints from the marrow; it can judge the se-  
cret emotions and thoughts. No created thing  
can hide from him; everything is uncovered  
and open to the eyes of the one to whom we  
must give account of ourselves.

## The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessed are you, Father,*

*Lord of heaven and earth,*

*for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to  
mere children.*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Mk 10:17-30**

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a  
man ran up, knelt before him and put this  
question to him, 'Good master, what must I  
do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him,  
'Why do you call me good? No one is good  
but God alone. You know the command-  
ments: You must not kill; You must not com-  
mit adultery; You must not steal; You must  
not bring false witness; You must not de-  
fraud; Honour your father and mother.' And  
he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these  
from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily  
at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is  
one thing you lack. Go and sell everything  
you own and give the money to the poor,  
and you will have treasure in heaven; then  
come, follow me.' But his face fell at these  
words and he went away sad, for he was a  
man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples,  
'How hard it is for those who have riches to  
enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples  
were astounded by these words, but Jesus

insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how  
hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is  
easier for a camel to pass through the eye  
of a needle than for a rich man to enter the  
kingdom of God.' They were more aston-  
ished than ever. 'In that case' they said to  
one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus  
gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is im-  
possible, but not for God: because every-  
thing is possible for God'.

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he  
asked him. 'We have left everything and  
followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemn-  
ly, there is no one who has left house, broth-  
ers, sisters, father, children or land for my  
sake and for the sake of the gospel who will  
not be repaid a hundred times over, houses,  
brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land  
- not without persecutions - now in this pre-  
sent time and, in the world to come, eternal  
life.'

## 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 Scrip-  
tures. 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 for-  
giveness of sins and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead and the life of the  
world to come. Amen.

## Communion Antiphon

**The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
But those who seek the Lord lack no  
blessing.**