



ENNIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

YEAR C

New Life in Baptism

13th January 2025

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Those who are baptized in Jesus do not need to strive after a new life. They have already attained new life through dying with Christ. But they do need to nurture that new life so it can grow and mature. That's what the Church is for. That's what prayer is for.

A wealthy businessman was horrified to see a fisherman sitting beside his boat, playing with a small child.

"Why aren't you out fishing?" asked the businessman.

"Because I caught enough fish for one day," replied the fisherman.

"Why don't you catch some more?"

"What would I do with them?"

"You could earn more money," said the businessman. "Then with the extra money, you could buy a bigger boat, go into deeper waters, and catch more fish."

You could catch even more fish and make more money. With that money you could own two boats, maybe three boats. Eventually you could have a whole fleet of boats and be rich like me." "Then what would I do?" asked the fisherman.

"Then," said the businessman, "you could really enjoy life."

The fisherman looked at the businessman quizzically and asked, "What do you think I am doing now?"

The baptism of Jesus is dying to our self-centred endeavours and being resurrected into a life marked by grace and love. When we live in the baptism of Jesus, we touch the hearts of others and help open them to the Holy Spirit and new life in Christ. Are you living and growing in the new life you have been given?

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Mass Times

Cathedral-www.ennisparish.com/webcam

Radio link:106.4fm

Monday to Friday 7.40am, 11am & 7.30pm

Saturday 11 am & Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday 8am, 9.30am & 11.30am

St. Joseph's- www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/stjosephs-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

Phone Numbers: Cathedral:- 6824043;

Email: info@ennisparish.com

St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797 489;

Friary:- 6828751

Ennis Parish Web Site: <http://www.ennisparish.com>

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



Priest on Duty 12th January 2025.
Contact: Fr. Ger Jones 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Seamus Langan, Limerick Rd. MM
 Michael Casey, Station Rd. **1st Anniv.**
 Billy & Michael Shanahan, Clonroadmore.
 Mary English, Clonroad.
 Tony Shannon, Clancy Park.
 Catherine & Bernadette Anne Considine, Hermitage.

Sun 12th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Vincent Neylon, Parnell St.
 Tom & Kitty Kelly, College Rd.
 Sean Francis McArdle, Australia.
 Mary Considine, Hazelwood, Clonroadmore.

11.30am: Fr. Michael O'Loughlin, Loughville. MM.
 Pauline Kelly, Dalcassian Park. MM.
 Austin Smith, Ballymacahill.
 Donny Martin, Morrissey Ave.
 Paddy Guthrie, Ard na Gréine.
 John Collins, Cahercalla Estate.
 Casimir Bielaszewicz, Poland.
 Louis Galvin, Honeywell, Limerick Rd.
 Nora & Tony Sharkey, Cahercalla Estate

Mon 7.40am: Andrew Cunningham, Donegal & Florida.

11am: Bartholomew Torpey, Shragh & London.
 Teresa Jordan, Australia & Mayo.
 Stephen Cunningham, Labasheeda.

7.30pm: Moira Cosgrove, Clancy Park. MM.
 Alice Brennan, O'Connell St.
 Lucy Bradley, Showgrounds Rd.
 Joe Coffey, Circular Rd., Hermitage.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Christina Griffin, Parnell St.

Wed 7.40am: Seán Foudy, Kilrush Rd.
11am: Griffin Family, Kilrush Rd.
7.30pm: Barry & Dermot O'Halloran, Limerick Rd.

Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: Tom & Nor Harnett, Tralee.
 Bro. Matthias Comyns, Kilkee.

7.30pm: PJ, Lily & Sr. Maeve Brooks, College Park.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Mary Cosgrove, Gallows Hill. MM.

Sat: 11am: Barry Connellan, Ard na Gréine. MM.
 Michael Kelly, Inch.
 Hogan Family, St. Michael's Villas.
 Houlihan Family, Hermitage.

6.30pm: Tony McEnery, Dalcassian Park.
 Tom & Carmel Nestor, Golf Links Rd.
 Ena Whelan, Fountain.
 Anna **1st Anniv.** & Paul Brassil, St. Michael's Villas.
 Rotimi Olutimehin Kwara, Nigeria.
 Brian McSweeney, Lissycasey.
 Bodie & Bill Hanley, Parnell St.
 Freda Nihill, Francis St.
 Kathleen Dinan, Gallows Hill.

Sun 19th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Margaret Neylon, Gallows Hill.
 John & Eileen Loughnane, Tulla.
 Vera Wall, Inchbeg.
 Josephine Forte, Belfast & Gallows Hill.

11.30am: Tony Cheung, Fernhill, Gort Rd.
 Lorraine O'Gorman, Hermitage.
 Esme McMahon, Dublin.
 Arunas Bandzevicius.
 Anne Doohan, Frure, Lissycasey.
 John & Eileen Dinan, St. Flannan's Tce & Cahercalla Hts.

6.30pm: Mass for the Polish Community.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal
 In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €220, €150 and €20. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

St. Brigid's Crosses



Annual fundraiser for Cathedral Restoration Fund, making St. Brigid's Crosses, starts on Monday night at 7pm in Cathedral House. Anyone interest in this project is most welcome.

**Week of Prayer
for Christian Unity**



18th—25th January

We are invited to pray the Prayer of Christ for all followers to be united and respectful of each other.
 We pray for unity and diversity.

Sacrament Dates 2025

Confirmation	
7th February	Gaelscoil
13th March	Scoil Chríost Rí
14th March	Holy Family School
19th March	St. Anne's
21st March	Ennis National
5th April	CBS
14th May	St. Clare's
Holy Communion	
3rd May	CBS
10th May	Holy Family School
16th May	St. Anne's
17th May	Ennis National
24th May	Scoil Chríost Rí
30th May	St. Clare's
Reconciliation	
25th February	Ennis National
26th February	CBS
February	Scoil Chríost Rí
8th April	St. Annes

Newly Baptised

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



Martyna Redka;
Cullain Kenny.

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Michael Duffy, Mayo. MM.
 Vicky Keane, Corrovorrin Drive.

Sun 12th 10am: John & Maureen Arthur, Tulla Rd.
 Phil Barrow, Drumcliffe.

11.45am: Toss O'Sullivan, New Road.
 Mary Chesser, Glenina, Gort Rd.
 Mary O'Keeffe, Drumcliffe Rd.

Mon 10.30am: Paddy McMahon, Knockanroe, Dysart.

Tues 10.30am: No intention booked.

Wed 10.30am: Anthony Dormer, Rosanore.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: John Downes, Marian Ave.

Sat: 10.30am: Mary O'Callaghan, St Joseph's Hospital.
Memorial Mass.

7pm: Ann O'Connor, Corrovorrin Grove.
 John & Josephine O'Gorman, Kilkee.
 Marie O'Gorman, Shannon Park.

Sun 19th 10am: William & Mary Lynch, Corrovorrin.
 Bernie Ruane, Woodhaven, Kilrush Rd.
 Margaret Holmes, Oak Park.

11.45am: Frankie, Fergus & Barry O'Connor,
 Pearse Ave. Michael & Mary McNamara,
 Fergus Park.



Bishop Willie celebrates his 90th Birthday this week. To mark the occasion he will celebrate the 11.30am Mass in the Cathedral next Sunday

Unwanted Christmas Gifts - Final Appeal

We welcome unwanted Christmas Gifts, which can be left into the Cathedral or Parish Office this week for an online auction in the New Year with the proceeds going to the Cathedral Restoration Appeal to help complete the restoration of the floor. Please, only gifts that are unopened and not used can be accepted. This annual fundraiser has become an important source of fundraising for the Cathedral. Details of the auction will be announced in next week's newsletter.

RIP



Teresa Allen, Gort na Rí, Gort Rd.;

PJ Gilligan, Willow Park;

Kathy Clune, Turnpike & Hazelwood, Quin;

Mary Keane, Marian Ave.,

Mary O'Looney, Elm Park;

Mary Lynch, Golf Links Rd.;

John Joe Clohessy, Mullagh,
 brother of Teresa Carmody, Kincora Park;

Mary Horgan, Castlegregory, Co. Kerry,
 mother of Jim, Golf Links Rd.;

Fr. Seanie Murphy, Miltown Malbay;

Mary Kyne, Miltown Malbay,
 sister of Sr. Mona Cleary, Greendale.

Seán Hanrahan, Castlewarren, Kilkenny,
 brother of Sr. Canice.

Patsy Henchy, Ennistymon & Gort Road, Ennis.

John Howard, Clarecastle, Ennis
 & Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 12th 11am: Special Intention.
 Delia & James Armstrong, Cahercalla.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Bridget Cross Kinnane, Cloughleigh.

Sun 19th 11am: Special Intention.



**Primary School Enrolment
for the School Year
2025-2026
Ennis Parish Schools'
Agreed Application System**

Parents/Guardians wishing to enrol their children into Junior Infants (2nd Class in the Holy Family Senior School) are advised that application forms are available from each school on their websites or by email request.

The closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is:
Thursday 30th January 2025

**The agreed system
operates for the following
Ennis Parish Schools:**

- CBS Primary School
- Gaelscoil Mhíchil Cíosóg
- Ennis National School
- Holy Family Junior School
- Holy Family Senior School
- Scoil Chríost Rí

**Complete application forms to
be returned to the school
online or by post**



Clare Roots' Society Talk

Lecture: An Evening with Joe Queally on Thursday 16th January at 7.30pm in Education Centre, Kilrush Road, Ennis V95 F782; telling the story of; THE COLEEN BAWN 1803-1819, beautiful child of Croom murdered 204 years ago.

KOVA is excited to let you know about *SOUND OF HOPE: The Story of Possum Trot*, showing at Arc Ennis near you on January 17th. *Sound of Hope* chronicles the remarkable journey of the residents of Possum Trot, a tiny, largely forgotten town in rural Texas. Led by the unwavering faith of their local church, they embarked on a mission to adopt and foster over 70 at-risk children, transforming lives and revitalising their town.

The film delves into the deeply personal stories of those involved, exploring themes of hope, faith, resilience, and the power of community. It's a testament to the enduring human spirit and a reminder that even the smallest voices can resonate with profound impact.

We know that in order to be able to continue bringing faith-based stories to mainstream cinemas in the UK and Ireland we need the support of the Church. We truly believe that this story of faith and the importance of community deserves space on the big screen and so we would love it if you could help!

Welcome Fr. Rock



We welcome Fr. Rock, OFM to the parish and Pastoral Area. A native of Poland and a Franciscan Friar, ordained in 2016, he has been assigned to the Irish Franciscan Province for this year. Up until now he has been attached to the Franciscan Fraternity in Killarney and will be with us for the next few months.

We offer him a Céad Míle Fáilte to Ennis.

Fr Seán Murphy



Seánie was born on the 4th February 1951 in the parish of Quin Clooney Maghera. He was educated in Quin National School, St Flannan's College and St Patrick's College Maynooth. He was ordained in St Mary's Church Quin on the 11th June 1978 by the late Bishop Harry. His first appointment was as Curate in Mullagh in the parish of Kilmurry Ibrickane where he also taught in St Joseph's Secondary School, Spanish Point.

From 1981 to 1983 he undertook further studies in Theology in St Patrick's College Maynooth. In 1983 to 1990 he served as a Curate in Shannon and in July 1990 moved to Miltown Malbay as Curate until he became Parish Priest in 2004. He retired due to ill health in 2018.

Seánie was very well respected in all the parishes he served with a special reach out to young people. Known for cycling, his cooking and hospitality, he was very much a Martha and a Mary of the Gospel, giving hospitality and having time for people with his listening ear.

On Tuesday 7th January Seánie passed from this life to the Home of the Father, with no doubt the gospel acclamation, "well done good and faithful servant."

After Funeral Mass in St Joseph's Church on Miltown Malbay on Friday Fr Seánie was laid to rest in the Church grounds in West Clare close to the ocean that he loved so well.

We offer our sympathy to his brothers, Michael and Eamonn, his sisters in law Betty and Ginny, his nieces and nephews, Deirdre, Fiona, Donnchadh and Mike and their families.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 5th January

Fund € 5,428.50
Online €717.50

Sr. Eileen's Céinne
Féile Bhaiste Ár dTiarna



Nuair a baisteadh ár dTiarna sa Iordán thréig sé an saol príobháideach. Ghlac sé le mian a Athar agus thug sé aghaidh ar shaol poiblí a chríochnódh ar Chnoc Chalvaire. On lá sin amach tá sé mar chrannta ag na bochtáin, mar eiseamláir den fhirinne agus mar dhóchas dóibh siúd atá éadóchasach. Tá dlúthbhaint idir ár mbaisteadh féin agus baisteadh Íosa. Táimid baiste in ainm na Tríonóide. Ba é Comhartha na Croise an chéad phaidir a d'fhoghlaimomar agus gach uair a deirimid é táimid ag cur in iúl ár muinín agus ár ndílseacht mar dheisceabail ár dTiarna.

Tá 2025 fógartha ag an bPápa Prionsias mar Bhlíain na hIubhaile. Is é téama na bliana: Go neartaí dóchas ár saol.

*A Íosa a cheannaigh mé,
a Íosa a bheannaigh mé,
Le saol na saol go raibh mé
i bhFlaitheas leat. Áiméan*

Baptism of Our Lord

After Jesus was baptised in the Jordan he forsook his private life. He accepted his Father's will and undertook his public life which culminated in his crucifixion on Mount Calvary. Since then he is champion of the poor, exemplar of truth and hope of those who have lost hope. Our Baptism is closely related to that of Jesus. We are baptized in the name of the Trinity. The Sign of The Cross was the first prayer we learned and each time we repeat it we are acknowledging our trust and our faithfulness as disciples of Jesus.

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 a Jubilee Year. The theme is: May hope fill our days.

*Jesus who died for me,
Jesus who has blessed me,
May I be with you in Heaven
for eternity. Amen.*

Road Closure

Work began in the last week on Station Road, O'Connell Street Junction at the Cathedral. As a result no through traffic will be permitted for the next few months until the works are completed. All traffic entering Station Road will be for local access only.

The implication of these works will mean that parking will be restricted in the Cathedral Grounds while the street works are in progress. When a funeral takes place in the Cathedral, the hearse will access the Cathedral via the Cathedral Grounds. We will monitor the parking on the grounds and review as necessary. We do ask for your understanding and patience until these works are completed.

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Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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 40:1-5.9-11

'Console my people, console them,' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms,

holding them against his breast

and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are.

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. R.

Above the rains you build your dwellings. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. R.

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. R.

All of these look to you, to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: You open your hand, they have their fill. R.

You take back your spirit, they die, Returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; And you renew the face of the earth. R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus.

Tt 2:11-14;3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Someone is coming, said John,

someone greater than I.

He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 3:15-16.21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.