



ENNIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Programme for Government

26th January 2025

The election is now history, the government has been formed. Each party has its manifesto, its vision for society.

The programme for Government has been agreed. Our Gospel this weekend is like a Christian Manifesto. As we are as far as ever from its goals, we need to proclaim it louder than ever. (Luke 4:14-20) Turn to the back page and read the text.

1“The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me”

Not the Spirit of greed, not the Spirit of political expediency, which asks “what’s in it for me”, but the spirit that asks “what can I give?”

2“Good news to the poor”

Not tax relief or increased benefits, but empowering the poor to believe in themselves, to see through value is not in money but in the giftedness God has given to each of us.

3. “Liberty to Captives”

Not just emptying or building more prisons but helping all people to be free,

free to live and let live, to be creative instead of being captured by the lure of violence of the trap of resentment and fear.

4. “New Sight”

So as to see the beauty and fragility of all life. To see the horror of killing and waste. To see all life as good and forgiveness is possible.

5. “Downtrodden set free”

That the oppressed will be heard, they have a voice, Jesus will listen. The burden of oppression will be lifted by Jesus “care and love”.

6. “ To declare the Lords favour”

Life is to be celebrated and to be enjoyed. Endless pressures, money will not bring fulfilment, relaxation and time spent with loved ones, especially God, will make a difference.

**Jubilee 2025 the
Year of Hope is the
Lord’s year of favours.**



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](http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/stjosephs-church-webcam)

-church-webcam

Monday to Friday 10.30am

Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm

Sunday 1 0am & 11.45am

Friary-[www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscan-friary-](http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscan-friary-webcam/)

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Monday to Saturday 10am

Vigil Mass Saturday 7 .30pm

Sunday 10.30am

Christ the King Oratory Cloughleigh

Monday to Friday 9.30am

Sunday 11am

www.ennisparish.com

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 Sunday 26th January 2025

Contact: Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Seán 1st Anniv. & Josie O'Shea, Ard na Gréine.
James Cox, Dalcassian Ave.
Mary Arthur, Gort Rd.
Kitty & Pat Hogan, 'Maryville', Aylmer's Cross.
Frances Ball, Connolly Villas.
Christy Cullinan, Meadow Court, Clonroad.
Con & Nuala Ryan, St. Michael's Villas.
Thomas Hayes, Askeaton, Co. Limerick.
Raymond Molloy, McNamara Park.

Sun 26th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Kathleen Hassett, Toonagh, Fountain.
Deirdre Tynan, St. Senan's Rd.

11.30am: Frank Fitzpatrick, College Green.

John Fogarty, Fernhill, Gort Rd.
Mary Gallery, Rockmount.
Fr. John & Fr. Francis Meehan & Deceased Meehan Family, Summerhill.

Mon: 7.40am: Mary, Paddy, Seán & Lucy Kissane,
Mary, Seán & Ger Feehan, Ennis, Dublin & Cork.

11am: Spaight Family, Sixmilebridge.

7.30pm: Michael Sheedy, Avondale, Kilrush Rd.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Flan O'Reilly & Peggy McCluskey, Clare Rd.

7.30pm: Gerard Bennis, Bramble Lane, Hawthorns. MM
Anne McCullagh, Tulla Rd.

Michael & Angela Mullins, Manchester & Clarecastle.

Wed 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Peggy Flynn, Connolly Villas.

Thurs 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Patrick Toomey, McNamara Park.

Mary, Michael & John Griffin, Kilmihil.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Fri 7.40am: Nora Meaney, Cranny.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Michael MM., Sheila, Tom, John & Martin
Cotter, Loughville.

Patrick McNamara, Clarecastle. 1st Anniv.

Mary Keane, Station Rd.

Sat: 11am: Catherine (Ina) Moore, Oakleigh Wood. MM
Ann O'Flanagan, Sunnyville, Cahercallabeg.
Deceased Clune Family, Feakle.

6.30pm: Philomena Casey, Turnpike. MM.

PJ Gilligan, Willow Park. MM.

Finian Loughrey, Riverside.

Trevor Hamman, Gallows Hill & South Africa.

Jim O'Sullivan, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.

Elizabeth Hanrahan & Deceased Hanrahan Family,
Circular Rd.

Sun 2nd 8am: Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families,
Ennis & Cork.

Fr. James McInerney, Doora & Birr & Stella Munby,
Salsbury, UK.

9.30am: Pauline Saunderson, Rockmount.

Patsy Cosgrove, Clare Rd.

11.30am: Jubilee Mass of Religious

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €5,000 and €200. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Day of Consecrated Life



On Sunday next Bishop Fintan will welcome the Religious women and men of our Diocese to the 11.30am Mass in the Cathedral on the day that we celebrate Consecrated Life. Our Diocese is blessed with the presence of Franciscan Friars, Cistercian Monks, Sisters of Mercy, Poor Clares, Presentation and Christian Brothers, Sisters of La Sainte Union, St. John of God, Sisters of St. Marie Madeleine Postel, Sisters of the Incarnate Word.

On the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, we thank God for these women and men who have consecrated their lives on our behalf.

Diocesan Needs' Appeal

The second collection at all Masses this weekend is the annual appeal of Bishop Fintan for support in helping him provide Diocesan Services like Safeguarding, Catechetics, Marriage Preparation and other ministries at Diocesan level. Your generosity is very much appreciated for this appeal.

St. Brigid's Crosses



St. Brigid Crosses for sale after all masses in all churches this weekend. €4 each or 3 for €10

All proceeds in aid of The Cathedral Restoration Fund.

Newly Baptised

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

.Luke Colin Fitzgerald;
John Joe Willie Joyce



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Thomas Gooney, Kincora Park. 1st Anniv.
Joe Moran, Corrovorrin Grove.

Sun 26th 10am: Anne, Annie & Peter Barry &
Barry Family, Ard Mhuire, Shanaway Rd.

11:45am: Joan Kelly, Corrovorrin Drive.

Bill Hanrahan, Ashfield Park.

Peter Burke, Lifford Rd.

Michael Gavin, Gordon Drive, Cloughleigh.

Mon 10.30am: P.J & Moira McMahon,

Roslare Harbour, Wexford.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: Susan Cosgrove, Fern Hill, Gort Rd.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: Mary 1st Anniv & Paul Downey,
Fergus Pk.

Sat: 10.30am: Patrick Barrett, Lifford.

7pm: Paddy Rynne, Ballyalla.

Sun 2nd 10am: Matthew & Catherine Clune,
Ballymachill.

11:45am: Paul Dilleen, Shanaway Rd

Saturday 1st February - Feast of St. Brigid, Patroness of Ireland.



Sunday 2nd February - Feast of the Presentation of the Our Lord, known as Candlemas Day.

Candles for home and Church use will be blessed at all Masses next weekend. We welcome candles for use in Church.

Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes



Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes begins on Monday 3rd February at 7.30pm at the Cathedral and continues nightly at the same time until Tuesday 11th February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Weekend session on the 8th and 9th February will take place at the 11am Mass on Saturday and 11.30am Mass on Sunday.

Our Diocesan Pilgrimages to Lourdes this year takes place from 25th to 30th June and 29th September to 4th October.

*The promise of spring's arrival
is enough to get anyone
through the bitter winter.*



Jen Belinsky

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 26th 11am: Fergal Landy, Considine Rd.

Kathleen Hogan, Davitt Tce.

John Monaghan & Joe Kelly, John Paul Avenue.

Special intention.

Tues: Book of Intentions.

Sun 2nd 11am: Special Intention.

Elizabeth & George Bradley, Carmody St.

Online Auction



If you wish to participate or access the auction, you must join the 'Cathedral Restoration Fund Auction' Page on Facebook. Items will be posted for sale between 25th to 27th January. Bidding on items will end at 9pm on Wednesday 5th February.

Winning bidders will be notified on that Wednesday /Thursday 5th and 6th February.

All items are to be paid for and collected on Friday 7th February (5pm to 8pm) or Saturday 8th February (11.30am to 2pm) from the former Adoration Chapel on the grounds of Ennis Cathedral. Items will be accepted up until 5pm on Wednesday 5th February.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

7 night pilgrimage 21st to 28th may, cost €875 per person sharing from Shannon to Mostar. Contact Rachel Haren 087 6747869 or Kathleen Lee 086 1031508.

Early booking discount of €50 before 1st February.

Gaeilge gach lá

Tá Caint agus Comhrá ar siúl gach lá den tseachtain in Inis anois. Informal Irish conversation commence this week in Mondo and The Market, both in Merchant's Sq. on Tuesdays and Fridays respectively at 11:00a.m. Do drop in. Speakers of all ages, nationalities, and levels of knowledge of Irish are welcome.

Bain triail as.

Contact: caintaguscomhra@outlook.com

Ennis Choral Festival

We welcome choirs who will be taking part in the inaugural Choir Festival in Ennis from Friday to Sunday of next weekend.

At the 6.30pm Mass next weekend, we welcome the Choir of Rowe Street Church in Wexford under the direction of Ennis Native, Donagh Wylde, Choirmaster and organist who will lead the music at Mass.

REST IN PEACE



Michael Killeen, Manusmore, Clarecastle, brother of Mary McInerney, Collee Green;

Margaret Kearney, Sixmilebridge, mother of Dymphna Dinan, Hermitage;

Mary McNamara (nee Blake), Inisogan, Roslevan & formerly 9 Limerick Rd.

Thai a Boaji, Pakistan, brother of Stephen Inayat, Dún na Rí, Tobertaoscáin.

Patricia O'Donnell, (nee Kennedy) Cahercalla Drive. Funeral Mass in Cathedral on Monday at 11am.

Sunday of the Word of God

This Sunday is celebrated as Sunday of the Word of God. It is an integral part of the Jubilee Year. The motto chosen this year is taken from the Book of Psalms: 'Hope in Your Word' (Psalm 119:74).

We are invited to reflect on how the Word of God can open up for us the treasure of the Scriptures and enable us to proclaim the gospel in our lives.

Divine Mercy Conference

Divine Mercy Conference, RDS Dublin Day return (from Clarecastle) bus Saturday 22nd February. Exact times and locations closer to the date. Fantastic attendees including His Excellency Archbishop Farrell, Fr. Pat Collins, Fr. Jim Blount and many more.

Great day of spiritual inspiration & refreshment. €70 for bus and entry ticket. Contacts please via whatsapp Karen 087-4160385 or Séamus 087-2752578 for enquiries and bookings.

€40 deposit via revolut, paypal or post secures bus.

Charity Bingo Fundraiser for Liam Ashe's school in Calcutta, India, will take place in Treacy's West County Hotel on this Sunday 7 pm. Doors open at 6 pm. Large cash prizes for each round. Spot prizes galore also. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

St. Flannan's College Night Classes and Saturday Workshops for Adults will resume on Wednesday 5th February.

Classes include: Felting, Beekeeping, Cross-stitching, Pilates, Mindfulness, Creative Writing, Cake-Decorating, Millinery, Paper-Making, Ukulele and much more.

A Prayer for Sunday of the Word of God

O Word that shapes our liturgies
and litanies,

May we see you not as a dusty tome
But as a living invitation
to an ongoing conversation.

O God who comes to us in sacred story,
May we find our own stories
within your pages.

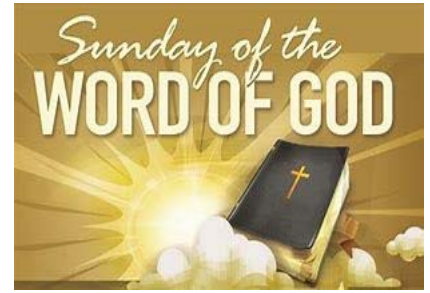
O Word that illuminates our darkness,
May we carry your light into the world.

O God who speaks into silence,
May we rest in the comfort of your voice.

O Word made flesh
who dwells among us,
May we sense your presence with us
on the road to Emmaus.

And when our hearts burn within us,
May we not only hear your Word,
but speak it with our lives. Amen.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne



Domhnach Bhriathar Dé.

D'fhógair an Pápa Proinsias go mbeadh Domhnach Bhriathar Dé á cheiliúradh go bliantúil ar an tríú Domhnach Saor i mí Eanáir. 'Tá iliomad guthanna agus glórtha mórthimpeall orainn agus tá géarghá le Briathar Dé a chloisteáil thar aon ghlór eile' a dúirt an Pápa. Chun cabhrú linn mhol sé dúinn an Bíobla, nó an Leabhar Aifrin a bheith ar fáil taobh linn.

A Thiarna, iarraidimid ort cabhrú linn ár gcreideamh agus naofacht a chleachtadh agus sinn ag machnamh ar Bhriathar Dé.

An Satharn seo chugainn Lá Fhéile Bríde, Muire na nGael, Patrún Naofa na hÉireann agus de réir an traidisiúin is é tús an earraigh é. Bhí creideamh láidir ag Bríd. Chuir sí a hiontaoibh go hiomlán i nDia agus tháinig Sé i gcabhair uirthi.

A Bhríd a Mhuire na nGael, A Bhríd scaoil tharam do bhrat, Agus coinnigh faoi do chumhdach mé, Go raibh mé leat i bhflaitheas Dé. (Paidreacha na Gaeilge)

Sunday of the Word of God.

Pope Francis declared the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as Sunday of the Word of God. We are surrounded by voices and sounds from a variety of places and devices and we need to hear the Word of God more than any other voice. To help us, he advised us to keep a copy of the Bible or our Sunday Missal close at hand.

Lord, we ask you to help us grow in faith as we meditate on your Word, so that we may grow in holiness through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next Saturday we celebrate the Feast of Saint Brigid, Mary of the Gael. Patron Saint of Ireland and according to tradition the beginning of Spring. Brigid had a strong faith. She put her trust in God and God helped her.

Brid, Mary of the Gael, Brid envelop me in your cloak, Keep me under your protection, Until I am with you in God's Heaven. Amen

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 19th January

Fund €5,517
Online €323.50

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendor,
strength and honour in his holy place.

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 Nehemiah

Ne 8:2-6.8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the
assembly, consisting of men, women, and
children old enough to understand. This was the
first day of the seventh month. On the square
before the Water Gate, in the presence of the
men and women, and children old enough to
understand, he read from the book from early
morning till noon; all the people listened
attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected
for the purpose. In full view of all the people -
since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra
opened the book; and when he opened it all the
people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the
great God, and all the people raised their hands
and answered 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed
down and, face to the ground, prostrated
themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from
the Law of God, translating and giving the sense,
so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra,
priest and scribe (and the Levites who were
instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This
day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be
mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in
tears as they listened to the words of the Law.
He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet

wine, and send a portion to the man who has
nothing prepared ready. For this day is
sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of
the Lord is your stronghold.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*Response: Your words are spirit, Lord
and they are life.*

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. R.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. R

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. R.

May the spoken words of my mouth,
The thoughts of my heart,
Win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! R.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

1 Cor 12:12-30

Just as a human body, though it is made up
of many parts, is a single unit because all
these parts, though many, make one body,
so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were
all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves
as well as citizens, and one Spirit was
given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one
of its many parts. Now you together are
Christ's body; but each of you is a different
part of it. In the Church, God has given the
first place to apostles, the second to
prophets, the third to teachers; after them,
miracles, and after them the gift of healing;
helpers, good leaders, those with many
languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of
them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do
they all have the gift of miracles, or all have
the gift of healing? Do all speak strange
languages, and all interpret them?

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Lord has sent me to bring the good
news to the poor,*

To proclaim liberty to captives.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to
draw up accounts of the events that have
taken place among us, exactly as these were
handed down to us by those who from

the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of
the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over
the whole story from the beginning, have
decided to write an ordered account for you,
Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn
how well founded the teaching is that you have
received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him,
returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread
throughout the countryside. He taught in their
synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been
brought up, and went into the synagogue on the
Sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to
read, and they handed him the scroll of the
prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the
place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given
to me,

for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good
news to the poor, to proclaim liberty
to captives and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the
assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the
synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began
to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled
today even as you listen.'

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

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
Let your faces not be abashed.