



ENNIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER



FEAST-PRESENTATION OF THE LORD -WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

YEAR C

Trilogy of days

2nd February 2025

St Brigid, Presentation of Jesus in the temple, St Blaise

“When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the law of the Moses, the parent's of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord” **Luke 2:22,**

Today's middle day of these trilogy of days, the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, marks a significant day in the life of Jesus and for Mary and Joseph. Fulfilling the custom for Jesus, Mary and Joseph have a chance meeting with the wise man Simeon, whose eyes saw in the young Jesus the one who had been promised by God .. Seeing in Jesus the one to be “a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of the people Israel” Luke2:32.

Yesterday's Feast of St Brigid brings to mind the wise woman of our tradition who also saw in Jesus one who could enlighten the people of her day, the great Chieftan too, with great faith in Jesus as the one who shed light for her path and life journey, one who had consecrated her life to Christ to fulfil her mission of taking Jesus into her heart and making him known to her people as one who could accompany her and them through life and after.

The third day, Feast day of St Blaise, follows the tradition surrounding the fourth century Bishop from Armenia, a Physician before becoming a Bishop who reputedly cured a boy who nearly died from choking with a fish bone ... from the ight century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat ... so in that tradition we avail of the ritual of Blessing of the throat on his Feast day.

Two candles placed by our throat, with the words prayed ... “Through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

With these trilogy of days, we walk over the threshold of Springtime as creation undergoes a rebirth with the promise of emerging light. As the days get longer and more light emerges day by day, may we with the wise man Simeon, marvel with our eyes in seeing Jesus as “ a light to the nations”.

May we look upon the rushes woven into the iconic St Brigid's cross to represent the strands of our lives woven into a life with the Christ of the cross of Calvary and of Risen light. May we see in the frailty of illness renewed strength in the ritual of blessing enabling us to walk into each day with gratitude and courage.

The St Brigid Cross

*Brigid wove a cross of rushes by a dying chieftain's bed”
“Brigid what is that you're making*

From the rushes there?”, he said.

Brigid said,“A cross I'm weaving, like the cross where Jesus died.”

“Who was Jesus?” asked the chieftain,

“Why was this man crucified?”

Brigid told the gospel story to a dying pagan King.

Lying silently he listened,

Never saying anything.

Then he kissed the cross of rushes

Saying ,“Brigid, thanks to you,

I have come to love this Jesus,

I will follow his way too!”



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 1 0am & 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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Email: info@ennisparish.com

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Priest on Duty 2nd February, 2025
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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Philomena Casey, Turnpike. MM.
 P.J. 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.
 Richard Fitzpatrick, Kilkee.
 Dr. Dan Curtin, Gallows Hill.

Sun 2nd 8am: Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families,
 Ennis & Cork.
 Fr. James McInerney, Doora & Birr.
 Stella Munby, Salisbury, UK.

9.30am: Pauline Saunderson, Rockmount.
 Patsy Cosgrove, Clare Rd.
 Andrew O'Connor, Dublin.

11.30am: Jubilee Mass of Religious.

6.30pm: Mass for the Polish Community.

Mon: 7.40am: No Mass.

11am: Denis Moloney, McNamara Park.
7.30pm: Eva, Tom, Noel & Mary Ryan, Summerhill.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Jonathan O'Sullivan, London.
 Roger O'Donogue, Ennis & Limerick.
 Frey Barry, Cooloorta, Boston, Tubber.

7.30pm: Peggy Murphy, Maureen Tiller &
 Nonie O'Neill Tulla.
 Michael & Bridget Singleton, Hermitage.

Wed 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: Paddy & Mary Hogan, Tobartaoscain.
 Decd Liddy Family, Crusheen, Ennis & Darragh.

7.30pm: Willie Burke, Mill Rd.

Thurs 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Michael Sheedy, College View & Ogonnelloe.
 Pat & Nora Harnett, Limerick.
 Tony Meehan, Ennis, Connolly & Kent.
 Aleksey Cecotka, Clarecastle.
 Brian, Caroline & Joseph Ensko, Connolly Villas.

7.30pm: James Nolan, Barntick.
 Kathleen Doran, Tulla & Charlie O'Grady,
 McNamara Park.
 Bernie Dilger, Connolly Villas.
 Peggy & Tony Coote, Gallows Hill.

Fri 7.40am: Maura Garvey, Dublin.

11am: Confirmation Gaelscoil Mhichil Chiosóg.

7.30pm: O'Brien family, Golf Links Rd.

Sat: 11am: No intention booked.

6.30pm: Andrew Hynes, Drumcarranmore. MM
 Conor Kelleher, Westfields. MM
 Hugh McCannon, Market St. 1st Anniv
 Fintan Ryan, Fergus Manor.
 James Kelly, Clonroadmore.
 Pauline Pender, Riverside, Clonroad.

Sun 9th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Virginia Donnellan, "St. Joseph's", Hermitage.
 Helen Griffin, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.
 Mary Connellan, Ard na Greine.
 Mick & Kitty Connellan & Sr. Claire, San Antonio.
 May & Micko Glynn, Knockaderra, Ennis.

11.30am: Maureen Murphy, Hermitage.
 Patricia McInerney nee Roche, Dalcassian Pk.
 Billy Slattery, Cloughleigh.
 Rita Hurley, Turnpike.
 Ann & Keith Morris, Liscannor & Thurles.
 Moroney Family, Erinagh, Fountain.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donation of €500. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

**World Day of Prayer for
 Consecrated Life**



In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day, the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

This Sunday Bishop Fintan will welcome 61 religious from eleven different congregations working in the Killaloe Diocese to the 11.30am Mass in the Cathedral to give thanks in this great Jubilee Year 2025 for the presence, prayer and work of so many religious in our Diocese.

Blessing of Throats



Bank Holiday Monday is the Feast of St. Blaise. Throats will be blessed at the following Masses:

8.30am: Poor Clare Monastery
10am: Friary
10.30am: St. Joseph's
11am & 7.30pm: Cathedral

Newly Baptised

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

Sam Michael McMahon



St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Paddy Rynne, Ballyalla.
Sun 2nd 10am: Matthew & Catherine Clune, Ballymachill.
11:45am: Paul Dilleen, Shanaway Rd
Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.
Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.
Thu 10.30am: Susan Brohan, Considine Rd.
Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.
Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.
7pm: Monica O'Loughlin, Cappahard. MM
 Tony Strand, Shannon Park.
Sun 9th 10am: Pat & Kathleen O'Malley, Cloverhill.
11.45am: Mary Keane nee Mounsey, Marian Avenue. MM
 Peadar & Marie O'Keefe, Lifford.
 Teresa Howard, Kilrush Rd.
 Griffin family, Loughburke, Kilmaley.

Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 2nd 11am: Special Intention.
 Elizabeth & George Bradley, Carmody St.
Mon: 9.30am: No Mass.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 9th 11am: Kitty McDermott, Cloughleigh Rd.
 P.J., Bridie, Gerard & Trevor Dilger, Hermitage.
 Special Intention.

St. Brigid's Weekend



We celebrate St. Brigid, Patroness of Ireland this weekend. We welcome all who have come to our town for the Choral Festival. In particular we welcome the choir from Rowe Street Church in Wexford, who along with their Choir Director, Ennis native Donagh Wylde and their Bishop, our own Bishop Ger Nash, will celebrate the 6.30pm Mass in the Cathedral this Saturday.

St. Brigid's Crosses

The great tradition of the blessing of St. Brigid in your home for safety and protection is very much part of our faith in Ireland.
 St. Brigid's Crosses are for sale this weekend at all Masses - €4 for one or 3 for €10 with proceeds going to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal.

Matt Talbot Prayer Society

Monthly Mass and Prayer for all suffering or sharing in the life of addiction will take place on Monday at the 7.30pm Lourdes Novena Mass in the Cathedral.

Online Auction

Bidding on the online auction in aid of the Cathedral Renovation Appeal continues until 9pm on Wednesday 5th February.

To view or bid go to Facebook
[Cathedral Restoration Fund Auction](#)



Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes



This year's Novena begins on Monday 3rd February to Tuesday 11th February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, in the Cathedral, weekdays 7.30pm, Saturday 11am, Sunday 11.30am.

Petitions left at the Shrine in the Cathedral by Thursday next will be brought to Lourdes by Fr. Tom, who will be representing the Killaloe Diocese at the International Mass for World Day of the Sick in Lourdes on Tuesday 11th February.

FEB 3	Monday 7.30 pm – Feast of St. Blaise Opening Mass of the Novena, Blessing of Throats	– Fr. Tom Ryan Pilgrimage Director
FEB 4	Tuesday 7.30 pm Novena, Holy Mass & Prayers	– Ms. Mary Freeman Pilgrimage Secretary
FEB 5	Wednesday 7.30 pm Mass of Reconciliation – Confession available before and after Mass	– Canon Tommy Marrinan PP Gort
FEB 6	Thursday 7.30 pm Mass of St. Bernadette	– Fr. Michael Nicholas OFM Franciscan Pilgrimage Director
FEB 7	Friday 7.30 pm Mass of the Immaculate Conception and Stations of the Cross	– Michael Daly Director of Nursing & Minister Pastoral Care
FEB 8	Saturday 11 am Mass and Anointing of the Sick	– Canon Tony Mullins PP Cratloe
FEB 9	Sunday 11.30 am Mass for 5th Sunday of the Year	– Ms. Emma Murray Pilgrimage Youth Leader
FEB 10	Monday 7.30 pm Mass and Marian Rosary Procession	– Fr. Brendan Quinlivan Tulla
FEB 11	Tuesday 7.30 pm Mass for Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of Prayer for the Sick	– Bishop Fintan Monahan Killaloe Diocese

This Year's Lourdes Pilimages from Shannon

This year's Lourdes Pilgrimage from Shannon:
25th—30th June Diocesan Pilgrimage;
19th—24th September Franciscan Pilgrimage;
29th September—4th October
Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage.

Friary News

The Monthly Mass for the SFO will take place on Wednesday 5th February 2025 at 10 a.m. We will pray the office after Mass.

There will be an Evening Meeting in the Friary Parlour at 7.30pm for those who are unable to attend in the morning.

You will all be most welcome.

REST IN PEACE



Mary Phil McMahon, Carmody St., & Drumcarran More, Loughville;

Kathleen (Kay) Carey (née Kelly), Lifford Road & formerly Ruan Village;

Frankie (Popeye) Coote, Cahercalla Cross, Kilrush Road, Ennis & Barnageeha, Darragh;

PJ O'Driscoll, Glen Carrig, The Lane, Cappahard, Roslevan;

Patricia (Patsy) McNamara, Esker Fields, Ballinasloe, Galway & Hermitage.

First Friday

Friday 7th February is the First Friday of the month. Sick and housebound parishioners will receive Sacraments at home this week.

If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like to receive the Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office.

Happy 100th Birthday to John Lynch

We congratulate John Lynch, St Michael's Villas, who celebrated his 100th birthday on Thursday 30th January.

John is a proud Clarecastle man born into the Lynch family in Lissane, Clarecastle. He comes from a family of 15, with four siblings, three sisters and one brother, all still living in Clare.

John married Kitty Slattery, a native of Ennis, and took up residence in St. Michael's Villas in 1953 where they raised their 6 children Bernard, Seán, Mary, Therese, Pat, and Ruth.

Sadly Kitty died in 1982 at age 59 and Seán died in 1989 at 38. John is the only surviving member of the committee established in 1953 to erect the Grotto in St. Michael's Villas. John worked in CIE and has had a great love for dogs and coursing all his life.

For the past five years, John has been happily in residence in Cahercalla Community Hospital where he was joined by his children, Bernard, Mary, Therese, Pat, and Ruth, and his large extended family to celebrate his 100th birthday.

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne



Inniu Lá Fhéile Muire na gCoinne. D'ofráil an Mhaighdean Mhuire a Mac do Dhia sa Teampall agus d'ofráil sí colúir mar chomhartha a saorghlanta. Bhí an deasghnáth seo riachtanach de réir dlí na nGiúdach. Ba mhór an t-áthas a bhí ar Shíomón agus é ag tógáil an Linbh Iosa ina bhaclainn. Ghabh sé buíochas le Dia. Bhí Anna sa Teampall freisin agus chreid sí sa Tiarna ag tabhairt moladh Dó. Beannaítear coinne ar an lá seo ag cur i gcuimhne duinn gurb é Iosa solas an domhain.

Tá Lá Fhéile Naomh Blaisius ar 3 Feabhra. Easpag ab ea Naomh Blaisius ar Shebaste san Arménia. D'fhulaing sé spliontaíocht agus dícheannadh é sa bhliain 317 le linn an Impire Licinius. Leighis sé gasúr a bhí i mbaol báis ag crámh éisc a chuaigh i bhfostú ina scornach. Beannaítear scornacha ar an lá seo.

Today we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. Our Lady offered her Son to God in the Temple. As was the Jewish custom she also offered pigeons, a sign of her purification. Simeon was happy as he took the child in his arms and thanked God. Anna was also in the Temple and she believed and praised God. Candles are blessed on this day to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world.

The feast of St. Blaise is on February 3. He was a bishop in Armenia. He cured a boy who was choking on a fish bone. He was martyred in 317 during the reign of the Emperor Licinius. Throats are blessed on this day.

The Youth Identity Programme a girls' group looking at friendship, media and relationships, will start on Tuesday, 4th Feb, 6.30-8pm in the Junction, Ennis, contact Helena on 0858047580.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The first Confirmation Ceremony in the Diocese will take place on Friday next at 11am in the Cathedral when both Bishop Fintan and School Chaplain Bishop Willie Walsh will confirm boys and girls, pupils of the Gaelscoil.



Please pray for the candidates as they receive the great gift of the Holy Spirit to help them live their lives.

Diocesan Needs Appeal

Thank you for your donations to this annual appeal of Bishop Fintan for support in providing Diocesan Services. The sum of €2,638.50 was collected. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 26th January

Fund €4,852
Online €254

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God,
We have received
in the midst of the temple,
Your praise, O God, like your name,
Reaches the ends of the earth;
Your right hand is filled with saving
justice.

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 prophet Malachi.

Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to
send my messenger to prepare a way be-
fore me. And the Lord you are seeking will
suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of
the covenant whom you are longing for,
yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.
Who will be able to resist the day of his
coming? Who will remain standing when he
appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and
the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as
refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of
Levi and refine them like gold and silver,
and then they will make the offering to the
Lord as it should be made. The offering of
Judah and Jerusalem will then be wel-
comed by the Lord as in former days, as in
the years of old.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: *Who is the king of glory?
It is the Lord.*

O gates, lift up your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R**

Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war. **R**

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory. **R**

Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory. **R**

A Reading from the first letter of the Hebrews 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same
blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally
in it, so that by his death he could take
away all the power of the devil, who had
power over death, and set free all those
who had been held in slavery all their lives
by the fear of death. For it was not the
angels that he took to himself; he took to
himself descent from Abraham. It was
essential that he should in this way be-
come completely like his brothers so that
he could be a com-passionate and trust-
worthy high priest of God's religion, able to
atone for human sins. That is, because he
has himself been through temptation he is
able to help others who are tempted.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia Alleluia!

*The light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.
Alleluia!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified
as laid down by the Law of Moses, the
parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem
to present him to the Lord - observing what
stands written in the Law of the Lord: Eve-
ry first-born male must be consecrated to
the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in
accordance with what is said in the Law of
the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two
young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there
was a man named Simeon. He was an
upright and devout man; he looked forward
to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit
rested on him. It had been revealed to him
by the Holy Spirit that he would not see
death until he had set eyes on the Christ of
the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came
to the Temple; and when the parents
brought in the child Jesus to do for him
what the Law required, he took him into his
arms and blessed God: and he said:

"Now, Master, you can let your servant go
in peace, just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation

which you have prepared for all the nations to
see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glo-
ry of your people Israel."

As the child's father and mother stood there
wondering at the things that were being said
about him, Simeon blessed them and said to
Mary his mother, "You see this child: he is
destined for the fall and for the rising of many in
Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected -
and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so
that the secret thoughts of many may be laid
bare."

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daugh-
ter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was
well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she
had been married for seven years before be-
coming a widow. She was now eighty-four years
old and never left the Temple, serving God night
and day with fasting and prayer. She came by
just at that moment and began to praise God;
and she spoke of the child to all who looked
forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When
they had done everything the Law of the Lord
required, they went back to Galilee, to their own
town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to
maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and
God's favour was with him.

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 Vir-
gin 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

My eyes have seen your salvation,
Which you prepared in the sight of all the