

ENNIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Auld Lang Syne (For the sake of old times)

5th January 2025



*"Should auld acquaintance
be forgot, and never
brought to mind?"*

A new year and many of us may well have sung the old Scottish song Auld Lang Syne to say good bye to 2024 and welcome 2025. The words of that song and the heartfelt renditions that we may have contributed to remind us of the power of words. How often have I said 'I give you my word?' or we use the phrase 'Upon my word' to copper fasten what we want to emphasise. Yes, words are important. In our Gospel this weekend we have much emphasis on the Word. John's gospel begins with the line 'In the beginning was the Word'. The Word is mentioned many times through today's gospel. Christmas celebrates 'The Word became flesh'. Jesus the Christ was born so that we could encounter the Word.

And what does the Word mean to us as we begin a New Year? We are being called to celebrate a jubilee Year of Hope. A year during which we are being asked to reflect on the calling of each baptised Christian to be a Pilgrim of Hope. Most of us do not go on

pilgrimage alone. We set out with others and we encounter others on our pilgrim path. We share time together and we share our hopes. Yes, a Year of Hope, a year of encounters. Tomorrow, is Nollaig na mBan, small Christmas. In the eastern church January 6th is their big celebration of Christmas. May the Word guide us to continue telling the story of Christmas. A story which we are asked not to forget as we are pilgrims on a synodal pathway guided by the Holy Spirit and together in the Word.

'The Word was the true light that enlightens all people.'

May 2025 be a year where the light of peace will shine on our world and may all peoples share the pilgrim pathway of solidarity and may we never lose hope as we have the words in our gospel;

'A light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.'

Happy New Year!!!

2025



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

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 5th January 2025.
Contact: Fr. Pat Malone 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Mary Vaughan, Cahercalla Rd. **1st Anniv.**
 Michael & Anne Tierney, Kilrush Rd.
 Martin Shannon, Kilnaboy.
 Michael McMahon, Gallows Hill.
 Mary, Thomas & Marian Kelly, Knock, Kilrush.
 Andrew & Patrick Woods, McNamara Park.
Sun 5th 8am: Bridie Rynne, Castlewood Park.
 Patrick & Mary Anne Rynne, Lissycasey.
 Joe, Nora & Joe Jr. McDonagh, Galway.
 Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families, Cork & Ennis.
 Thomas & Kathleen Scanlon, Newcastlewest & Ennis.
9.30am: Patrick Feeney, St. Michael's Villas.
 Noel & Mary Bolger, New Rd.
 Michael & Martin Shannon & Martin Reidy Jr., Ennis.
11.30am: Frank & Agnes Fox, Cornmarket St.
 Luke Coote, Considine Rd.
 Paddy Loftus, Buttermarket.
 Bertie, Josie, Marian & Noel Garry, Sandfield Park.
 PJ Malone, Beechpark.
 Peggy & Jim Casey, 'The White House', Shanaway.
 Sean & Mary Connolly Lr. Limerick Rd.
 Liam & Eoin Madigan, St. Michael's Villas.
 David Barrett, Willow Park.

Mon: 7.40am: The Holy Souls.
11am: Pat McInerney, Kilrush & Cork.
 Phyllis Liptak, USA.
 Mary & Flan Hynes, St. Michael's Villas.
7.30pm: John & Mary Harte, Dublin & Kilkee.
 Fionnuala Fitzpatrick, Springfield
 & Deceased Fitzpatrick & Blake Families, Ennis.
 Jerry O'Callaghan, Willow Park.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Maria Fox, Circular Rd.
Wed 7.40am: Doohan Family, Lissycasey.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Seamus Ganley, Lahinch.
Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: Kevin Keane, Connolly Villas.
7.30pm: Frances Arthur, Station Court & Parnell St.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Bert Cassidy, Killaloe & Pat McGuane, Carron.
7.30pm: Elizabeth (Lil) Gleeson, McNamara Pk. **1st Anniv.**
Sat: 11am: Kathleen Sexton **1st Anniv.** & Brendan,
 Turnpike Rd.
 John Cahir, St. Michael's Villas.
6.30pm: Seamus Langan, Limerick Rd. **MM.**
 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.
11.30am: Fr. Michael O'Loughlin, Loughville. **MM.**
 Pauline Kelly, Dalcassian Park. **MM.**
 Austin Smith, Ballymacahill.
 Donny Martin, Morrissey Ave.
 Paddy Guthrie, Ard na Greine.
 John Collins, Cahercalla Estate.
 Casimir Bielasiwicz, Poland.
 Louis Galvin, Honeywell, Limerick Rd.
 Nora & Tony Sharkey, Cahercalla Estate



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 5th: Ellen Flynn (nee Dilger),
 Honan's Tce. **1st Anniv.**
 Mai Molly (nee McNamara), Ennis & Carol Molloy, Dublin.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 12th 11am: Special Intention.
 Delia & James Armstrong, Cahercalla.
 Special Intention.



Cathedral Renovation Appeal
 In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €150 and €50. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Priests' Christmas Collection

Our thanks to all who supported the Priests and Bishop n the Christmas appeal.
 Your generosity and kindness are very much appreciated.

Feast of the Epiphany



Monday 6th January, a Holy Day.
 Mass times in Ennis Parish

7.40am:	Cathedral.
8.30am:	Poor Clare's
9.30am:	Cloughleigh
10am:	Friary
10.30am:	St. Joseph's
11am:	Cathedral
7.30pm:	Cathedral.

Please note that there is no vigil mass for the Feast this Sunday Evening.



**Jubilee 2025
 Pilgrims of Hope**

During the year there will be many opportunities to enter into the **SPIRIT OF JUBILEE** as we reflect on what it means to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

Newly Baptised



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

Emily Tiernan
Levi Clayton Nollaig Cauley
Callum James Sexton
Anna Grace O'Grady
Alex Joseph Brennan
Grace Luna Garcia

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Pauline Gibbons, Kincora Park.
Sun 5th 10am: No intention booked.
11.45am: Margaret (Gretta) Griffin, Lees Rd. **1st Anniv.**
 Mary & Paddy Darcy, 'Arbutus House', Glenoir.
 Maureen O'Brien, St. Michael's Villas.
Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.
Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions
 Special Intention.
Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.
Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.
Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.
Sat: 10.30am: Imelda Micks, The Crescent, Lifford.
 Michael Moloney, Marian Ave.
 Mary Murphy, Ashfield Park. **MM.**
 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.

A hearing loop induction system has been installed in St Joseph's for those with impaired hearing aids. If you have the 'T' setting on your hearing aid, please switch it on to use the system while in church.

Offertory Envelopes

The new box of envelopes begins this weekend. We thank all who use these envelopes each week. If you currently do not receive a box of envelopes and would like to, please contact the Parish Office.

We might also ask you to consider, if not already doing so, signing up for the Tax Rebate Scheme. This is of great support to the Parish at no additional cost to you. Again please contact the Parish Office for details.

Thanks also to the many volunteers who delivered the boxes and calendars before Christmas.



Scan with your phone. You can also scan this code with the camera of your phone and it will bring you to website and makes it easier for you to donate to the Parish.

Mile Buiochas.

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

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 a important source of fundraising for the Cathedral.



Month's Mind Mass for the late Fr. Michael O'Loughlin, Columban Missionary, a native of Loughville on Sunday next 12th January at 11.30am Mass in Cathedral.

Ennis Active Retirement



Meetings will resume on Tuesday 7th January, 2025 at 11am in the Scout Hall.

Scrabble for fun every Tuesday at the Junction Café 10 am [beside Cloughleigh school]. All ages and levels welcome.

Calling all choirs! Join us for the Inaugural Ennis Choral Festival, Jan 31st- Feb 2nd. Whether you are a Church Choir, School Choir, or Community Choir, mixed voice or unison, there is something for you. All details can be found on our FB Page Ennis Choral Festival or by contacting Carmel at ennischoralfestival@gmail.com Closing date for receipt of entries Friday, January 10th 2025

New Year Prayer

Dear Lord, I pray that this New Year brings me closer to You. May Your blessings overflow in my life, and may I grow in faith and understanding. Help me to share Your love with others and to reflect Your grace in all that I do. Thank You for the new beginnings and opportunities that this year holds. Amen.

Matt Talbot Prayer Society

Monthly Mass for all suffering from Addiction on Monday at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

RIP



Kathryn (Ina) Moore, Oakleigh Wood, Tulla Rd.;

Gerard Bennis, Bramble Lane, Limerick Rd.;

Mary Guerin, Brookville, Lahinch Rd. & Liscannor;

Paddy Bane, Feakle, brother of Fr. John Bane;

Gerard Arthur, Inagh, brother of Frank, Woodlawn & Christy, Turnpike.

Michael Cotter, Loughville. Funeral Mass in the Cathedral this Sunday at 1pm followed by burial in Drumcliffe Cemetery.

Sr. Francis Collins



*Poor Clare Monastery
Died 17th December, 2024*

Sr. Francis, daughter of the late Thomas and Mary Collins was a proud Ballyea Lady. Born eighty-seven years ago, Francie, as she was affectionately known, was educated in Ballyea School and the Vocational School, Ennis, now known as Ennis Community College.

Prior to entering the Poor Clares' Sr. Francis worked in Western Garages, Ennis and Clare County Council. She entered the Poor Clare Monastery, Nun's Island, Galway but shortly afterwards transferred to the newly founded community of Poor Clares' here in Ennis in 1960. Later on she volunteered to her fellow sisters in the Poor Clare Monastery in Belfast.

She served as Federal Secretary of the Poor Clares', which involved visiting all monasteries in the Federation. She was the first Clare Lady to enter the new community here in Ennis and was a real community person, completely unselfish, forgiving and non-judgmental.

In recent years, she suffered from ill health that necessitated visits to hospital and eventually made her new home in Cahercalla Community Hospital where she became an important part of the care of patients and staff by her presence, prayer and listening ear for all.

Francis died peacefully in Ennis Hospital on Tuesday Night 17th December. Her Funeral Mass took place on Friday 20th December in the Monastery Chapel where she prayed every day. This was followed by cremation in Shannon Crematorium. Sr. Francis' ashes will be laid to rest in St. Clares' section of the Columbarium in our Cathedral.

In the words of St. John of the Cross –

*'In the evening of our life
we shall be examined on love.'*

To Mother Abbess and her sisters here in the Poor Clares' we offer our sympathy, prayer and support as you mourn the death of Sr. Francis.

'Welcome Sister Death.'

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne



Bliain Úr Nua.

Tá tréimhse na Nollag thart agus tá bliain úr nua thar tairseach isteach chugainn agus ag síneadh amach romhainn. Ag tús na bliana tagaimid os comhair Dé go humhail, ag gabháil buíochas leis as na grásta go léir a bhronn Sé orainn go fial sa bhliain atá imithe tharainn.

Ní fios cad atá i ndán dúinn sa todhchaí ach ní gá dúinn bheith buartha mar beidh Dia linn. Is teaghlach Dé sinn go léir agus roinneann Sé gach beannacht go fial ar a chlann. Mar sin cuirimis fáilte mhór na taoide tuile roimh 2025 agus go lonraí solas do ghnúise orainn, a Thiarna, i rith na bliana.

Tabhair aire dúinn ó inniu, go bliain ó inniu agus inniu féin.

A New Year.

The Christmas period is over and a new year is here. At the beginning of the year we come before God with great gratitude, thanking him for all the graces he has bestowed on us so generously in the past year.

We do not know what the future holds but let us not worry because God will be with us. We are all God's family and He generously shares His blessings on his family. So let us warmly welcome 2025 and may the light of your countenance, Lord, shine on us throughout the year.

Take care of us from today and during the year.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 29th December

Fund €4,424
Online €791

Prayer for Peace

*Gracious God,
In a world filled with conflicts
and unrest,
I lift my voice in prayer for peace.*

*May Your divine presence
bring an end to violence,
conflicts, and injustice
in our world.*



	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Baptisms	210	118	175	234	187	188
Marriages	24	11	29	43	28	23
Deaths	155	128	162	168	173	174

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

When a profound silence covered all things
And night was in the middle of its course,
Your all-powerful Word, O Lord,
Bounded from heaven's royal throne.

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 glo-
ry, 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 book of Ecclesiastics (Eccles (Sir) 24:1-2.8-12)

Wisdom speaks her own praises,
in the midst of her people she glories in
herself. She opens her mouth in the assem-
bly of the Most High,
she glories in herself in the presence of the
Mighty One.

"Then the creator of all things instructed
me, and he who created me fixed a
place for my tent.

He said, Pitch your tent in Jacob,
make Israel your inheritance.

From eternity, in the beginning, he creat-
ed me, and for eternity I shall remain.

I ministered before him in the holy taber-
nacle,
and thus was I established on Zion.

In the beloved city he has given me rest,
and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.

I have taken root in a privileged people,
in the Lords property, in his inheritance."

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

**The Word was made flesh,
and lived among us.**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
He has blessed the children within you. **R.**

He established peace on your borders,
He feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
And swiftly runs his command. **R.**

He makes his word known to Jacob,
To Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
He has not taught them his decrees **R.**

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

Eph: 1:3-6. 15-18

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Je-
sus, Christ, who has blessed us with all the
spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Be-
fore the world was made, he chose us,
chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless,
and to live through love in his presence,
determining that we should become his
adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, for his
own kind purposes, to make us praise the
glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the
Beloved.

That will explain why I, having once heard
about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the
love that you show towards all the saints,
have never failed to remember you in my
prayers and to thank God for you. May the
God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wis-
dom and perception of what is revealed, to
bring you to full knowledge of him. May he
enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you
can see what hope his call holds for you,
what rich glories he has promised the saints
will inherit.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Glorify be to you, O Christ,
proclaimed to the pagans;**

**Glorify be to you, O Christ,
believed in by the world.**

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John **John 1: 1-18**

In the beginning was the Word:

the Word was with God
and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.

All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,

a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light that enlightens

all men;
and he was coming into the world.

He was in the world that had its being
through him, and the world did not
know him.

He came to his own domain and his
own people did not accept him.

But to all who did accept him he gave
power to become children of God, to
all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh or will of man but
of God himself.

The Word was made flesh, he lived
among us, and we saw his glory, the
glory that is his as the only Son of the
Father, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father al-
mighty,
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 Fa-
ther. 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 Bap-
tism 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

**To all who would accept him,
He gave the power to become**