



ENNIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Luke 6: 17. 20-26

16th February 2025

When we place all our hope in worldly success and comfort, we risk losing the deeper joy and fulfilment that can only come from God.

In His great teaching, Jesus somewhat paradoxically tells us that blessed are those who are poor, hungry, weeping and persecuted. The word 'Blessed' means a person's continual state of internal bliss rather than a particular blessing. In the eyes of the world, the poor, the hungry, and those who mourn are often overlooked and marginalized, or pitied but in God's eyes, they are blessed. Why? Because their poverty, hunger, and sorrow make them more open to receiving God's grace and mercy, being completely dependent on Him. They are not tied to the illusions of this world, they are ready to receive the kingdom of God.

How do we measure success? Is it by wealth, status, and comfort, or is it by how close we are to God, how open we are to His will, and how compassionate we are toward those in need? The Beatitudes remind us that true blessedness comes not from the world's standards, but from living in alignment with God's kingdom.

We live in a consumeristic society which believes that happiness comes from having plenty of the latest products for our use and enjoyment. It often encourages us to trust in ourselves, our wealth, power, and status. Very often, we fall prey to this misconception. True happiness is found only in God and not in materialism. He alone can comfort us, provide us with lasting joy and happiness especially in times of suffering, hardship and persecution. Let us ask ourselves where our trust is placed. Are we living with hope of the resurrection, in our hearts recognizing the blessings in our lives? In the mist of trials are we willing to persevere and live according to the values of God's kingdom. Let us pray that we may, like the tree planted by water, trust in the Lord, and may the Beatitudes shape our hearts and lives as we follow Jesus more closely.



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

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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>

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Priest on Duty 16th February, 2025
Contact: Fr. Tom Ryan 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Lorraine & Seán Cooley, Dalcassian Ave.
 Bill & Bido Judge, Station Rd.
 Patrick Kerin, Carron.

Sun 16th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Margaret McMahon, Loughville.
 Gerry & Mary Moroney, Lr. Market St.
 Brian & Kevin Hallahan, Dublin.
 Mai Carroll, Tralee.

11.30am: William (Bill) Leacy, College Grove.
 Lana & Mikie McNamara, Carrigaholt,
 James & Margaret Meehan, Killimer, Kilrush.
 Aedh O'Sullivan Kennedy, Ballygoreen.
 Mary Moloney, Kilmihil.
 Maureen Quinn, Galway & Dublin.

1pm: Mass for the Ukrainian Community.

6.30pm: Mass for the Polish Community.

Mon: 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Michael & Mary Hogan, St. Flannan's Tce.
 Noel Molloy, Turnpike Rd.
 Anne & Eddie O'Sullivan, Kilmihil.
 Bryan & Anne (Nancy) MacMahon, Woodlawn.
 Patrick Roberts, Bristol.

7.30pm: Aggie Sexton, Hermitage.
 Michael Dixon, St. Michael's Villas.
 John, Mary & Martin Healy, Loughrea.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Special Intention.

7.30pm: Cyril Lane, Bertortaoscáin.
 Michael & Mary Ryan, St. Michael's Villas.

Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Angela Murphy, Co. Meath.

7.30pm: Anthony Coyle, Gort Rd.

Thurs 7.40am: Gerry Keane, St. Anne's Tce.

11am: Monica Sheridan, Hermitage.

7.30pm: Jacksie & Lil Russell, Woodview, Kilrush Rd.
 Yvonne O'Callaghan Moore, Turnpike & Cahercalla.
 Mary Pigott, Connolly Villas.
 Nora Kearse, St. Michael's Villas.
 Patrick, Catherine & Margaret Doohan, Connolly.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People

11am: Tony Dargan & Siobhán Colleran, Limerick Rd.

7.30pm: Hannah Kearney, St. Patrick's Tce. **MM.**
 Christy Shannon & Deceased Shannon
 & Hewitt Families, Hermitage.

Sat: 11am: Daniel, Ellen, John & Eddie Kelly &
 Tom O'Sullivan, Fountain.
 Dr. Aidan Spooner, Clonroad Mews, Ennis.
 John O'Halloran, Cahercalla Rd.

12 noon: Mark Quinn, Dublin & Corofin **MM.**

6.30pm: Mary Lynch, Golf Links Rd. **MM.**
 Mary Philomena McMahon, Drumcarranmore,
 Loughville & Carmody St. **MM.**
 Thomas Connole, Old Military Barracks
 & Kilcorney, Kilfenora. **1st Anniv.**
 Patricia Tuohy, Considine Rd.
 David, Noreen & Alan Seery, Davitt Tce.

Sun 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: No intention booked.

11.30am: Frankie Coote, Cahercalla Cross. **MM.**
 Patricia O'Donnell, Cahercalla Drive. **MM.**
 James & Mary McMahon, Summerhill.
 Donal Ryan, Cusack Rd.
 Pat Jones, College Park.
 Senan Sheehan, Cillian O'Sullivan &
 Ellen Rosdale, Clare Rd.
 Robert (Bob) Meehan, Hearne Bay, Kent.
 Fiona Howard, Rockmount.

St. Brigid's Crosses

February is the month of Brigid but January in our parish is the month that we prepare and make the crosses.
 Thanks to a very generous and willing band of volunteers who came together each and every night during January to make crosses. The Cathedral Renovation Appeal was the beneficiary of €9,672.
 May St. Brigid continue to bless the homes and lives of people where her cross now stands and give them the protection and blessing of God.

Sixty-Six Years a Priest

Bishop Willie will be sixty-six years ordained this Friday. May God continue to bless him in his life and ministry among us.

St. Anthony's Brief



The latest edition of St. Anthony's Brief supporting the work and mission of the Franciscan Friars is available for sale in both the Friary and Cathedral for €2. The magazine helps spread devotion to St. Anthony.

Venerable Matt Talbot Relics

The Order of the Knights of St. Columbanus are going to be visiting Cathedrals and Churches throughout the various dioceses of Ireland that participate in the monthly Matt Talbot Prayer Society healing mass for those suffering from addiction and their families, with the relics of Venerable Matt Talbot, culminating in a Centenary Mass in Saint Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin on 7th June, 2025 to celebrate Venerable Matt Talbot 100 Centenary Year.

Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop of Dublin Dermot Farrell. The relics will visit Ennis Cathedral on Monday 3rd March for the Matt Talbot Prayer Society Mass at 7.30pm.
 A Saint of Our Times – Cause of Canonization of Venerable Matt Talbot.

Our Changing Church

The Killaloe Diocese Adult Faith Team invites you to a talk/discussion on Saturday, 1st of March 10am- 1pm in the Parish Centre, Ennis Cathedral.

Our speaker will be Michael Conway, Prof. of Faith & Culture in Maynooth, who will present current changes happening in the Church and initiate a dialogue on our possible response.

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 7pm: Patrick O'Donovan, Ennis.
 Kyle O'Donovan, London.
 Joan Stack, Lifford Rd.

Sun 16th 10am: Francie Mangan, Corrovorrin Grove.
 Flan Mangan, Turnpike.
 Maura Cavanagh, Pine Grove.
 Peadar & Marie O'Keeffe, Drumcliffe Rd.

11.45am: Jane McNamara, Corrovorrin. **MM.**

Mon 10.30am: Dónie & Paddy Lynch, Kilmaley.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: James, Bridget & Michael Murphy, Kilkerrin.

Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.

Sat: 10.30am: Katie Drennan, Clauraen, Lahinch Rd.

7pm: No intention booked.

Sun 26th 10am: No intention booked.

11.45am: May Costelloe, Edenvale, Kilrush Rd. **MM**
 Brendan Armstrong, Mountain View.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 16th 11am: Edward & Mary Hayes, Hermitage.
 Special Intention.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 23rd 11am: Tom Brooks, Drumcauranmore. **MM.**
 Garry Murphy, Considine Rd.
 Special Intention.
 Lucille Hayes, Pearse Ave., & Bridge Court.

Lourdes Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025



Our Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Fintan will depart Shannon Airport on Wednesday 25th June for 5 days. €995 pps includes full board.
 Our Diocesan Pilgrimage is from 29th September to 4th October €935 pps includes full board.
 To reserve a seat please contact Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt St., Dublin 2 D02WY88 Tel: 01 2410800 or joewalshstours.ie for more details.
 A limited number of assisted pilgrims will be accommodated on the June pilgrimage. €855 is the cost of this section. A medical declaration form must be completed and those interested in this section are asked to apply to Ms. Mary Freeman, Pilgrimage Secretary 087 9777896 or marybfreeman@gmail.com.
 The Franciscan Pilgrimage takes place from September 24th to 29th and more details can be had from Fr. Michael Nicholas, OFM, Pilgrimage Director, The Friary, Ennis.

Three Day Family Retreat

Starting this Sunday at 10am until Tuesday Morning at 9am in St. Flannan's College. Registration fee for food and accommodation €125.
 More details from 089 2777229 or 087 2113389

Catechesis for Adults & Youth

The meetings are in the Chapter Room in the Cathedral each Tuesday and Thursday at 8pm.
 More details from Fr. Fernando 083 126 8126.



**Ennis Book Club Festival
7th—9th March**

For tickets and more info, please visit ennisbookclubfestival.com or call (065) 6843103.

Ennis Flower & Garden Club

Ennis Flower & Garden Club present Malcolm Kitt, Cobh on Tuesday, February 18th at Treacys' West County Hotel Ennis; doors open at 7.30pm and demonstration commences at 8.15pm sharp, €10 non members, all are welcome, demonstrators' arrangements raffled on the night, annual membership night.

Contact ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

**Coláiste Muire 50th Reunion
Save the Date**



If you were a student of Coláiste Muire, Ennis from the years 1970 to 1975 you are invited to our 50th Reunion at Old Ground Hotel on Saturday 11th October.

More info from

Hilary Campbell 0877834139;
Margaret Neylon 0877761204;
Cora Hahessy 0879873702.



This month's Alzheimer Information Cafe is being held on the 19th of February, in our Ennis Centre, Cuan An Chlair, Cahercalla, from 11.30-13.30. This month the Ennis Fire Brigade will be joining us to talk about Fire Safety in the home.

All welcome to join us for tea and a chat. For more information contact Linda Murphy Tel: 0879152151, e-mail : linda.murphy@alzheimer.ie

REST IN PEACE



Sr. Fabian Boland, St. Xavier's, Convent of Mercy, Bóthar na Trócaire;

Mia Flanagan, Pine Grove;

Peadar Kelly, Ashfield Park & late Kelly's Corner;

Patsy McHugh, Clonroad;

Johnny Donnellan, 'St. Joseph's', Hermitage;

Padraig McMahon (Corky), Hermitage & Kilfenora;

Anam Cara Bereavement

Anam Cara are hosting an Online Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 18th February at 7pm—8.30pm for bereaved parents.

This is a collaborative event and will have members of other support organisations on our panel for the Q&A session.

Along with Brid Carrol we will have HUGG, A Little Lifetime and Feileacáin on the panel. If you know any bereaved parents who may benefit in joining us please pass on the registration details.

Clare Roots Society February Talk

February Talk at Clare Education Centre, Kilrush Road, Ennis V95 F782

Thursday 20th February 7.30pm

Lecture: Listening To The Past: Oral History For Genealogy by David Ryan

Fully Funded Adult Classes

Sewing and beginners' Embroidery courses commencing in February 2025 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@lcefb.ie



Resurgam, one of Ireland's finest vocal ensembles, presents *Lusitano: Travels & Tributes*, a concert of 16th-century sacred polyphony by Vicente Lusitano featuring Ennis Cathedral Junior Choir.

The performance takes place at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Ennis, on Sunday, 2nd March at 6:00pm.

A pre-concert panel discussion will explore this rare repertoire and the choir's development. Tickets: €15 full price, €10 concession, €5 students.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje



Medjugorje Pilgrimage 7 night pilgrimage 21st to 28th May, cost €875 per person sharing from Shannon to Mostar.

Contact Rachel Haren 087 6747869.

Divine Mercy Conference, RDS Dublin Day return (from Clarecastle) bus Saturday 22nd February.

€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

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne



**An Séú Domhnach Saor
An Eocairist**

I gcomaoin le Críost agus lena chéile
Eochair na fuascailte is eochair na bhFlaitheas dúinn uile –
Ortha an tslánaithe is ortha an aoibhnis don chine –
Caidreamh is comhlúadar Críostaithe le Dia is le chéile –
Admhaíonn ár gcreideamh athrú an Aráin is an Fhíona –
Ithear an tArán is leigheastar anamacha tinne
Rith chun Dé ár rith de shíor is choíche –
Iontach linn teacht Chríost, bás Chríost, Aiséirí Chríost –
Sólás dúinne lón ár n-anama a roinnt –
Teachtaireacht shlánaitheach Íosa ár n-oidhreacht is ár ríocht.

(Ciarán Ó Coigligh, a chum don Chomhdháil Eocairisteach 2012)

**The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Eucharist**

In Communion with Christ and with one another

Key to redemption and key to heaven for each of us;
Shield against danger and our sure hope of joy;
Friendship and fellowship between each other and God;

We believe bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ;
The Eucharist heals our souls;
Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee;
Wonderful for us the birth, death and resurrection of Christ;
We find comfort in sharing this Bread;
Christ's message of redemption is our inheritance and reward.

*When we focus on gratitude,
the tide of disappointment goes out
and the tide of love rushes in.*



Kristin Armstrong

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 9th February

Fund **€5,920**
Online **€406**

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God,
A mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!"

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 Jeremiah

Jer 17:5-8

The Lord says this:
A curse on the man who put his trust in
people,
who rely on things of flesh,
whose hearts turn from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
He settles in the parched places of the
wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in
the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrust its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
Its foliage stays green;
It has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*Response: Happy are those who place
their trust in the Lord*

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders God's law day and night.

R.

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.

R.

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

R.

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

1 Cor 15:12-16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has
been preached, how can some of you be
saying that there is no resurrection of the
dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ
has not been raised, and if Christ has not
been raised, you are still in your sins. And
what is more serious, all who have died in
Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ
has been for this life only, we are the most
unfortunate of all people.
But Christ has in fact been raised from the
dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen
asleep.

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 Luke.

Lk 6:17.20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and
stopped at a piece of level ground where
there was a large gathering of his disciples
with a great crowd of people from all parts of
Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the
coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had
come to hear him and to be cured of their
diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:
'How happy are you who are poor: yours is
the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be
satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh'.
'Happy are you when people hate you, drive
you out, abuse you, denounce your name as
criminal, on account of the Son of Man.
Rejoice when that day comes and dance for
joy, for then your reward will be great in
heaven. This was the way their ancestors
treated the prophets
'But alas for you who are rich: you are having
your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall
go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn
and weep.'

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of
you! This was the way their ancestors treated
the false prophets.'

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

**They ate and had their fill,
And what they craved the Lord gave them;
They were not disappointed in what they
craved.**