



ENNIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Luke 6: 27-38

23th February 2025



This Sunday's Gospel contains some of the most famous and powerful words of Jesus' preaching: "Love your enemies". It is taken from Luke's Gospel but is also found in Matthew's account of the "Beatitudes". Jesus delivered it in Galilee at the beginning of his public life: it is, almost like, a "manifesto" presented to all, in which he asks for his disciples' agreement, proposing his radical model of life to them and indeed to us.

But what do his words mean? Why does Jesus ask us to love our enemies, that is, a love which seems to go against the grain, which seems to be beyond us? Actually, Jesus' proposal is necessary because it takes into account that in the world there is too much violence, too much injustice, and therefore that this situation cannot be overcome except by countering it with more love, with more goodness. This "more" comes from God: it is his mercy which was made flesh in Jesus and which alone can "tip

the balance" of the world from evil to good, starting with that small and decisive place where so much change begins, that is in the individual human heart.

This Gospel passage is rightly considered the perfect example of the Christian ideal of non-violence. It does not consist in succumbing to evil, as a false interpretation of "turning the other cheek" claims, but in responding to evil with good and thereby breaking the chain of injustice. For Christians, non-violence is not merely tactical behaviour but a person's way of being, the attitude of someone who is so convinced of God's love and power that he or she is not afraid to tackle evil with the weapons of love and truth alone.

Love of our enemy constitutes the heart of the "Christian revolution", a revolution not based on economics, politics or media power: the revolution of love, a love that does not rely ultimately on human resources but is a gift of God. A love which comes by trusting solely and unreservedly in his merciful goodness. Here is the power of the Gospel which silently changes the world!

More and more in our modern world we are tempted to view others as the enemy, and to view enemies as targets to be destroyed. Jesus offers us an alternative view and an alternative course of action. To respond to violence with peace, to injustice with justice and to hate with love.

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

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/ennisparish>

Priest on Duty 23rd February, 2025
Contact: Fr. Pat Malone Tel 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

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.
 Margaret McHugh, Donegal.
 Seán St. Claire, Dublin.

Sun 23rd 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.

Mon: 7.40am: Frances Molony, O'Connell St.

11am: John & Mary McMahon, Kinturk, Connolly.
 Harry McTigue, Corbally, Limerick.
 Kitty & John Looney, Kilmihil.

7.30pm: Peter Walsh, Corrovorrin & Kilrush.

Tues:7.40am: Book of Intentions.

11am: Maura Cudmore.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Wed 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: T. Kenny, Rathflynn, Corofin.

7.30pm: Ailish O'Dwyer McNamara, Bodyke.
 Tom Flynn, Golf Links Rd.

Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Mary Pickford, Drumbiggle Rd.

7.30pm: Carmel Queally, Dalcassian Drive. **1st Anniv.**
 Philip Cahill, Lissycasey.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Susie Mooney, Brosna, Co. Kerry.
 Special Intention.

7.30pm: Maria Suzel, Portugal. **1st Anniv.**

Terry & Michael O'Donoghue, Edenvale.
 Patrick Murphy, Circular Rd.
 Maura, Joe, Johnny, Marie & Denis Griffey,
 Inch & New York.
 Michael Kelly, Beechpark.
 Frank Lillis, Beechpark.

Sat:11am: Mary & Stephen Meaney, Greenpark.

John & Nora McGrath, Considine Rd.
 James O'Halloran, Clare Rd.

6.30pm: Moira Coffey, Claireen Drive.
 Gerry McNamara, Corrovorrin Crescent. **1st Anniv.**
 Patrick Hurson, Summerhill.
 Marion Sheill, Friars' Close, Clonroad.
 Jim Casey, Athlone & Parnell St.
 John & Elizabeth Fleming, Marian Avenue
 & John Guion.
 Maura & Micheál Frawley, Cahercalla.

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

9.30am: No intention booked.

11.30am: Kathleen Lee, Gallows' Hill. MM.

Phil & James Barrow, Drumcliffe.
 Patricia & Margaret Graham, Cusack Rd.
 Paraic Walshe, Cork & Mayo
 & Walshe & Greene families.
 Mark Leyden, Shanaway Rd.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €50 and €100. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Bishop Willie Walsh

Born 16th January, 1935
 Died 19th February, 2025



Bishop Willie's remains will repose in the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul on this Sunday from 3pm concluding with evening prayer at 7pm. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 1pm followed by burial in Cathedral Grounds.

May he be blessed with
 Cinneáltais Christ.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday as a mark of respect on the death of Bishop Willie. May he rest in peace.

First Confession



First Confession will be celebrated on:

Tuesday 6pm: The Cathedral for Ennis National School;

Wednesday 7pm: St. Joseph's for Ennis CBS;

Thursday 6pm: The Cathedral for Holy Family School.

Adoration

Please note that due to First Confession, Adoration on Tuesday & Thursday in the Cathedral is cancelled this week.

Newly Baptised



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

John Paul Pius Sweeney;
Thomas Joseph Molloy.

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: No intention booked.

Sun 23rd 10am: No intention booked.

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

Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: Eddie & Anna Casey, Marian Ave.

Thu 10.30am: Monica Howard, Ennis.

Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.

Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.

7pm: Kathleen Reilly, Corrovorrin Crescent.
 Jimmy Coughlan, UK & Marian Ave.

Sun 2nd 10am: Bridget Rooney, London &
 Charlestown.

11.45am: Mary Curtin, Willow Park.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 23rd 11am: Garry Murphy, Considine Rd.
 Tom Brooks, Drumcauran, Fountain.MM.

Special Intention.

Lucille Hayes, Pearse Ave. & Bridge Court.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 2nd 11am: Special Intention.

Lourdes Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Fintan will depart Shannon Airport on Wednesday 25th June for 5 days. €955 pps includes full board.

Our Diocesan Autumn 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 DO2WY88

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 for 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- 9777896or marybfreeman@gmail.com

Sponsor a Sick Pilgrim

Each year some people sponsor a sick or assisted pilgrim to make their wish of travelling to Lourdes become a reality. The cost is €855 per pilgrim. To sponsor or part sponsor a pilgrim please contact Fr. Tom Ryan Pilgrimage Director 087-2349816.

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.

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 6pm.

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

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's 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.

 **Ennis Book Club Festival**
7th—9th March
For tickets and more info, please visit ennisbookclubfestival.com or call 065 6843103.

Catechesis for Adults & Youth

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

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 7 night pilgrimage 21st to 28th May, cost €875 per person sharing from Shannon to Mostar.
Contact Rachel Haren 087 6747869.

'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry
Are you involved, or keen to become involved in Church Music in your Parish, School, University etc.? We invite you to join us for 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry. Saturday 26th April at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am.

This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus).

Registration is essential via

<https://bit.ly/SingforJoy>.

For further information please contact [in-fo@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk](mailto:info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk) / +447759496677

REST IN PEACE



William O'Donoghue,
Loretto Apartments, Carmody St.

Catherine Fitzpatrick O'Sullivan, Bushypark.

Bishop Willie Walsh.

Maura Sheppard, Tullow, Co. Carlow,
mother of Anne Moloney, Tulla Rd.

Billy Cummins, Drogheda, Co. Louth,
brother of Sr. Terri Cummins, Ardlea Close.

Sr. Fabian Boland

4th January, 1923 – 7th February, 2025



The death occurred peacefully in her 103rd year of Sr. Fabian in University Hospital, Limerick on Friday, 7th February after a short illness.

Anne Christina Boland was born to Catherine Moloney and Matthew Boland on the 4th January, 1923 in Claremount, Broadford, Co. Clare. She was educated in O'Callaghan's Mills Primary School and as a boarder in Coláiste Muire, Ennis. She entered the Sisters of Mercy in Ennis in 1941 and later trained in Tourmakeady as a Science and Home Economics Teacher. For fourteen years from 1944 to 1958 she was on the teaching staff of Coláiste Muire, Ennis and from 1958 to 1972 she was Bursar in St. Xavier's Convent, Ennis, after which she spent time as local leader in both Birr and Kilrush.

In 1980 on returning to St. Xavier's she was given responsibility for the Altar Bread Department. For many years the Sisters made and supplied Altar Breads to parishes in the Killaloe Diocese.

It was during Sr. Fabian's time that this particular work moved from the Sisters to the Brothers of Charity on the Dulick Industrial Estate.

Fabian was always a calm, gentle, diligent and most obliging person. When cars first arrived in Convents, Fabian always offered to do the driving – journeys long or short were not a problem for her.

Her final years were spent with her sisters in St. Xavier's where daily Mass and prayer were very much part of each day.

To her nieces and nephews and her fellow Sisters of Mercy, we offer our sympathy and thank you for the gift of Sr. Fabian to our Parish and Diocese.

On Monday 10th February, after Funeral Mass in the Cathedral, Fabian was laid to rest in the Mercy Section of Drumcliffe Cemetery. May her gentle soul rest in peace.

Ennis Community Games



Ennis Community Games Area Swimming Competition 2025 is being held on Wednesday February 26th at the Ennis Leisure Complex starting at 5pm Sharp.

Registration from 4.15pm to 4.45pm on the day. Please direct all enquiries to ennis-st-johns@communitygames.eu

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Paidreacha ne nGael



Seo paidir a deirtí ar dhul isteach i dteach nua.

*Go mbeannaí Dia an teach seo óna bhun go dtí a bharr,
Go mbeannaí Sé gach fardoras, gach cloch is gach clár;
Go mbeannaí Sé an teaghlach, is an bord ar a leagtar bia.*

*Go mbeannaí Sé gach seamra i gcomhair sámh-chodladh na hoíche.
Go mbeannaí Sé an doras a osclóimid go fial don stróinséir is don bhochtán Chomh maith is dár ngaol,
Go mbeannaí Sé na fuinneoga a ligeann dúinn an léas ó sholas geal na gréine, na gealaí is na na réaltaí;
Go bhfána síocháin dá réir sin don ár gcomharsan cion is grá
Go mbeannaí Dia an muirear seo againn agus a choimeád ó bhaol,
Is go stiúra Sé sinn uile go dtí a Rí Bhrú féin. Áiméan*

God bless this house,
from foundation to roof,
every stone and board.
God bless the household
and the table laden with food.

Bless each room with peaceful sleep.
to stranger and kin.
Bless the windows
letting God's light in.
May peace always reign between
neighbours and
and lead us to His Kingdom above.
Amen

St. Flannan's College Night Classes

New Night Classes and Saturday Workshops for Adults will start on Wednesday March 5th at St. Flannan's College. Classes include: Cross-stitching, Mixed-Media, Mindfulness, Millinery, Paper-Making, Ukulele and Felting.
Text/phone 083 1090039 for further details and bookings.

Tribute Trad Session in Cois na hAbhna this Sunday 23rd February @ 6pm-8.30 for the late Jim Maher Kilnaboy.
Cupán taé. All welcome.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 16th February
Fund 5,279
Online €274.50

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been
bountiful with me.

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 first book of Samuel

1 Sam 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness
of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men
chosen from Israel to search for David in the
wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their
way towards the force, where they found Saul
lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck
in the ground beside his head, with Abner and
the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has
put your enemy in your power; so now let me
pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just
one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.'
David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for
who can lift his hand against the Lord's
anointed and be without guilt?' David took
the spear and the pitcher of water from beside
Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw,
no one knew, no one woke up; they were all
asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had
fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on
the top of the mountain a long way off; there
was a wide space between them. David then

called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one
of the soldiers come across and take it. The
Lord repays everyone for his uprightness
and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my
power, but I would not raise my hand against
the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm;

**Response: The Lord is compassion and
love.**

*My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.*

*My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. R.*

*It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. R.*

*The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. R.*

*As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.*

*As a father has compassion on his sons
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. R*

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says,
became a living soul; but the last Adam has
become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the
one with the soul, not the spirit, and after
that, the one with the spirit. The first man,
being from the earth, is earthly by nature;
the second man is from heaven. As this
earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as
the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven.
And we, who have been modelled on the
earthly man, will be modelled on the
heavenly man.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.*

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you
who are listening: Love your enemies, do
good to those who hate you, bless those
who curse you, pray for those who treat you
badly. To the man who slaps you on one
cheek, present the other cheek too; to the
man who takes your cloak from you, do not
refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who
asks you, and do not ask for your property

back from the man who robs you. Treat
others as you would like them to treat you. If
you love those who love you, what thanks
can you expect? Even sinners love those
who love them. And if you do good to those
who do good to you, what thanks can you
expect? For even sinners do that much.
And if you lend to those from whom you hope
to receive, what thanks can you expect?
Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the
same amount. Instead, love your enemies,
and do good, and lend without any hope of
return. You will have a great reward, and you
will be sons of the Most High, for he himself
is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.
'Be compassionate as your Father is
compassionate. Do not judge, and you will
not be judged yourselves; do not condemn
and you will not be condemned yourselves;
grant pardon, and you will be pardoned.
Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full
measure pressed down, shaken together,
and running over, will be poured into your
lap; because the amount you measure out is
the amount you will be given back.'

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

**I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalm to your name,**