



ENNIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Luke 6: 39-45

2nd March 2025

Many people condemn the “me first” attitude as being self-centred, self-serving, or egocentric. However, in the Gospel passage, Jesus tells us to develop a “me first” attitude in the context of personal holiness rather than self-aggrandizement.

Jesus is asking us to take care of our own spiritual growth before attending to others because we cannot give what we do not have. To illustrate the importance of personal holiness, He uses four metaphors:



* Blind guides – It is clear that a blind person cannot lead another blind person; both will fall into a pit. Likewise, we must strive to be holy first so that we can effectively guide others to holiness.

*A good teacher forms good disciples – A good teacher knows how to train disciples so that they may become equal to their master, though not surpass him. Holiness and wisdom must first be cultivated in oneself before they can be passed on to others.

*A good tree bears good fruit – This truth is simple yet often overlooked. Parents who instruct their children to behave must first model good behaviour themselves; otherwise, their words will be in vain.

*From the heart, the mouth speaks – What is inside a person will eventually be revealed through words and actions. No matter how much someone tries to pretend or deceive, the truth will come out. If a person harbours grudges and jealousy, it will be evident in their words and deeds. Likewise, if love rules the heart, it will manifest in kind words and loving actions.

No one is without fault. That is why Jesus teaches us to focus on correcting our own shortcomings before pointing out the faults of others. If we try to correct others without first correcting ourselves, we risk being seen as hypocrites, and our words will lack credibility. Instead of looking at others with critical eyes, Jesus invites us to see them with a merciful and forgiving heart.

This Wednesday, we begin Lent with Ash Wednesday. It is a time to follow Jesus by setting a good example and encouraging one another in faith.

Lent offers Christians a special opportunity to pause and reflect on their spiritual journey. It reminds us of the importance of repentance, self-discipline, and putting others before ourselves. It encourages us to engage in deep prayer and recognize our dependence on God. Through sincere contemplation and prayerful meditation, we can draw closer to Him and renew our commitment to a life of holiness.

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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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Moira Coffey, Claureen Drive.
 Gerry McNamara, Corrovorrin Crescent. **1st Anniv.**
 Angela Reidy, Gort na mBláth, Tulla Rd. **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.
 Billy Kelly, Charelstown, Mayo & Chiswick, London.
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.
 Simon O'Donnell, Kilrush Rd.
 Mike Archer, The Park, Quin.
 Annie Moloney, Hermitage.
7.30pm: Mass for the Polish Community.
Mon: 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: Philip Smyth, Roscommon.
 Mary & Patrick Quigley & PJ Jr., Ballinacara, Kilfenora.
 Brian McMahon, Caherea, Lissycasey.
7.30pm: No intention booked.
Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: Patrick, Bridget & Liam Keane,
 Upper Market St.
7.30pm: Tom & Ena Hogan, Ballymaley, Gort Rd.
 Nellie Galvin & Family, Barrack St.
8pm: Ceremony of Light Ennis NS.
Wed 7.40am: Ash Wednesday.
11am: Paddy Brennan, O'Connell St.
7.30pm: No intention booked.
Thurs 7.40am: Deceased Doohan Family, Lissycasey.
 Peter & Mary White, Clare Rd.
 Danny, Kathleen & Mary Callinan, Parnell St.
 Eugene McMahon, College Rd.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Seán Dinan, St. Michael's Villas.
Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Catherine Fitzpatrick, Kilkee.
7.30pm: No intention booked.
Sat: 11am: Susan Feore, Ennis.
6.30pm: Christina & Michael Lynch, Clare Rd
 Audrey Woods Keogh, Newmarket-on-Fergus. **1st Anniv.**
 John O'Sullivan, Fountain.
 Thomas & Tommy Cronin, Kilrush Rd. & Cork.
 Frank McMahon, Drumcaranmore.
 Brassil Family, Ennis & Kilrush.
 Annette O'Brien, Ard Aoibhin, Limerick Rd.
 Joan Moloney, Considine Rd.
 John & Margaret Coffe, Mayo.
Sun 9th 8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: No intention booked.
11.30am: Noel O'Grady, Oak Park. **1st Anniv.**
 Margaret Hayes, Clonroad.
 Martin & Brid Moloney, Clare Rd.
 Kitty Tierney, Cahercalla.
 Joan Petty & Deceased Petty Family, Ennis.
5pm: Mass for the Brazilian Community.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal
 In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €50, 50 and 20. and €100. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Ash Wednesday



Our Lenten Journey begins next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence.

The Lenten Season is part of our Christian Tradition where we are encouraged by Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving to grow in our relationship with God.

The blessing and distribution of ashes will take place after all masses on Wednesday.

Education Appeal

The second collection at all masses this weekend is to support the Education of Students to the Priesthood and Lay Ministry in our diocese.

We thank God for our two students in seminary formation and over thirty students in Lay Formation. These people will play an important part in the future of our Church and your contribution to this appeal will help greatly in their formation.

The Relics of Matt Talbot



This Monday at the 7.30pm Mass in the Cathedral we welcome the Relics of Venerable Matt Talbot. We welcome the Knights of Columbanus who are bringing the relics on a nationwide tour in preparation for the centenary of the death of Venerable Matt Talbot on the 7th June, 2025.

Matt Talbot was born in Dublin in 1856. He became addicted to alcohol at a very young age and with the help of prayer was able to turn his life around for the better and died suddenly on his way to Mass on Sunday 7th June, 1925.



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 7pm: Kathleen Reilly, Corrovorrin Crescent.
 Jimmy Coughlan, UK & Marian Ave.
 Mary Hartney, Mountain View.
Sun 2nd 10am: Bridget Rooney,
 London & Charlestown.
11.45am: Mary Curtin, Willow Park.
 John Sheridan, Marian Ave.
Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.
Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.
 Maureen Fox, Roslevan.
Wed 10.30am: Ash Wednesday.
Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.
Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.
Sat: 10.30am: Eddie Micks, The Crescent. **1st Anniv.**
 Gerry Woods, Knockaderry, Tulla Rd.
 Pat Fitzpatrick, Coraveen, Lifford.
 Matt O'Connor, New Rd.
 Joan & Tristan Rose Crowe, Willow Park.
 Michael McMahon & Muriel McInerney, Coolmeenbeg.
7pm: Jim O'Driscoll & Deceased O'Driscoll
 Family, Ennis & Castleconnell.
Sun 9th 10am: No intention booked.
11.45am: No intention booked.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 2nd 11am: Special Intention.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Ash Wednesday.
 Special Intention.
Sun 9th 11am: Brid Flanagan & Flanagan Family,
 Loughville & Ballygriffey.

Our Lenten Journey



Morning Prayer

Monday to Friday 7.30am Cathedral.

Daily Mass:

Seven daily masses to choose from in the parish.

7.40am	Cathedral
7.45am	Poor Clares
9.30am	Cloughleigh
10am	Friary
10.30am	St. Joseph's
11am	Cathedral
7.30pm	Cathedral.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday to Friday 5pm – 7pm

Stations of the Cross:

Friday 8pm Cathedral.

Catechesis for Adults & Youth

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8pm at Chapter Room, Cathedral.

Trocaire

The Annual Trócaire Lenten Campaign begins on Ash Wednesday.



First Friday



Friday next 7th March is the First Friday of the month. Parishioners will receive the Sacraments at home.

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

Day of Atonement

Friday 7th March is a Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse. A candle of Atonement will be lit at the 7.40am Mass in the Cathedral which will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan and will remain lit all day as we invite you to pray for the survivors and victims of abuse.

A similar candle will be lit in every Cathedral in Ireland on Friday.

Online Auction

Our online Auction raised €10,145 for the Cathedral Renovation Appeal. Our thanks to all who organised and participated in the annual much needed fundraiser to help improve and care for our Cathedral.

We received many compliments on the beauty of the Cathedral from visitors and viewers after it featured on television on the occasion of Bishop Willie's Funeral.

We thank and pray for all our benefactors.

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 joewalstours.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- 9777896 or 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

Newly Baptised

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

Anna Grace O'Grady;
Oran Patrick O'Rourke;
Oisín Louis Byrne Hunt;
Ivy Sholarin O'Neill;
Sophia Minuczyc;
Anthony Minuczyc.



Bishop Willie Walsh 1935-2025



Bishop Willie Walsh was born on January 16th, 1935 in Glenbeha, Roscrea Co. Tipperary. The youngest of six children, he attended Corville and Roscrea National schools. From 1947 to 1952 he attended St. Flannan's College in Ennis. In 1952 he began his studies for the priesthood at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. In 1955 he went to the Pontifical Irish College in Rome and was ordained to the priesthood in the Basilica of St. John Lateran, on the 21st of February 1959 by Cardinal Luigi Traglia.

After ordination, Bishop Walsh returned to the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome for further studies where he was awarded a Doctorate in Canon Law in 1962. He spent a year in Coláiste Éanna in Galway and he was then appointed to the staff of St. Flannan's College in Ennis in 1963. He taught Maths, Science, Physics and Religion for 25 years until his appointment as curate at the Cathedral in Ennis in 1988. In 1990, he was appointed as Administrator of the Cathedral and held that position until he was appointed as Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese on the 21st of June 1994.

He was ordained Bishop at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Ennis on the 2nd of October 1994, following the unexpected death of Bishop Michael Harty and served as Bishop of the Diocese for 17 years.

He retired in 2010 on the appointment of Bishop Kieran O'Reilly as Bishop of Killaloe.

He died on February 19th, 2025.
May He Rest in Peace.

A Word of Thanks

The sudden death of Bishop Willie and the organisation of his funeral meant that so many people were involved in recent days.

Our thanks to the many parish volunteers, staff and organisations that helped during the funeral.

To his beloved Éire ÓG Club who helped with stewarding, Brigdale Coaches who organised a shuttle bus service, O'Connors' Bakery, the Gardaí and the Cathedral Choir.

We are grateful for all the help and support during these sad days in the life of our Parish Community.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 23rd February

Fund **€5,161**
Online **€201.50**

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An tOchtú Domhnach Saor

Cuirimid fáilte roimh Mhí an Mháirta, mí an fheirmeora, mí na sailchuaiche, mí na hathbheochana. I mí an Mháirta bí linn a Thiarna.

An Chéadaoin seo chugainn Céadaoin an Luaitheigh, an chéad lá den Charghas. Is ré aithrí in onóir do Pháis Chríost é tráth an Charghais. Beannaítear luaitheach ar an lá seo agus cuirtear ar chlár éadain an duine é leis na focail "déanaigí aithrí agus creidigí sa soiscéal". Is am troscaidh, aithrí agus paidreoireachta é An Carghas.

*A losa glan mo chroí-se go gléghlan gach lá;
A losa cuir m'intinn faoi léirsmaight do ghrá.*

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We welcome the month of March, month of the farmer, month of the violet, month of renewal. Be with us O Lord in the month of March.

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. It is a period of reparation in honour of the Passion of Christ. Ashes, reminding us of our mortality, are blessed and distributed with the words "turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel". This is a time of fasting, penance and prayer.

Jesus cleanse my heart and purify it each day;
Jesus, let my mind be guided by your love.

Clare COPD Support Group Ireland now meet on Thursday morning at 10:30am in the Maria Assumpta Hall, Ennis. If you have COPD come along please.

Try your luck at Bingo. St. Anne's School Parents' Association are hosting a fundraiser on Sunday 2nd March at Woodstock Hotel with MC James Sexton at 7pm. Prize money €1500 & spot prizes.

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will return on Ash Wednesday, 5th March at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Bishop Fintan Monahan will open the Novena. The Novena will include the blessing and distribution of ashes. Attending this Novena could be your Lenten resolution.

Friary News

The Monthly Mass for SFO members will take place on Wednesday 5th March 2025 at 10 am. We will pray the office after Mass.

There will be an evening meeting in the Friary Parlour at 7.30 pm for those that are unable attend the morning meeting.

Ennis Community Games are now taking entries for this year's art competition. The Closing date for the Ennis Area is Friday March 7th. Entries will be collected from all the Ennis Primary and Secondary Schools. Please direct all enquiries to ennis-st-johns@communitygames.eu

REST IN PEACE

Sheila Guerin née Garvey, Woodstock House, Ballylannidy, Shanaway Road, Ennis;

Francie Keane, Golf Links Road;

David Geraghty, Kincora Park & formerly of Church St., Glenamaddy, Co. Galway;

Michael Fallon, Willow Park, Ennis, & formerly St. Michaels Villas;

Baby Rayna Natasha Mahon, Ballaghboy, Doora;

Fr. Martin B. Mulqueen, Palm City, Florida. & Ballygriffey, Ruan, brother of Gerry, Kevin Barry Ave. & Helen, Meadowcourt.



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in 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 Book of
Ecclesiasticus.

Ecc1 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
So too the defects of a man appear in his
talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter,

The test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where the tree grows is judged
on the quality of it's fruit, similarly a man's
words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*Response: It is good to give you thanks,
O Lord.*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
To proclaim your love in the morning and
your truth in the watches of the night.

R

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon Cedar.

R

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong. R

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

1 Cor15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on
imperishability, and when this mortal
nature has put on immortality, then the
words of scripture will come true: Death is
swallowed up in victory. Death, where is
your victory? Death, where is your sting?
Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets
it's power from the Law. So let us thank
God for giving us the victory through our
Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers,
never admit defeat; keep on working at the
Lord's work always, knowing that, in the
Lord, you cannot be laboring in vain.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Open our hearts, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!*

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

Lk 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. 'Can
one blind man guide another? Surely both
will fall in to a pit? The disciple is not
superior to his teacher; the fully trained
disciple will always be like his teacher.

Why do you observe the splinter in your
brother's eye and never notice the plank in
your own? How can you say to your
brother, "Brother, let me take out the
splinter that is in your eye," when you
cannot see the plank in your own.
Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own
eyes first

and then you will see clearly enough to
take out the splinter that is in your
brother's eye.

There is no sound tree that produces
rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that
produces sound fruit. For every tree can
be told by it's own fruit, people do not pick
figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from
brambles. A good man draws what is good
from the store of goodness in his heart; a
bad man draws what is bad from the store
of badness. For a man's words flow out of
what fills his heart.'

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 sing to the Lord who has been
bountiful with me, sing psalms to the
name of the Lord Most High.