



ENNIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Luke 5: 1-11

9th February 2025



There is drama both in the call of the apostles and Paul's own conversion story to which he refers in his letter to the Corinthians. Is it any wonder then that many look for signs and miracles to guide their way of faith and religious practice? Can't we too expect some drama in our Christian story so that we can convince others and ourselves of how this is indeed a special way of life? But look again – Simon and his companions are fishing when they are called. Paul was walking along the road when he encountered the voice of God which caused such a change in his life. The simplicity of their actions is where they meet the Lord. So rather than me looking for a miraculous encounter, apparitions, visions or anything else – and it's not to say that these things have never happened – but it is in the simple everyday words and actions that I will the Lord.

The call from the Lord begins with a humble contrite heart, offering our very selves. The Eastern mystic Symeon the New Theologian (949-1022) wrote:

*We awaken in Christ's body,
as Christ awakens our bodies.
There I look down and my poor hand is
Christ,
He enters my foot and is infinitely me.
I move my hand and wonderfully
my hand becomes Christ,
Becomes all of Him.
I move my foot and at once
He appears in a flash of lightning.
Do my words seem blasphemous to you?
Then open your heart to him
And let yourself receive the one
Who is opening to you so deeply.
For if we genuinely love Him,
We wake up inside Christ's body
Where all our body all over
Every most hidden part of it,
Is realised in joy as Him,
And He makes us utterly real.
And everything that is hurt, everything
That seemed to us dark, harsh, shameful,
maimed, ugly, irreparably damaged
Is in Him transformed.
And in Him, recognised as whole, as
lovely,
And radiant in His light,
We awaken as the beloved
In every last part of our body.*

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

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Priest on Duty 9th February, 2025

Contact Fr. Martin Blake—065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

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

Sun 9th 8am: Ted Hanley, Brockley, London.

9.30am: Virginia Donnellan, "St. Joseph's", Hermitage.
 Helen Griffin, Woodlawn, Louhgville.
 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.

5pm: Mass for the Brazilian Community.

Mon: 7.40am: Dan Greene & Mary Pyne, Kilmaley.
 Edmund Cahill, Corofin.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Deirdre Daly, Considine Rd.
 Special Intention.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

Josephine Slattery, Knockadoon, Tulla.

11am: Nancy, William & Margaret Grogan.

7.30pm: Flora Herlihy, Coopers' Place.
 Special Intention.

Wed 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: Micheál O'Loinsigh, Clarecastle.

7.30pm: John Scanlon, Dalcassian Ave.
 Special Intention.

Michael, Margaret, Michael Jr. & James McMahan,
 Drumcarranmore Fountain.

Thurs 7.40am: Slattery Family, Tulla.

11am: Jimmy McNamara, Golf Links Rd.
 Teresa McCormack, Hermitage.

7.30pm: Special Intention.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Olive & Tom Slattery, Colledge Park.

7.30pm: Hannah Kearney, St. Patrick's Tce. MM.
 Paddy & Mary Keane, Limerick Rd.

Bernadette & Joseph Keane, Summerhill.
 Special Intention.

Marie Lynch, Cloughleigh Rd.

Sat: 11am: Paddy & Maura Bugler, Bugler Family,
 & Deely Family, Ennis & Kilnadeema.

Nora Barrett & Michael Bugler, Ennis.

Susan & Pappy Downes, The Hand, Mullagh.

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

Sun 16th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Margaret McMahan, 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.

1pm: Mass for the Ukrainian Community.

6.30pm: Mass for the Polish Community.

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Newly Baptised

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

James John Casey;
Ellie Bridget Purtill



Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €1,000, €200 & €50. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.



The Irish Blood Transfusion Service issued an urgent appeal following Storm Eowyn's closure of clinics nationwide.

Blood Donation Clinic Ennis West County Hotel

Sun 9th February

11.50am – 3.10pm

Monday 10th February

4.50pm – 8.10pm

Tuesday 11th February

4.50pm – 8.10pm

New Donors are welcome.

Please phone 1800 222 111 for appointment

Our national supply of blood products is now critically low.

Cheers for Jeers

In the world of industry sales, there is a term called 'Greenwash'. It refers to the common practice of putting terms like 'ecologically friendly' 'farm fresh' 'recycled and recyclable' on the packaging of your item.

While some of the claims may be questionable, there is a promotional tool in these environmentally sensitive times.

We're used to things being dressed up. The public face, the flattering light, the best gloss, putting the 'spin' on some piece of news. We all like to make an impression – and strange as it may seem – that is precisely the impression we make. In some ways everyone has three characters; that which they exhibit, that which they have, and that which they think they have.

We could also add the character that others think we have. For we all make the same mistake as the first hearers of Jesus in that Nazareth Synagogue. The opinions of others vary as much in range as they do in error. We can't do much to control that.

However, we certainly can choose whether we spend our energies living according to the plan of others or to the direction that God has appointed for us.

The first step in dealing with misunderstanding is to understand who you are. You do – don't you?



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Monica O'Loughlin, Cappahard. MM
 Tony Strand, Shannon Park.

Sun 9th 10am: Pat & Kathleen O'Malley, Cloverhill.
11.45am: Teresa Howard, Kilrush Rd.

Mary Keane nee Mounsey, Marian Avenue. MM
 Griffin family, Loughburke, Kilmaley.

Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.

Tues 10.30am: Jim Keown, Corofin.
 Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: Cahill & Walsh Families, Co. Cork.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.

Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.

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.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9th 11am: Kitty McDermott, Cloughleigh Rd.
 P.J., Bridie, Gerard & Trevor Dilger, Hermitage.
 Special Intention.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

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

Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes



Our Annual Novena in preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes continues until Tuesday next the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

Sunday 11.30am Mass

Speaker: Emma Murray, Pilgrimage Youth Leader.

Monday 7.30pm Mass

Speaker: Fr. Brendan Quinlivan followed by the Marian International Torchlight Rosary.

Tuesday 7.30pm Mass

Bishop Fintan celebrating World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

Lourdes Pilgrimages 2025

25th – 30th June:

Diocesan Pilgrimage;

24th – 29th September:

Franciscan Pilgrimage;

29th September- 4th October:

Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage.

All three pilgrimages from Shannon Airport.

More details from:

Diocesan Pilgrimage: Fr. Tom, Cathedral.

Franciscan Pilgrimage: Fr. Michael Nicholas OFM,
 Friary, Ennis.

Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope



Pilgrimage Locations at National Level

Shrine of Our Lady, Knock, Co. Mayo;
St. Patrick's Purgatory, Lough Derg, Co. Donegal;
Croagh Patrick, Co. Mayo;

Designated Pilgrimage Locations for Killaloe Diocese

Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul, Ennis;
St. Senan's Church, Scattery Island
Feast day 5th of March'
Our Lady's Shrine, Drumellihy
Annual Novena from August 15th
Canon Island – Annual Mass in July
Millenium Friese in St. John the Baptist Church,
Kilmaley depicts a summary of the history of
salvation.
Quin Abbey Annual Dawn Mass Easter Sunday;
Our Lady of the Rosary Church,
Newmarket on Fergus;
Inchicronan Parish: St. Brigid's Well, September;
Ruan and Dysart Parish: Old Dysart Churchyard;
Kilkeady Parish: Tubber Holy Well;
Rath, Kilbaboy, Corofin;
St. Blathmhac's Church. July 24th;
St. Caimin's Church, Holy Island, Inis Cealtra;
St. Senan's Well, Doonass,
Clonlara as their special Jubilee Pilgrimage
Location. "Parish Pattern Day" 15th August;
St. Odhrán's Well – Annual Mass 15th August;
Gurteen Mass Rock – Dunkerrin Parish
Shinrone: Insula Vitae, Medieval Church and
graveyard with Bullaun, opposite St. Colman's
Church, Shinrone;
Kilcolman: Kilcomman site of St. Cummin's
Monastery and 18th Century Parish Church;
Easter Dawn Mass celebrated here in recent
years.
St. Brendan's Church, Birr & Garden of Tranquillity
at rear of Church.
St. Finan's Well, Kinnitty just outside Kinnitty
Village. Pattern day in April.
Monainsha Abbey, Roscrea.

REST IN PEACE

Kathleen Lee, Gallows Hill;

Marie Ryan (née Flynn),
Strand Apartments, Ennis Road, Limerick,
Dublin & Fernhill, Ennis.

Benedict Michael (Ben) Quinn,
Mill House, Mill Road, Ennis & Roscommon.

Angela O'Connell, (née Grannell),
Wexford & New Road, Ennis.

Monika Malukova, Greendale & Slovakia.



Clare Roots Society February Talk



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

Meeting of Clare Kidney Association

Thursday 13th at 8pm Cois Na hAibhna, Gort
Rd. Ennis.

Discussion: Getting Dialysis to Ennis.

Kidney patients and families welcome.

Bereavement Support Information Talk

At Milford Care Centre, V94 H795, Education
Department on Tue 25th February from 7pm -
8.30pm.

The Bereavement Information Talk is
designed to give general information on grief
and bereavement to bereaved people, their
families and friends. Members of the
Bereavement Service will be present to
provide general information on Grief and
Bereavement.

The evening will comprise of: Short talk by a
Bereavement Counsellor, Different
experiences of Grief, Services available,
Question Time. The Information Talk
is Free. No booking required, Check in from
6.40pm

Marriage Encounter: Restore, Renew, Rekindle



We welcome you to our next Marriage
Enrichment Weekend

Friday 28th- 30th March 2025

Venue: Knock, Co. Mayo

www.marriageencounter.ie

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

A Loving Person

Jesus fulfilled the ideal of the love Paul speaks
about. He was never in a hurry and was
always kindness itself. He never envied
anybody and never boasted about himself.

He was never snobbish or rude or selfish. He
did not take offence easily, nor did he keep on
talking about the wrong things other people
did.

He preferred to remember the good things and
to rejoice in them. He was tough – he could
face anything and never lost trust in God or in
people.

He never lost hope;
He never gave in;
He never stopped loving.



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Cúigiú Domhnach Saor 25



Sa bhliain 1858 thabhsigh An Mhaighdean
Mhuire í féin don chéad uair don
ghearrchaille bhocht Bernadette Soubirous.
Tagann na sluaite go dtí an Scrín
Bheannaithe gach bliain ó gach ard den
domhan ag iarraidh leighis dá ngalair agus
grásta dá n-anamacha.

Fógraíonn na míorúiltí sofheicthe a
tharlaíonn i Lourdes gach bliain cumhacht
na Maighdine Muire agus í ag idirghuí lena
Mac Íosa ar son daoine breoite.

Is fíor an seanfhocal a deir "Tá Dia láidir
agus Máthair mhaith aige". Sa bhliain 1908
d'ordaigh an Pápa Pius X an fhéile seo a
chomóradh ar fud an domhain ar an 11th
Feabhra.

A Mhaighdean Mhuire Lourdes guigh ar ár
son. Áiméan

In 1858 Our Lady appeared in Lourdes for
the first time to Bernadette Soubirous a
poor girl. Many come to the Sacred Shrine
every year from all over the world seeking
healing of their diseases and grace for their
souls.

The miracles experienced here demonstrate
the power of Our Lady as she intercedes
with her Son on behalf of the sick. An Irish
proverb says "God is strong and has a good
Mother". In 1908 Pope Pius X declared that
the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes would be
celebrated all over the world on the 11th
February.

Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us. Amen

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

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Margaret Neylon

0877761204;

Cora Hahessy

0879873702.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 2nd February

Fund €7,284.50
Online €646.50

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God
And bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

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 Isaiah Is 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the
Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the
sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one
with six wings. And they cried out one to another
in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts,
His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with
the voice of the one who cried out, and the
Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am
lost,

for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean
lips, and my eyes have looked at the
King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in
his hand a live coal which he had taken from
the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he
touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our
messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*Response: Before the angels I will bless
you, O Lord.*

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple.

R.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;

you increased the strength of my soul.

R.

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the Lord's ways:

"How great is the glory of the Lord!"

R.

You stretch out your hand and save me
your hand will do all things for me.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,

discard not the work of your hand.

R

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

1 Cor 15:1-11

In the first place, I taught you what I had been
taught myself, namely that Christ died for our
sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he
was buried; and that he was raised to life on
the third day, in accordance with the scriptures;
that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly
to the Twelve.

Next he appeared to more than five hundred of
the brothers at the same time, most of whom
are still alive, though some have died; then he
appeared to James, and then to all the apos-
tles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it
was as though I was born when no one ex-
pected it.

But what matters is that I preach what they
preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Follow me, says the Lord,

and I will make you fishers of men.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lk 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of
Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him
listening to the word of God, when he caught
sight of two boats close to the bank.

The fishermen had gone out of them and were
washing their nets. He got into one of the boats
- it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a
little from the shore. Then he sat down and
taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to
Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out
your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied,
'we worked hard all night long and caught
nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the
nets.' And when they had done this they netted
such a huge number of fish that their nets
began to tear, so they signalled to their
companions in the other boats to come and
help them; when these came, they filled the two
boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees
of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful
man.' For he and all his companions were
completely overcome by the catch they had
made; so also were James and John, sons of
Zebedee, who were Simon's partners.

But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from
now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing
their boats back to land, they left everything
and followed 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 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 for-
giveness of sins and I look forward to the resur-
rection of the dead and the life of the world to
come.

Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall
be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness, for they shall
have their fill