



ENNIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Luke 9:28-36

16th March 2025

The Transfiguration of Jesus is one of the most profound moments in the Gospels. It is a pivotal event that reveals Jesus' divine nature to Peter, James, and John, offering a glimpse of His glory and foreshadowing His resurrection. As we reflect on the story, we are invited to consider its meaning for our own Lenten journey and our walk of faith.



One of the most striking aspects of this passage is the reaction of the disciples. Overwhelmed by the glory of Christ, Peter impulsively suggests building tents to remain in the moment. However, God's plan is not to remain in glory but to continue the journey toward the cross. This speaks to our human tendency to seek comfort in spiritual highs while avoiding the difficult path of suffering and sacrifice. Lent reminds us that discipleship requires both moments of consolation and the willingness to carry our cross.

The presence of Moses and Elijah is also deeply symbolic. Moses, who led the Israelites out of Egypt and received the Law

on Mount Sinai, represents God's covenant with His people. Elijah, the great prophet, symbolizes the call to repentance and faithfulness. Their presence confirms that Jesus is the fulfillment of both the Law and the Prophets, the one who brings salvation to completion. The Transfiguration, therefore, is a turning point in the Gospel, reminding us that Jesus' mission is not just one of glory, but of suffering, death, and ultimately, resurrection.

As we journey through Lent, the Transfiguration challenges us to see beyond our immediate struggles and fix our eyes on the greater hope of Easter. It encourages us to trust in God's plan, even when the road ahead is uncertain or difficult. Like the disciples, we may not always understand God's ways, but we are called to listen to Jesus and follow Him faithfully.

The Transfiguration teaches us the importance of encountering God in prayer and reflection, as Jesus led His disciples up the mountain, away from distractions. Lent invites us to step back from our routines, deepen our relationship with Christ, and be transformed by His light through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It reminds us that glory and suffering are intertwined—just as Christ was glorified before facing the cross, we too must embrace both joy and trial in our faith. This season calls us to renewal, to listen to Christ, and to journey with Him toward the promise of resurrection.

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 10am & 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>



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Patsy McHugh, Clonroad. MM
 John & Ellen Kears, St. Michael's Villas.
 Richard Crotty, Willow Park.
 Frances Cosgrove, Ard na Gréine.
 Albert Hanberry, Roslevan.
 Patrick O'Donoghue, Ennis & Limerick.
 James Vaughan, Lower Market St.
 John Daly, Lifford House.

Sun 16th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Hal & Eva Fraser, Considine's Tce.
11.30am: Hugh Ferrigan, Gallows Hill.
 John Duggan, 'Ashmoy House', Gort Rd. **1st Anniv.**
 Des & Peggy Carroll, Corvorrin Dr.
 Peter Fox, High Street & Clareabbey.
 Tom Sheehan, Brookville & Beara, Co. Cork.
 John Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.
 Marcel & Mary Cornu, O'Connell Sq. & Park Row.

1pm: Ukraine Mass.
6.30pm: Polish Mass.

Mon 17th: St. Patrick's Day.

8am: No intention booked.
9.30am: No intention booked.
11.30am: Kevin Banville, Wexford.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: Ann O'Sullivan, Kilmihil.
 Colin Paul, Maiville, Kilrush Rd.
 Paddy Rynne.
 Special Intention.

7.30pm: Anne Marie & Dick McInerney, New York.
 Jimmy Jordan, Mayo.
 Deceased Jordan & Sheehan Families,
 Mayo, Kerry & London.
 Leo Guy, Circular Rd.
 Joe & Brian Sheehan, Kerry & Ennis.

Wed 7.40am: Bridget Raftery, Galway.
11am: Peggy Fleming, Tipperary.
 The Holy Souls

7.30pm: Don & Jenny Ryan, Summerhill.

Thurs 7.40am: Holy Souls.
11am: Billy & Teresa Fitzgerald, Clare Rd.
 Seán & Maggie Killeen, Sixmilebridge.
 Michael & Esther O'Loughlin, Hermitage.
 Mary Larkin & Eamon Cronin, USA.

7.30pm: Jim Flanagan, Roslevan.
 Maisie & John Bradley & Deceased Family, Limerick Rd.
 Anne Barrett, Willow Park.
 Angela Loonam, College Green.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Confirmation Ennis NS.
7.30pm: Gerry Browne, College Rd.
 Pat Hanrahan, Ard Aoibhin, Limerick Rd.

Sat: 11am: Francie Keane, Golf Links Rd. MM.
 Michael O'Callaghan, Hermitage.

6.30pm: Mary Mahony, Parnell St.
 Seán **1st Anniv.** & Patsy McCarthy, Hermitage.
 PJ Finucane, Shanaway Rd.
 Joe & Margaret O'Sullivan, Hermitage.

Sun 23rd 8am: Michael Killeen, Clarecastle.
9.30am: No intention booked.
11.30am: John Jennings, 'Tyreda', Beechpark. **1st Anniv.**
 Marie & Danny Moran, Shanaway Rd.
 Cullinan Family, Slaveen.
 Ciss & Brudsie McCarthy, Hermitage.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:
Sun 16th 11am: Special Intention.
Mon: 11am: St. Patrick's Day.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 23rd 11am: Austin Connole, Loughville.
 Special Intention.
 Patrick, Mary Ann & JJ Fitzpatrick, Circular Rd.



St. Patrick's Day Aifrin do Lá Fhéile Pádraig Mass Times on Monday

Cathedral 8am;
 9.30am (Blessing of Shamrock and
 Liturgy led by Rice College;
 11.30am.
St. Joseph's: 10am & 11.45am;
Friary: 10am;
Cloughleigh: 11am;
Poor Clare Monastery: 8.30am.

Please note: no vigil or evening masses for St. Patrick's Day.

Week 2 of Our Lenten Journey



Morning Prayer
 Tues to Fri 7.30am Cathedral.

Daily Mass:
Seven daily masses to choose from in the parish.

7.40am	Cathedral
7.45am	Poor Clare's
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 at Cathedral 8pm.

Catechesis for Adults & Youth
 Tuesdays & Thursdays 8pm at
 Chapter Room, Cathedral.

Newly Baptised

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

Kaya Kumar;
Colm Burke.
Charlotte Maria
Louise Bermingham;



St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: No intention booked.
Sun 16th 10am: Mary & Maltý McDonagh,
 Miltown Malbay.
11.45am: Joe & Mary Moroney, Corvorrin.
 Pat Quinn & Nora Armstrong, Sligo & Eastleigh.
 Fergus Curran, Ballinasloe.

Mon: St. Patrick's Day.
10am: Michael & Jennie Carmody, Kincora Park.
11.45am: Teresa Browne, Tulla Rd.
Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.
11.30am: Confirmation—St. Anne's School.
Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.
Fri 10.30am: Bridget & Michael Clune, Ballymacahill.
Sat: 10.30am: Mary **1st Anniv.** & Frank Markham,
 New Rd.
 Marian & Patrick Watson, Fergus Park.
7pm: No intention booked.
Sun 23rd 10am: Jim McMahon, Cusack Rd. **1st Anniv.**
 Brid McMahon, Kevin Barry Ave. &
 Seamus MacMathúna, Cooraclare & Dublin.
11.45am: Frank O'Connor, Oak Park & Kilnamona.

Sacrament of Confirmation



On Wednesday at 11.30am in St. Joseph's Church Bishop Fintan will confirm students from St. Anne's School.

On Friday at 11am in the Cathedral Bishop Fintan will confirm students from Ennis National School. Please pray for these boys and girls and their families and schools as they prepare to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocese of Killaloe will be travelling to Lourdes on the 25th to June 30th June with the help of 16 young people from the different Pastoral Areas of the Diocese. The Abbey Pastoral Area invites young people between the ages of 16 and under 18 on the 24th June to apply in writing to their local priest for consideration for the one of the two places available to our Pastoral Areas. In the event of more than two applicants a draw will take place. Closing date is Sunday 30th March.

Labhair Gaeilge Linn

During the month of March, we are embracing the Irish Language in our liturgies.



This month's Alzheimer Information Cafe is being held on the 19th of March, in our Ennis Centre, Cuan An Chláir, Cahercalla, from 11.30-13.30. This month's topic is: Technologies to Enable Independent living.

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

Matt Talbot Novena, Tulla.

This Wednesday at 7pm in SS Peter & Paul Church, Tulla, praying for all suffering or sharing in the life of addictions. The speaker this week is Ballyea Man Tony Griffin, a former All Ireland Hurler and All Star. He is the author of 'The Teenager's Book of Life' and works as a champion of youth.

Feast of St. Joseph

Wednesday 19th March is the Feast of St. Joseph. In recent years through devotion from Pope Francis, the popularity of Sleeping St. Joseph has increased. This refers to the fact that it was in his sleep that God spoke to Joseph reassuring him at a time when his relationship with Mary was questionable after Mary was asked to be the Mother of Jesus and at the time when there was a threat to the life of the new born infant from Herod.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

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On the second week of our Lenten Journey of helping the poor, Trócaire work on our behalf in helping millions of people facing humanitarian catastrophes because of extreme weather or conflict.

Every cent and euro make a difference.

Clare Type 1 Diabetes Meeting

The next meet up of the Clare adults with Type 1 Diabetes group will take place Wednesday 26th March, at 7:30pm- 9:30pm in the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis. The meetings are free to attend and open to any adult who would like to learn more about Type 1 Diabetes; including people living with Type 1, parents of children with Type 1 or family members. Newcomers are always welcome.

We are absolutely delighted to have consultant Endocrinologist Dr Tomás Griffin speaking about 'Exercise and Managing Type 1 Diabetes', at our March meeting. Contact Gráinne at 087 6548320

or diabetesinclare@gmail.com

Pop up Shop fundraiser for Joe Slattery

Rock the Frock-dresses, jackets, coats & accessories in good as new condition.

Old Ground hotel Thurs 20th March, 5.30-9pm. Entrance fee €5.

Ennis Flower & Garden Club present Siobhan O Mahony, Ballylanders, Co. Limerick, for a Garden Talk, on Tuesday, March 18th at Treacys West County Hotel at 8.15pm.

€10 non members. All welcome.

Plants for sale on the night, contact

ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

Education Fund Appeal

The total amount collected for this recent appeal was €4,869.00

REST IN PEACE



Declan Ward, Turnpike Rd.

Solas na bhflaitheas ar a anam uasal

Walking in Faith

During Lent we reflect each week on individuals who walk in faith and can inspire us on our journey.

This week: Sr. Clare Crockett

14th November, 1982 – 16th April, 2016



Clare Crockett was born in the Long Tower Parish in Derry on 14th November, 1982. She was educated in the local primary school and St. Cecilia's College.

While in secondary school she loved to act and hang out with her friends. She was passionate about literature and theatre.

On a visit to Spain in 2021, she had a religious experience on Good Friday and felt called to religious life. She entered the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother. Nobody could believe that God would call a girl like her and yet God did call her and she responded. God broke into her life and called her to leave everything behind for love of him.

She worked in Spain, America and Ecuador doing pastoral care, hospital chaplaincy, teaching and missionary outreach.

On 16th April, 2016 while stationed in Ecuador she was playing the guitar and singing with her companions. The house in which she was living collapsed due to an earthquake, killing Sr. Clare and five young women.

When news of her death reached her family, they requested that she be buried in the City Cemetery in Derry and on 2nd May, 2016, that wish was fulfilled as she was laid to rest in Derry.

The tragic death of Sr. Clare and her five companions which caused so much pain and suffering at first, has become a source of grace for many.

Sr. Clare dedicated her entire life to Jesus, drawing young people to Christ and the Eucharist.

Sr. Clare has become an inspiration to many young people and devotion spread rapidly after her death in her own home town of Derry and all over the world.

On 12th January, 2025 Sr. Clare Crockett was declared a 'Servant of God' and the cause of her beatification was opened at a ceremony in Madrid.

Her most famous saying 'All or Nothing'.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 9th March

Fund €6,307
Online €783.50

Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Ceiliúraimid Lá Fhéile Naomh Pádraig Éarlaimh na hÉireann inniu, ní hamháin in Éirinn ach ar fud an domhain mhór. Tógadh mar sclábháí é go hAontroim áit ar chaith sé, sé bliana ag aoireacht muc. Bhí sé mar nós aige guí chun Dé céad uair sa lá agus céad uair san oíche. D'éalaigh sé go dtí an Fhrainc agus oirníodh ina shagart é agus ina dhiaidh sin rinneadh easpag de. D'fhill sé ar Éirinn agus chraobhscaoil sé Soiscéal na Críostaíochta. Tugann an fhéile deis dúinn buíochas a ghabháil le Dia as an tseoid luachmhar seo a bhronn Naomh Pádraig orainn. Gabhaimid buíochas chomh maith dóibh siúd idir chléir agus tuath a scaip an Creideamh ar fud an domhain. Bhí Pádraig umhal de shíor i láthair Dé. Sa Confessio cuireann sé é féin in aithne dúinn mar seo 'Mise Pádraig, peacach róthútach, an té is lú de na firéin go léir agus an té is mó a bhfuil dimheas ag a lán air' Tugaimis ómós dó mar is cóir.

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig ar chlann mhór dhomhanda na nGael, sa bhaile agus ar fud na cruinne, ar ár lá náisiúnta ceiliúrtha féin. Guimis Lúireach Phádraig go minic:

Criost do mo chumhdach inniu, ar nimh ar loscadh, ar bháthadh, ar ghoineadh; Go dtaga chugam luach mo shaothair.

Today we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, the Patron Saint of Ireland. He will be honoured not only here but throughout the world. Saint Patrick was brought as a slave to Antrim where he spent six years tending pigs. He tells us he prayed to God a hundred times a day and the same at night. He escaped to France, was ordained a priest and later a bishop. He returned to Ireland and preached the Gospel of Christ to the Irish people. We remember to thank God for this precious gift on St. Patrick's feast day. We also thank God for all those who brought and still bring the Christian message to people throughout the world. Patrick was humble in the presence of God. In the *Confessio* he introduces himself "I Patrick, wretched sinner, least among men, despised by many...". Let us honour him appropriately. Happy St. Patrick's Day to Irish people everywhere in the world, on this our national feast day. Let us recite *St. Patrick's Breastplate* often:

**Christ in the heart of everyone
who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks
to me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.**

Clare Macra are holding a table quiz night in aid of MS Clare in The Grove Ennis on the 28th of March at 8:00pm. All proceeds on the night will be given to MS Clare.



Trad music session in Cois na hAbhna on Monday St Patrick's Day 3pm -5.30pm in Cois na hAbhna with cupán tae. All welcome

A Night of Musical Magic 'Gentle Folk for Gentle Folk' celebrating Pat Costello's Legacy in conjunction with Cahercalla, Join us for an unforgettable evening of traditional Irish music featuring over 50 of Clare's finest musicians, including Shaskeen, The Wingers and the Turloughmore Ceili Band. Tickets on sale through Cahercalla website or call 0656824388. Also tickets will be on sale that night at the Old Ground Hotel.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken;
seek his face.
It is your face, o Lord, that I seek;
Hide not your face from 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.**

A reading from the book of Genesis Genesis 15:5-12.17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants he told him'. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him, 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land'. 'My Lord, the Lord', Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?'

He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtle dove and a young pigeon'. He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves.

That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? R

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' R

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. R

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! R

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

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us.

I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things.

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord.

I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice
was heard:*

'This is my Son, the Beloved.

Listen to him!'

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray.

As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his

glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying.

As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.'

And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

The disciples kept silence and at that time told no one what they had seen.

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

**This is my beloved Son with whom I am
well pleased.
Listen to him.**