



ENNIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR C

Luke 13:1-9

23rd March 2025



“Sir, the man replied ‘Leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.’ Luke 13:9

The Third Sunday of Lent asks us to give a second chance. Oscar Romero grasped the opportunity to experience a second chance. From what could be describe as a sheltered bubble Oscar Romero broke through and lived a courageous response to the reality of life; give me a chance and another opportunity to show you what is possible. Yes, another chance. Reconciliation!!!

To help us better grasp this, let us savour the magnificent prayer, commonly attributed to Blessed Oscar Arnulfo Romero, but pronounced for the first time by Cardinal John Dearden:

Every now and then it helps us to take a step back and to see things from a distance.

The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is also beyond our visions.

In our lives, we manage to achieve only a small part

of the marvellous plan that is God’s work.

Nothing that we do is complete, which is to say that the Kingdom is greater than ourselves.

No statement says everything that can be said. No prayer completely expresses the faith.

No Creed brings perfection.

No pastoral visit solves every problem.

No programme fully accomplishes the mission of the Church.

No goal or purpose ever reaches completion.

This is what it is about:

We plant seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that others will watch over them.

We lay the foundations of something that will develop.

We add the yeast which will multiply our possibilities.

We cannot do everything, yet it is liberating to begin.

This gives us the strength to do something and to do it well.

It may remain incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way.

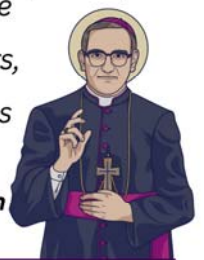
It is an opportunity for the grace of God to enter and to do the rest.

It may be that we will never see its completion, but that is the difference between the master and the labourer.

We are labourers, not master builders, servants, not the Messiah.

We are prophets of a future that does not belong to us.

St. Oscar Romero was assassinated on 24th March 1980.



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

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 March, 2025
Contact: Fr. Joy - Tel. 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

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: Marie & Danny Moran, Shanaway Rd.
 John Jennings, 'Tyreda', Beechpark. 1st Anniv.
 Cullinan Family, Slaveen.
 Ciss & Brudsie McCarthy Hermitage.
 Peter Wilkie, Hermitage & Deceased Kearney
 Family, O'Callaghan's Mills.
 Ciara Fox & Deceased Fox Family, Hermitage.

Mon: 7.40am: Holy Souls.
11am: Mary & Edward D'Arcy, Scotland & Limerick.
 Patrick O'Donoghue, Ennis & Limerick.

7.30pm: Frank Kelly, Miltown Malbay.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Bridget Blake & Joe Daly, Cork.

Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: No intention booked.
7.30pm: Brigid Dillon, Ard na Gréine.
 Les Blackmore, Canterbury & Ennis.
 Gerard O'Loughlin, Old Gort Rd. & San Francisco.

Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.
11am: Denis Conlan, Drim, Quin.
7.30pm: Paddy McInerney, Dalcassian Park.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Martin Hogan, St. Flannan's Tce.
 Marie Hogan, Shanaway Rd.
 Breda McMahon, Clonroadbeg.
 Josephine Latchem, Aughanteeroe.

7.30pm: Bishop Willie Walsh, Month's Mind.

Sat: 11am: David Geraghty, Kincora Park. MM.
 Mary Farrell, Lanesboro, Co. Longford.
 Tom & Josephine West, Childers' Rd.

6.30pm: Monica Ensko, Turnpike Rd. 1st Anniv.
 Bridie & Albert Stephens & Sr. Marie Stephens,
 Clonroad.
 Mary Hynes, Clare Rd.
 Marty Browne, Cahercalla Estate.
 Margaret & Tom Coughlan, Clonroadbeg.
 Michael Woods, Circular Rd.
 Michael McGuane, Corofin.

Sun 30th 8am: Agnes & Sonny Hehir, Gortmore.
9.30am: Una Lee, Tralee.
 William Guilfoyle, Hermitage.

11.30am: Jim Kitson, Claireen Drive.
 Patrick Howard & Ann O'Sullivan,
 St. Michael's Villas & Swords.
 William & Martha Costin, Hospital, Co. Limerick.
 John Staunton, Gallows Hill.
 Anne Burke, Hermitage & London.
 Nono Lynch, Dalcassian Drive.
 Special Intention.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal
 In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge a donation of €300 in memory of the late Seán O'Boyle. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.

Month's Mind Mass



Bishop Willie Walsh's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated next Friday 28th March at 7.30pm in Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul, Ennis.

Anonymous Donation

Fr. Tom, as Director of the Lourdes Pilgrimage wishes to acknowledge an anonymous contribution of €855 received in the post to sponsor a sick/assisted pilgrim on this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Trócaire



On the third week of our Lenten Journey we are asked to support the work of Trócaire who are in various parts of the world from Africa, Asia to South America helping to relieve suffering from poverty to drought and climate change. Your Lenten offering and sacrifices will make a difference.

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 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.

Lenten Video Series

A series of videos from people around the diocese are available each day for the Season of Lent on the Jubilee theme of Hope on the social media platforms @BishopFintan, Youtube, TikTok, X, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, Bluesky.

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

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.
 Paul Glynn, Corrovorin.

Mon 10.30am: No intention booked.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.
 Frank & Ted Neary, Dunmore, Galway.

Wed 10.30am: Mary Kate Lynch & Family, Kilmaley.
 Tom Lynch & Deceased Family, Shannon Park.
 Nonie & Tom Malone & Ryan Family, Newpark.

Thu 10.30am: Nora O'Connor, Naas.
 John Frawley, Hermitage & Corrovorin. 1st Anniv.

Fri 10.30am: Joe Skelly, New Rd.
 Harry Ballinger, Gort Rd.

Sat: 10.30am: Edwin Twomey, Mellor, Blackburn.
 Sr. Carmel Mary Hely, Mercy Sisters, Galway.

7pm: Pat O'Brien, Shannon Park.
 Ann & Paddy Moroney, Kincora Park.
 Michael Devitt, St. Senan's Rd.

Sun 30th 10am: Mary, James & John Sexton,
 Ballard, Miltown Malbay.
 Flan Roberts, Kincora Park.

11.45am: Michael Fallon, Willow Park. MM.
 MJ Twomey, Roslevan.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 23rd 11am: Austin Connole, Loughville.
 Special Intention.
 Patrick, Mary Ann & JJ Fitzpatrick, Circular Rd.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Feast of the Annunciation

The Feast of the Annunciation when Mary was invited to become the Mother of God will be celebrated this Tuesday 25th March.

Week 3 of Our Lenten Journey

Morning Prayer Mon 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:

Noah Noel Joseph Hill.



REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

Tony Cullinan, Doora;
Vera Mulqueen (nee O'Reilly),
 Newmarket-on-Fergus & late of Parnell St.
Peggy McDonnell, Edenvale.



Ennis Parish Development Fund

Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
Restoration Fund Income received in Year	€73,710.00	€100,845.67
DEVELOPMENT FUND INCOME		
Fund Contributions	€237,654.00	€258,973.73
Shrines	€76,552.00	€70,658.47
Wedding Contributions	€1,600.00	€1,330.00
Special Collections	€17,048.00	€16,424.03
St Joseph's Account	€49,761.00	
Halls Income	€20,209.00	€25,780.54
	€402,824.00	€373,166.77
Income Tax and Vat Refunds	€68,397.00	€62,517.48
TOTAL INCOME	€471,221.00	€435,684.25
DEVELOPMENT FUND EXPENDITURE		
Wages & Salaries	€155,550.00	€148,079.92
Maintenance Parish Churches/Buildings	€66,234.00	€36,348.49
Office Supplies	€21,416.00	€20,191.13
Contributions to Diocesan Levy & Collections	€100,261.00	€69,968.00
Light & Heat	€36,715.00	€41,570.77
Capitation/Contribution to Schools		€650.00
Insurance	€22,923.00	€19,818.59
Donations and Gifts	€6,200.00	€9,065.00
Sundries	€6,717.00	€6,713.70
Shrine Candles	€24,409.00	€22,406.52
Church/Liturgical Requisites	€5,598.00	€6,693.09
IT/Office Equipment Costs	€6,352.00	€7,294.75
Poor Clare/Friary Heating Fund	€15,000.00	€15,000.00
Telephone	€3,556.00	€3,918.16
Pastoral Care	€1,470.00	€2,175.00
Meetings/Functions	€3,640.00	€3,209.08
Courses	€4,133.00	€8,873.00
Choir	€3,041.00	€2,944.63
Accountancy Fees		€3,000.00
Bank Charges	€2,287.00	€2,339.78
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	€485,502.00	€430,259.61
DEVELOPMENT FUND EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	-€14,281.00	€5,424.64

Dear Parishioner,

As we present the Parish Account for the year 2024, it is an opportunity to express sincere gratitude to each of you for the ongoing generosity and commitment to our parish. Your support, whether through weekly offerings, annual contributions, special collections, fundraising efforts or volunteer work, has enabled us to continue our mission of worship, service and outreach.

This year's report reflects the economic times and challenges we all face in the continued upkeep of our churches and facilities, ensuring they remain welcoming places for prayer and community gatherings.

Support for pastoral initiatives include Religious Education, Youth Ministry and charitable outreach. Contributions to diocesan initiatives and support for those in need reflect our commitment to Christian Service in the world.

The Cathedral Renovation Appeal supports the ongoing care of the Cathedral which this year will see the heating moved from oil to natural gas as well as works on the Cathedral grounds.

Thank you for your generosity and support. The accounts do not reflect the many hours of voluntary service given to the parish by so many people. Mile buiochas.

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, March 26th, at 7:00 PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr. Robert McCabe will be the celebrant on the night. Currently working in Navan as the Central Spiritual Director of the Pioneer Association and as a former military chaplain, he has served with Irish peacekeeping forces in Lebanon, Kosovo, Liberia and Chad. Attending this Novena could be a meaningful Lenten commitment.

Walking in Faith

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

This Week

Blessed Ceferino Giménez Malla "El Pelé"



26th August, 1861 – 9th August, 1936

Ceferino Giménez Malla, known as El Pelé was born in Spain on 26th August, 1861 into a Catholic Gypsy Family. He lived a very nomadic life for over forty years.

He married at an early age in accordance with gypsy rites, never had children, but did care for a niece. In 1912 he had his marriage blessed in Church with the Sacrament and began living a life of devotion with daily Mass and Holy Communion.

As a child he never attended school and remained illiterate but that did not stop him engaging with people. He gathered young gypsies and non-gypsies to teach them bible stories and basic prayers. He was a peacemaker and arbitrated in disputes between gypsies and others.

He worked in the business of horse and livestock trading and always conducted himself with honesty. In 1926 he became a Third Order Franciscan and a few years later he became a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

He developed a love for Eucharistic Devotion especially at night time.

After the Spanish Civil War broke out in July, 1936, he defended a priest who was taken to prison and he himself was arrested. Shortly after his release he was shot in the cemetery, dying clutching his Rosary and shouting 'Long Live Christ the King'. His body was thrown into a common grave and was never recovered.

The process of his beatification began in Spain in 1993 and in June, 1996 'El Pelé' was declared a martyr for the Catholic Faith.

On 4th May, 1997, Pope John Paul II declared him Blessed.

El Pelé was the first gypsy beatified and is interceded for help in times of mediation. His resources were daily Mass, Prayer, the Rosary and Eucharistic Devotion.

Clare Branch of the Kidney Association AGM on Thursday 27th of March in Cois na hAbhna at 8pm. Welcome to those who have kidney issues. Ring for more information 0863157591

COPD Meeting each Wednesday from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. in Maria Assumpta Hall. All welcome.

Irish Red Cross Coffee Morning in aid of Clare Community Services at Scout Den, Ennis (behind the Cathedral) on Saturday 29th March 9.30am to 1.30pm. Supporting the people of 'Clare.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 26th March
Including St. Patrick's Day.

Fund **€6,570**
Online **€303.50**

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord,
For he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
For I am alone and poor.

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 Exodus

Ex 3:1-8.13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up.

"I must go and look at this strange sight", Moses said, "and see why the bush is not burnt".

Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" he said. "Here I am" he answered. "Come no nearer" he said. "Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father", he said, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob". At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, "I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow".

Then Moses said to God, "I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you". But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?" And God said to Moses, "I Am who I Am." "This" he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." "This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come'.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R: *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 does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He has made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons.

R

The Lord is compassion and love,
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the
earth

So strong is his love for those who fear him.

R

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 10:1-6.10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Repent, says the Lord,

for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Glory to you, O Christ,

you are the Word of God!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk.13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices.

At this he said to them, "Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans?"

They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it; it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

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

**The sparrow finds a home,
And the swallow a nest for her young:
By your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King
and my God.**

**Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
forever singing your praise.**