



ENNIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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Luke 24:46-53

1st June 2025

The Ascension of Jesus



The Ascension of Jesus, traditionally depicted with Christ rising into the heavens, surrounded by awe-struck disciples and radiant clouds, remains one of the most profound moments in the Christian narrative. The disciples stare upward, stunned, like someone watching the last signal bars of a livestream fade away. And then, two figures appear - angelic messengers - saying, in effect, "Why are you still watching the sky? The next chapter is yours to write." In modern language, it's like a prompt at the end of a movie: "To be continued... by you."

The Ascension isn't just a story of Jesus going "up." It's a pivot point. It transforms his followers from spectators into participants. In a culture saturated with content and commentary, the message of the Ascension is

countercultural: stop consuming and start living the story. It's a call to action.

We might imagine the heavens not as some literal outer space destination, but as a new dimension of reality - one not visible by telescope, but experienced through love, justice, peace, and hope. Jesus ascending is Jesus transcending. And that's where modern imagination meets ancient truth. The clouds that received him could be seen as divine firewalls, lifting him beyond the limits of earthly perception - an upload into God's eternal network.

In a world where people long for connection, purpose, and leadership, the Ascension offers something radical. It says: You are now the hands and feet of Christ. You carry the signal. You are the miracle people will see.

So when we look at the Ascension through modern eyes, we don't diminish its power - we rediscover it. We are reminded that the kingdom of God doesn't float above us like a satellite out of reach. It lives and breathes in the here and now, in every act of love, courage, and faith.

And that - like a signal strong and steady - is a message still rising.

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>
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Priest on Duty 1st June, 2025

Contact: Fr. Pat Malone - Tel. 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Shay Moloney, Ard Aoibhinn & Hazelwood.
Flannan Hehir, Beechgrove, Toonagh, **1st Anniv.**
Brian Malone, O'Connell St. & Castletawn.
Noel Davis, Ballyalla.

Julian Gavska, & Algicdas Fecka, Lithuania.
Sun 1st 8am: Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families,
Ennis & Cork.

9.30am: Bridget & Michael Keane, Kilrush Rd.

11.30am: Fleadh Nua Mass.

Michael Hartnett, Loughville. **1st Anniv**
Jack Kenneally, Waterpark Heights.
Catherine Murphy, 'Carraig Dubh', Tobertaoscáin.
John (Jackie) & Mary Hanrahan,
St. Michael's Villas.
Lily Close, Spanish Point.
Johnny Flynn, Turnpike Rd.

6.30pm: Mass for the Polish Community.

Mon: No 7.40am Mass.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Susan Tuttle Costelloe, Castletawn, Tulla Rd.

John Joe & Mary Ann Coghlan, Ard na Gréine..

Tues: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.

11am: Anna Fitzpatrick, Kilkee.

7.30pm: Patrick & Alice Dinan

& Granddaughter Tamara, Hermitage.
Tom & Maureen Fitzgerald, Kilmihil.

Wed 7.40am: Deceased Heeney Family, Dundalk.

11am: Special Intention.

7.30pm: Una Cleary, Cahercalla.

Thurs 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Maureen & Billy Pigott,
Pigott & Burns Families, Connolly Villas.
Kieran O'Regan, Shanaway Rd.

Fri 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: David Murphy, Ashfield Park. **MM.**

Sat: 11am: Frank O'Malley, Kilbricken, Doora.

6.30pm: Therese Delaney, Carraig Dubh,
Tobertaoscáin. **1st Anniv.**

Frank & Tess White, Clare Rd.

John & Michael Shannon, Loughville.

John McNamara, Derrymore, Crusheen.

Mary McAllister, Turnpike Rd.

Michelle Farrell, Shannon.

John Mullen, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway.

Sun 8th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Peter Donnellan, St. Joseph's, Hermitage.
Tess & Frank Glynn, Francis St.

11.30am: Mary & Paddy Broderick, Loughville.

Kathleen McCormack, Ballyegan, Birr.

Vladimir Belis, Hogan's Place.

Fr. Peadar O'Loughlin, Loughville.

Sheila Cotter & Deceased Cotter Family, Loughville.

Michael & Susan Flanagan & Margaret Clancy,
Doonbeg.

5pm: Mass for Brazilian Community.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge a donation of €10,000. Your generosity to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal is much appreciated. Thank you.

Priests' Summer Collection

The second appeal of the year to support your Bishop and the priests of the Pastoral Area who serve in our parish takes place at all masses this weekend.

Your generosity and support are very much appreciated. Envelopes are available.

St. Anthony's Novena



The Annual Novena begins this Wednesday in the Friary. There will be two sessions daily at 10am and 7.30pm and on Sunday next at 10.30am.

The Novena concludes on the Feast of St. Anthony, 13th June, with the Blessing of Lilies and at 4pm the Blessing of Children.

We welcome Fr. Kieran Fitzsimons, OFM from England who will conduct this year's Novena.

St. Anthony's Magazine will be on sale during the Novena for €2 a copy, in both the Friary and Cathedral—supporting the Franciscan Friars in their missionary work and also helping spread devotion to St. Anthony.

Fleadh Nua 2025



Bishop Fintan will celebrate the Fleadh Nua Mass on this Sunday at 11.30am in the Cathedral with the gift of music, song and dance.

We give thanks to God for our culture, music and tradition.

Newly Baptised

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

Levi McDonagh;

Sonny Kelly;

Clarice Kelly.



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: John & Mary Roughan, Shannon Park.
Pat Scully, Clancy Park.

Teresa Scully, Childers' Rd.

Sun 1st 10am: Seamus O'Sullivan, Rosanore.

11.45am: Michael McGrath, Corrovorrin Grove.

Mortimer & Elizabeth Guthrie, Loughville.

Mon 10.30am: No Mass today.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Josie Coughlan, Kincora Park.

Wed 10.30am: No intention booked.

Thu 10.30am: Maura & Martin Connellan, Lisroe.

Fri 10.30am: Teresa Fitzgibbon, Tulla Rd.

Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.

7pm: John & Bridie Mulcaire

& Deceased Family, St. Senan's Rd.

Sun 8th 10am: James Griffin, Lee's Rd.

11.45am: Sheila O'Sullivan, New Rd.

Bank Holiday Monday Masses

Bank Holiday Monday Masses as follows:-

8.30am

Poor Clare Monastery

10am

Friary

11am & 7.30pm

The Cathedral

Blood Donor Clinic Ennis



Irish Blood Transfusion Service urgently require donors at their Ennis Clinic at West County Hotel- **Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th June 4.50pm to 8.10pm.**

To make an appointment please call 1800 222 111. New Donors welcome.

Blood supplies have fallen to concerning levels. National blood supplies, especially for vital blood groups like O negative and B negative, have fallen to concerning levels, with some having less than three days' stock. The IBTS aims to maintain a seven-day supply at all times to ensure our hospitals can meet patient needs.

Matt Talbot Prayer Society

The Monthly Mass praying for all suffering or sharing in the life of addiction takes place this Monday at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

Matt Talbot Centenary



Matt Talbot, a Dubliner died on the 7th June, 1925 on his way to Mass. On Saturday next, 100 years later Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin at 3pm by Dr. Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin on the centenary of the death of Venerable Matt Talbot.

After Mass, a procession to the tomb of Venerable Matt Talbot in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott Street, Dublin to pray for the beatification of Venerable Matt Talbot.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 1st 11am: Special Intention.

Mon 9.30am: No Mass today.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 8th 11am: Mary Corey, Loughville, MM.
John Garrahy, Dun na hInse.

First Friday



This Friday 6th June, sick and housebound parishioners will be brought the Sacraments. If you know of any sick or housebound parishioner who would like to receive sacraments at home, please call the Parish Office.

Fr. Tom will visit those in his care on this Tuesday.

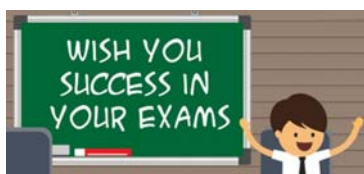
Exams

This year we celebrate 100 years of the Leaving Certificate, an exam that helped so many people choose the journey that life has brought them.

Wednesday next sees the commencement of Junior and Leaving Certificate Examinations. For those taking the exam this year, be assured of the daily prayers of our Parish Community and all those attending this year's St. Anthony's Novena.

May God bless you at this time.

*As long as there are examinations,
There will always be prayer
in schools and colleges.*



*O God help all students doing exams
to remember all they have studied and learnt;
Help them to remember well and think clearly.
Help them not to be nervous or excited or
to do themselves an injustice.
Keep them calm and clear headed,
To try their hardest
and to do their best. Amen.*



Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

On Sunday 6th July ceremonies begin at 2pm. To book a seat on the bus leaving St. Joseph's on the day, contact Brigdale Coaches on 086 8034092 or info@brigdalecoaches.com (preferable).

Lough Derg Pilgrimages

This Sunday 1st June, the 3 day pilgrimage begins and continues until 15th August.

Our Diocesan and Parish Pilgrimage will take place this year from Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th August. Booking can be made at the Parish Office.

Fr. Michael Collins - Silver Jubilee



On this Wednesday, 4th June, Fr. Michael Collins celebrates the Silver Jubilee of his ordination.

The son of Peggy and Kevin, Cahercalla, Michael was ordained a priest in the Cathedral on Sunday 4th June, 2000 by the late Bishop Willie. For the past twenty-five years Fr. Michael has served this Diocese and the Irish Church in a variety of ministries – Parish Ministry in Killanena, Flagmount, Kilrush, Newmarket-on-Fergus, Tradaree and Radharc na nOileán Pastoral Areas, in School Ministry in Tulla, in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth as Director of Formation and currently as Vicar for Mission and Ministry.

We wish him every blessing as he continues to minister to the people of Killaloe Diocese.

Reading Time



Half the books of the Bible can be read in ten to forty-five minutes each and many of them can be read in less than twenty. The entire Old and New Testaments can be read aloud slowly and with expression in less than seventy-one hours.

Wilbur M. Smith wrote:

'It will probably astonish many to know that one single, normal issue of The Saturday Evening Post contains as much reading matter as the entire New Testament.'

Thousands of people read The Saturday Evening Post through every week. The number of Christians who read the New Testament through every week, or even one whole book of the New Testament every week are so few that we need not talk about it.'

Perhaps it's worth noting that.

*'The Bible that is falling apart
Usually belongs to someone who isn't.'*

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 25th May, 2025

Fund €6,519
Online €330.50

Aifreann Fleadh Nua



A Thiarna dean trocaire, A Croist dean trocaire, A Thiarna dean trocaire

An Glóir

Glor do Dia sna harda
Agus ar talamh síocháin do lucht a pháirte.
Molaimid thú. Móraimid thú. Adhramid thú.
Tugaimid glóir duit.
Gabhaimid buíochas leat as ucht do mhórghlóire.
A Thiarna Dia, a Rí na bhflaitheas,
A Dhia, a Athair uilechumhachtaigh,
A Thiarna, a Aon-Mhic, a Iosa Críost.
A Thiarna Dia, a Uain Dé, Mac an Athar.
Tusa, a thógann peacaí an domhain, déan trocaire orainn.
Tusa a thógann peacaí an domhain, glac lenár ngú.
Tusa atá i do shuí ar dheis an Athar, déan trocaire orainn.
Oir is tú amháin is naofa. Is tú amháin is Tiarna.
Is tú amháin is rō-ard, a Iosa Críost,
mar aon leis an Spiorad Naomh i nglóir Dé an tAthair. Ámén.

Is naofa, naofa, naofa thú, a Thiarna Dia na slua. Tá neamh agus talamh lán de do ghlóir.
Hosanna sna harda. Is beannaithe an té atá ag teacht in ainm an Tiarna. Hosanna sna harda.

A Iosa, fuair tú bás; ar á son; d'éirigh tú ó na mairbh; tiocfaidh tú arís

Ár nAthair atá ar neamh,
go naofar d'ainm
Go dtaga do ríocht
Go ndéantar do thoil
ar an talamh mar a dhéantar ar neamh.
ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu
Agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha
Mar a mhaithimidne ár bhféichiúnaithe féin
Agus ná lig sinn i gcathú
ach saor sinn ó olc. ámén.

A Uain Dé, a thógann peacaí an domhain, déan trocaire orainn;
A Uain Dé, a thógann peacaí an domhain, déan trocaire orainn;
A Uain Dé, a thógann peacaí an domhain, tabhair dúinn síocháin.

Year of Jubilee Pilgrimages

Franciscan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine
Sunday 29th June 2025. Tickets €20.
Bus leaving Tesco at 10 am.
Phone 065 68 28751 for more info.



REST IN PEACE

Teresa McGrath, Francis St.;

Olivia Tuohy, Tulla Rd.;

Mick O'Brien, London, son of Gerry O'Brien,
Ard Aoibhinn, Limerick Rd.

Tony Kinneen, Turnpike, Gort & Limerick.

Morgan Murphy, Garryspillane,
Co. Limerick, brother of Mona, Friary Office.



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

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 Acts of the Apostles

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is', he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my

witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: God goes up with shouts of joy; The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. R.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. R

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill,
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. R

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

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers.

This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations;

I am with you always;

yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.