



# ENNIS PARISH

## NEWSLETTER



### SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES – SOLEMNITY

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Mathew 16:13-19

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025

*"You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church."*



Today, as we celebrate the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, we also mark the patronal feast of our Cathedral here in Ennis. It is a

time to give thanks for these two towering figures of faith who, though very different, were united in their love for Christ and in their mission to build up His Church.

Peter, the fisherman from Galilee, knew Jesus personally and led the early Church with deep devotion, though not without weakness. Paul, the educated Pharisee from Tarsus, encountered Jesus as the Risen Lord and brought the Gospel far beyond Jewish communities. They had different backgrounds, missions, and even strong disagreements—but both gave their lives for Christ and are honoured together because of their shared witness.

In today's Gospel, Peter declares, "You are the Christ," and Jesus responds, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church." That same Church continues today, built on faith, love, and the witness of those who, like Peter and Paul, offer their lives for the Gospel.

Their lives remind us that God works uniquely through each person. He doesn't ask for uniformity, but for unity in purpose. Just like Peter and Paul, we are invited to put our differences at the service of the Gospel, allowing God to build something beautiful through us.

As we honour our patrons, let us pray that our Cathedral community will continue to be a place of faith, welcome, and mission—rooted in Christ and guided by the example of Peter and Paul.



*"Wishing all our parishioners a blessed and joyful Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul."*



#### Mass Times

**Cathedral**-[www.ennisparish.com/webcam](http://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](http://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/](http://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](mailto: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 29th June, 2025

## Contact: Fr. Joy - Tel. 065 6869098



### Cathedral

#### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat 6.30pm:** Maureen Kitson, Marian Ave.  
Teresa McGrath, Coole Lodge, Francis St. MM.  
Mattie, Eileen & Brendan Burke, Golf Links Rd.  
Gerald A. Cronin, 'La Salette', Clare Rd.  
Jimmy Kenny, Clahanmore, Cree.  
Ann Moroney, Kincora Park.  
Mary Ellen Noonan, Hermitage.  
Kathleen O'Looney, Carhuclough, Ennistymon.

**Sun 29th 8am:** Sheila & Tom Coote, St. Michael's Villas  
**9.30am:** No intention booked.  
**11.30am:** Eleanor Ford, Castlewood Park.  
Georgina & Joseph Moloney  
& Deceased Moloney Family, Old Mill St.

**Mon: 7.40am:** Special Intention.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** No intention booked.  
**Tues: 7.40am** Book of Intentions.  
**11am:** Daniel, Mary & Bernadette O'Sullivan,  
Brosna, Co Kerry.  
**7.30pm:** Brid Staunton, College Green.  
**Wed 7.40am:** John M. Meaney, Surrey.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** Mary Scanlon, Dalcassian Ave.  
**Thurs 7.40am:** Holy Souls.  
**11am:** Mass for the People.  
**7.30pm:** No intention booked.  
**Fri 7.40am:** Foley & Brodie Families.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** Eileen Bugler, Park Row. MM.  
Mary O'Gorman, Showgrounds' View. MM.  
**Sat: 11am:** Annie, Paddy & John Flanagan, Tulla.  
Damien Higgins, McHugh Villas, Drumbiggle Rd.  
**6.30pm:** Brid MM & John Malone,  
'Clareview', Ballybeg.  
Paulette Flynn, Turnpike Rd.  
Angela Ball, Hermitage.  
Donal & Essie Kenny, Hermitage.

**Sun 6th July 8am:** Costelloe & O'Donoghue Families,  
Ennis & Cork.  
**9.30am:** Paddy Singleton, Hermitage.  
James Hegarty, 'Moorhaun House', Fountain.  
**11.30am:** Phil O'Regan, Shanaway Rd. MM.  
James Ruane, Considine Rd.  
Michael Moroney, Dalcassian Park.  
Eileen Kennedy & Jacqueline Kinneen,  
St. Michael's Villas.  
George Gallery, Rockmount.  
Mary Crowley Connoles, Ennistymon.

**6.30pm:** Polish Mass.

### Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of €100 & €50. Your generosity to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal is much appreciated. Thank you.

### Peter's Euros & Diocesan Needs Appeal

The Second Collection at all Masses this weekend on the Feast of SS Peter & Paul is to support both Pope Leo and Bishop Fintan in their work of sharing the Gospel at both Diocesan and international level. Your generosity as the baskets are passed around is very much appreciated. A gesture to support the Pope and Bishop in their mission.

### First Friday of July

This Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July, the sick and housebound of the parish will receive sacraments at home. Are you unable to come to Sunday Mass? Your situation may be due to short or long term illness. There may be other reasons preventing you from leaving your home.

If this notice applies to you and you wish to receive Holy Communion at home please contact the Parish Office. You may prefer to ask a family member or friend to contact the priests on your behalf.

It is important to remember that you are a valued member of our parish community.

### Welcome - Fáilte

This Sunday we welcome the choir of the Cathedral of Christ the King, Atlantan, USA who will sing at the 11.30am Mass in the Cathedral to help us celebrate the Feast of our Cathedral Patrons SS Peter & Paul. The choir is currently on a tour of Ireland and Scotland visiting and singing in Cathedrals and other significant Christian locations.

### Franciscan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Franciscan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from Wednesday 24th to Monday 29th September.

A Church Gate Collection takes place this weekend to support assisted pilgrims travelling on the pilgrimage and your generosity will be appreciated.

### Parish Tax Form

Parishioners are asked to return their signed tax form to the Parish Office in the envelope provided as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

### St. Joseph's



#### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat 7pm:** Eddie & Pauline Lynch, Kilkee.  
**Sun 29th 10am:** Owen McGowan, Fergus Lawn.  
**11.45am:** Betty Burke, Lifford Rd.  
Joe, Nell, Tom & Noreen Walsh, Clonroad.  
Alf Hanrahan, Shannon Park & Barnick.  
Val Cosgrove, Ballyalla.

**Mon 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Tues 10.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
Eileen & Kevin Kelly, McHugh Villas

**Wed 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Thu 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Fri 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Sat: 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**7pm:** Martin Tierney, Drumcliffe. MM.  
Jim Lordan, St. Senan's Rd.

**Sun 6th 10am:** No intention booked.  
**11.45am:** Noel & Teresa Naughton, Kincora Park.  
Martin Dormer, The Lane, Gort Rd.

### please note

When attending mass in St Joseph's please ensure that you do not park at the entrance to the hospital: the yellow box in front of the main doors must be kept clear at all times.

### Pilgrimage Season



#### KNOCK SHRINE:

#### Franciscan Pilgrimage to Knock

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June a bus will leave from Ennis for this pilgrimage. Bookings can be made at the Friary Office – Tel 065 6828751.

#### Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July ceremonies begin at 2pm with Rosary 2.30pm, Anointing of the Sick and 3pm Concelebrated Mass at the Basilica followed by Rosary Procession and Benediction. To book a seat on the bus leaving from St. Joseph's at 9.30am on the morning of 6<sup>th</sup> July, contact Brigdale Coaches Tel. 086 8034092 or [info@brigdalecoaches.com](mailto:info@brigdalecoaches.com) (preferable)

#### LOUGH DERG:

This year's Parish and Diocesan pilgrimage to Lough Derg led by Bishop Fintan takes place from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August. €135 covers the bus and Island fee. Booking and payment to the Parish Office.

#### CROAGH PATRICK:

Reek Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July. Mass and Confessions on the summit from 8am to 2pm on the day.

#### LOURDES:

Franciscan Pilgrimage 24<sup>th</sup>—29<sup>th</sup> September.  
Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage 29<sup>th</sup> September—4<sup>th</sup> October.  
Details on posters in Church or Parish Office.

### Cloughleigh

#### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 29th 11am:** Special Intention.  
Maureen & Michael Hennessy, Shallee Drive.

### Newly Baptised

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

Robert Oliver Eade;  
Lily Ann O'Connor.



## Schools Out!



As the school year draws to a close we say thanks to the teachers and staff of all our Catholic Schools in the parish for their dedicated, hard work over the past year, in sharing their faith and their love with our children. It is not easy to be a dedicated Catholic Teacher in today's society, but our teachers have to be commended for all that they do to inspire our children and form them in the values of the Gospel, just like SS Peter & Paul whose feast we celebrate this week.

## Clare Youth Service Summer

**Camp** running in Ennis, July 14th-

18th for children aged 7-11yrs.

For more info contact Helena on

0858047580.



## Columbarium in the Cathedral

Due to demand we are hoping to extend the Columbarium in the Cathedral. The new niches will be above the vaults of St. Conaire and St. Conall.

Joseph from Eternum will be in the Columbarium in the Cathedral on this Monday and Tuesday from 1pm to 6pm to meet with anyone who might have questions or wish to reserve a niche.

Please contact him for an appointment on

085 214 8301 or 0044 7821 451 233

or email [joseph@eternalcolumbarium.com](mailto:joseph@eternalcolumbarium.com)

## Monthly Mass for SFO Members



The Monthly Mass for SFO members will take place on Wednesday 2nd July 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 unable to attend the morning meeting.

## REST IN PEACE



**Noel Cahill**, Mallow, Co. Cork,  
Brother of Paddy Kevin Barry Ave.

**Patrick Hartney**, Mountain View;

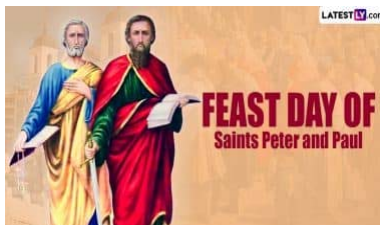
**Thomas O'Connell**, Fountain.

**Frances Wilson (nee Collins)**, Mullagh  
Road, Miltown Malbay, sister of Tina Queally,  
Drumcliffe;

**Terry Barry (née Maher)**, Clareview,  
Gortmore, Ennis & formerly Cashel,  
Co. Tipperary;

**Mike McDonagh**, Miltown Malbay & Ennis,  
brother of Colm, John, Regina, Enda and  
Mattie, Ennis.

## Feast of Saints Peter & Paul Patrons of the Parish



Today we celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. They are certainly household names in the history of the Church and they bring us back to the exciting and dangerous first century of Christianity and its early thrusts into the primitive and pagan world. Peter was personally introduced to Jesus by his brother Andrew while Paul came to the Church much later and in a dramatic fashion.

Paul was dedicated to his Jewish Roots and was a vehement anti-Christian. In fact he was on his way to round up a group of Christians, when he was knocked off his horse, met the Risen Lord and all his former hatred was baptised into a river of love. This divine love and grace filled his life and gave him the energy to preach the Gospel to the known gentile world. These two men often had their differences about some questions of religion but were completely united in their preaching about Jesus, passionate men of conviction and totally dedicated to what they believed in.

Paul sees himself as having been appointed by God to be the apostle of the Gentiles, and he is openly disappointed when he discover that Cephas (Peter) has stopped eating with the Gentiles because of pressure from others in Jerusalem. Paul tells us how he stands up to Peter and he writes; 'When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face since he was manifestly in the wrong'. But while he opposed Peter, it is important for him to win Peter's support. Peter stands as the authority figure who has the power to bring both groups together and so avoided a division in the early Church.

Peter is one of the most interesting characters in the Gospel. It's clear that he had leadership qualities but it's also clear that he had glaring weaknesses. In the Gospels we see his up and downs – sometimes he is brave, other times very cowardly. He is almost too human and probably not our idea of a Saint or even the ideal person to be the head of Christ's Church. However it is interesting to see how Jesus dealt with him – how he helped him to grow into the man who was ready to lay down his life for him and who eventually did just that. This growth was a gradual thing and there were some regressions and failures along the way but this is how the growth happens. To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often.

Ennis Parish  
Development Fund  
for Sunday, 22nd June

Fund €6,145  
Online €214.50

## *Sr. Eileen's Cúinne*

Laethanta Saoire.

Tá na scoileanna dúnta agus laethanta saoire an tSamhraidh tosaithe.

Go raibh gach duine go slán sábháilte ar muir is ar tír i rith an tSamhraidh le laethanta geala, faoi áthas, faoi mhaise agus faoi phléisiúr i ngrásta Dé agus sinn ag tabhairt moladh Dó as na grásta go léir atá bronnata aige orainn. Is paidir dheas i seo ón mBéaloideas chuig d'Aingeal Coimhdeachta le rá le haghaidh sábháilteachta :

*Aingeal aoibhinn, aingeal Dé,  
Cabhraigh liom ar feadh an lae.*

*Bí le m'ais go síoraí dlúth*

*Is ná lig don diabhal mé a chur amú. Áiméan*

Tá tráth na scrúduithe thart i mbliana agus beidh daltaí ag glacadh saoire freisin. Guímid gach rath ar dhaltaí an pharóiste agus iarraidimid ar an Spiorad Naomh teacht i gcabhair orthu agus iad a choimeád slán i gcónaí.

*A Thiarna go leana mé tú  
agus do threoir i gcónaí.*

*In ainm an Athar le bua,*

*In ainm an Mhic d'fhulaing pian,*

*In ainm an Spiorad Naoimh le neart,*

*Muire agus a Mac linn inár dtriall. Áiméan*

Schools are closed and Summer holidays have begun. May all be safe on land and at sea during the Summer enjoying bright days full of joy and happiness in the grace of God. We praise Him for all the graces he has bestowed on us. This is a lovely prayer from our Tradition to our Guardian Angel for protection:

*O angel of God,  
help me throughout this day.  
Be with me forever,  
Save me from all evil. Amen.*

Examinations are finished and students look forward to the holidays. We wish all students in the parish every success and we ask the Holy Spirit to help them and keep them safe.

*Lord may I always follow you,  
and let you be my guide*

*In the name of the Father victorious,  
In the name of the Son who suffered,  
In the name of the Holy Spirit of power,  
May Mary and her son be with us. Amen*



Coláiste Muire 50<sup>th</sup>

Reunion—Save the Date

If you started as a First Year in Coláiste Muire, Ennis in 1970 you are invited to our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion at Old Ground Hotel on Saturday 11th October.

More info from

Hilary Campbell 0877834139;

Margaret Neylon 0877761204;

Cora Haheesy 0879873702

## Many Thanks!

Many Thanks to all of you who showed up each evening for the Rosary at the grottos during the month of May also thanks to the priests Your willingness and generosity is much appreciated

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of 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 Acts of the Apostles Acts 12:1-11

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittently. On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. Get up! he said Hurry! - and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, Put on your belt and sandals. After he had done this, the angel next said, Wrap your cloak round you and follow me. Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all

happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. Now I know it is all true, he said. The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.

## The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

R: **From all my terrors  
the Lord set me free**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
His praise always on my lips;  
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
From all my terrors he set me free. **R**

Look towards him and be radiant;  
Let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
And rescued him from all his distress. **R**

The angel of the Lord is encamped  
Around those who revere him,  
to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R.**

## A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy.

### 2 Timothy 4:6-8.17-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

You are Peter and on this rock

I will build my Church.  
And the gates of the underworld  
can never hold out against it *Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 16:13-19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

## 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

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.  
And Jesus replied: You are Peter, And upon this rock I will build my Church.