



ENNIS PARISH

Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral

NEWSLETTER



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Luke 10: 25-37

Sunday 13th July 2025

In writing about this Gospel story, Thomas O'Loughlin says that it has become such a part of our overall culture, even with those who are unfamiliar with Christianity or have outright rejected it will use the term 'Good Samaritan'. And because of this, says O'Loughlin, "the story has become simply the message to give a hand to anyone you come across in a crisis. The story's very familiarity hides its punch."

Because of that familiarity we may glance over the story without wondering about the details. Why do the priest and the Levite pass by on the other side? Some might think it is because to touch the injured man would make them unfit for religious rituals – but Jesus tells us they are going away from Jerusalem so that can't be the reason. Is it because they are afraid that those who had robbed and beaten the man might still be around so they were playing it safe? And why does Jesus choose the Samaritan as

the good person here – in the previous chapter of Luke's Gospel we are told that it was a Samaritan town who had refused to meet Jesus because he was on his way to Jerusalem.

Our focus zooms in on the actions of the Good Samaritan; generous, kind, helpful even though he was different from the others. Wouldn't we do the same for someone in need?

'Who is my neighbour?' asks the lawyer. The question is motivated by Jesus' drawing out the answer from him that we must love the Lord our God without restriction or boundaries and that must love our neighbour as ourselves.

So, who is the neighbour – the Samaritan or the injured man? It would seem that the answer is, both of them. The Samaritan is moved with compassion to help the injured man. His act of love reaches across the boundaries that society has put in place and helps him overcome the fear that is present in the others in the story. By accepting that act the injured man finds his new neighbour, fear no longer preventing them forming a new relationship.

We have the knowledge within us – Jesus praises the lawyer for his response; it is the actions that follow the knowledge make the difference as to whether we remain a stranger or become neighbour.

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

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Priest on Duty 13th July 2025
Fr. Tom Ryan 065 6869098



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Jim Collins, Greendale, Clonroad. MM.

Rita Briody, Co. Meath. **1st Anniv.**

Tommy Mahony, Tobertaoscaín.

Peggy Cox, Dalcassian Ave.

Sean, Myra & Mames Kenny, Dalcassian Park.

Paul Hayes, Clancy Park.

Nellie & Raymond Casey, Parnell St.;

Flannan, Patricia & Ursula Brody, Loughville

Sun 13th 8am: Kathleen, Jim & Charlie Gray, Chicago.

9.30am: Mary Lally, Pinegrove.

O'Malley & Walsh Families, Mayo.

Elizabeth Fleming, Marian Ave.

Maria Lucia, Brazil.

11.30am: Thomas Callinan, Beechpark.

Gerald & Lucy O'Driscoll, Summerhill.

Frank Hanrahan, Dalcassian Drive.

5pm: Mass for the Brazilian Community.

Mon: 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: Bridget, Patrick, Val & Michael Casey, O'Connell St. & Clare Rd.

7.30pm: John & Maureen Duddy & Brigid McIntyre, Donegal.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

Frank & Bridget O'Brien.

11am: Liam Galvin, Gort na Rí, Gort Rd.

7.30pm: No intention booked.

Wed 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Bridie, Maggie & Joe Cullinan, Ennis & Inch.

Thurs 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: Marion Coffey, Gillingham, Kent. MM.

7.30pm: Paddy & Nellie Casey & Deceased Family, Parnell St.

Leona Sabroso, The Philippines.

Mary Coote, Turnpike.

Fri 7.40am: No intention booked.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Dariusz Przekop, Westwood. **1st Anniv.**

Thomas & Margaret Pilkington, St. Michael's Villas.

Brendan & Laura Doyle, Clonroad.

Sat: 11am: Eileen Flanagan, Rockmount House.

Mai Brennan & Jasna Jurisich, Chez Nous, Clonroadmore.

Marie O'Brien, Turnpike Rd.

Marian & Dan McNamara, College Green.

6.30pm: Thomas O'Connell, Fountain Cross. MM.

Maureen Mahony, Tulla & Cavan. **1st Anniv.**

Mona Kelly, Kilrush Rd.

Michael O'Connor, Ros na Rí, Shanaway Rd.

Stephen (Broddy) & Kathleen McCarthy &

McCarthy & Fagan Families, Considine Tce.

John Brigdale, Clancy Park.

Patrick Mahony, Considine Rd.

Theresa & Pat Sullivan, Ennis.

Sun 20th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: Brenda Flynn, Fergus Park.

Paschal Hanrahan, Gallows Hill.

Denis Harnedy, Boston.

11.30am: Mary Smyth (nee Dunne), Feakle & Clare Rd.

John & Nancy Howard, St. Michael's Villas.

Seán & Myra Kenny, Turnpike.

Thank you to all who supported the recent Church Gate Collection at the Friary in aid of the sick pilgrims to Lourdes. Your generosity is very much appreciated

Newly Baptised



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

Victoria Scarlett Balogna

Liam Michael Russell;

Dana Jill Marsh;

Aoife Kate O'Rourke;

Flannan Brody;

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge a donation of €20. Your generosity to the Cathedral Renovation Appeal is much appreciated. Thank you.

Found: pair of sunglasses on Kilrush Rd. Enquiries to Parish Office.

Cahercalla Community Care 30th Anniversary Family Fun Day, takes place on the 26th July between 2pm and 5pm. Stall holders welcome, free entry. Limited places contact 065 6824388

Blood Donation Clinic

Ennis West County Hotel on Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th July 4:50pm – 8:10pm

New and returning donors are very welcome.

Phone 1800 222 111 for appointment. Your donation can make a life-saving difference. New and returning donors are very welcome.



Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday 7th July,
Fund **€8,112.00**



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 7pm: Mary O'Shea, St. Senan's Rd.

Moira & Pakie Kearney, Brookville, Lahinch Rd.

Kyle O'Donovan, London.

Sun 13th 10am: Christina Forde, The Lane, Cappahard.

11.45am: Jeremiah Considine, Corrovorrin Crescent.

John & Josephine Lavin, The Crescent.

Martin Lafferty & Maura Harold.

Patsy Heneghan, Mayo.

Mon 10.30am: Gerry & Aggie O'Dwyer, Old Gort Rd.

Thomas & Mgt O'Mahony, Tralee.

Tues 10.30am: Book of intentions.

John O'Toole, Co. Mayo.

Wed 10.30am: Michael & Patrick Cleary, Clancy Park.

Thu 10.30am: No intention booked.

Fri 10.30am: No intention booked.

Sat: 10.30am: No intention booked.

7pm: No intention booked.

Sun 20th 10am: Buddy Brown, Corrovorrin Crescent.

11.45am: Mary Guilfoyle, Marian Ave.

Gretta & Pete Burke, Ashline House.

Bernard & Michael Eustace, Oakleigh Wood, Tulla Rd.

Nancy Tubridy, Doonbeg.

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.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 13th 11am: No intention.

Mon: 9.30am: No intention

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Special Intention.

Thu 9.30am: Bridget O'Loughlin, Corofin.

Fri 9.30am: No intention

Sun 20th 11am: No intention

REST IN PEACE

Mary Whelan, Larchill;

Gerry Hynes, Drumcliffe & Marian Avenue;

Sr. Ann Crowley, Convent of Mercy, Bóthar na Trócaire, Ennis & Kilkee;

Deirdre Houlihan, Abbeyville, Limerick Rd.;

Mary McGowan (née Falvey), Fergus Lawn, Ennis & Tulla;

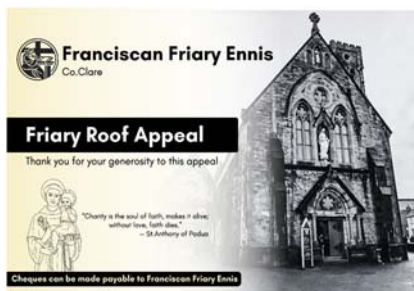
Pauline Borda (nee Reidy), Malta & late of Hermitage;

Murt McNerney, Doonbeg, father of Francis, Riverside, Clonroadmore;

Sally Hanrahan, Northampton, England, wife of Adrian formerly of St. Michael's Villas;

John Geoghegan, Ballybeg;

Friary Roof Appeal



Work has begun at the Friary repairing the roof of the Church. St. Anthony's Shrine needs special attention as it is currently leaking. The estimated cost of this work is €120,000

The Franciscan presence in Ennis goes back almost 800 years and in that time the people of Ennis and Clare have always supported the Friars in their ministry.

If you would like to make a contribution to this appeal, your offering will be very much appreciated.

You can leave your contribution in the Sunday basket or at the Friary or Parish Offices. Cheques can be made payable to Franciscan Friary, Ennis.

Online contributions can be sent to Ennis Parish for this appeal.

The Friary appreciate the generosity and support of the community and assure all of a remembrance in their daily prayers.

Beautiful Flowers



Our thanks to Mary & James O'Grady for the beautiful display of flowers on the grounds of the Cathedral, beautifying our sacred place of worship.

European Patrons

This is the time of year that we remember in a special way the Patron Saints of Europe three of whose feast days fall during the summer.

11th July: St. Benedict

23rd July: St. Bridget of Sweden

9th August: Edith Stein, St. Teresa Benedict of the Cross.

The remaining European Patrons are SS Cyril and Methodius and St. Catherine of Siena.

Sr. Ann Crowley



Sr. Ann died peacefully on July 4th last in the loving care of the Staff of Milford Hospice, Limerick.

Ann was born in Limerick to Hugh and Mary Crowley (nee Cusack) on May 30th 1948. She was the third in a family of four, Mary, Hugh and Bernie, all of whom have predeceased her. Due to the fact that Ann's Father was an inspector on the railway, the family lived in various places - Sligo, Limerick and Clare where Ann attended Primary School. Her Secondary Education was in Colaiste Muire, Ennis.

Ann entered the Sisters of Mercy, Kilrush on September 24th 1966. Her First Profession was on July 19th 1969 and her motto was "To love as Christ loves". She made her Final Profession on August 14th 1974.

Ann attended Mater Dei Institute, Dublin where she achieved an M.A. in Religious Science.

After graduating Ann taught Religion and English in Kilrush Convent School and in Kilkee Convent School and Kilkee Community College where she spent most of her teaching life until 2005.

After retirement Ann dedicated herself to poetry and produced two collections of same. She also became involved in Parish Reflections and, until recently, once a month she had a Spiritual Reflection in the Clare Champion and also wrote for the Clare FM Radio Programme "Beyond Belief"

In 2024, Ann was diagnosed with cancer and she showed striking acceptance of her illness, never complaining. She spent some time in Catherine McAuley Nursing Home in Limerick and became involved in every aspect of daily living and was lovingly cared for by the staff there. She got a brief reprieve and returned to Kilkee but her illness returned and she went to St Xavier's Convent, Ennis where she was cared for with love and attention over the past month.

Ann was a very friendly, gentle, thoughtful, creative person and endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact. She kept up with staff and past pupils all of whom held her in high regard and remembered her particularly for her kindness. Ann will be greatly missed by her niece, Geraldine and grandnephew Alex, her Mercy Sisters, her cousins, relatives and many friends.

Ann's funeral took place in the Cathedral on Monday last and she was laid to rest in the family grave in Killeen Cemetery, Sixmilebridge.

May she now Rest in the Peace of Christ whom she served faithfully as a Mercy Sister.

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

Tá Dia inár dTeannta

Sa lá atá inniu ann in Éirinn is léir go bhfuil an saol athruithe ó bhun go barr go háirithe maidir le cúrsaí creidimh. Tá cleachtadh an chreidimh imithe i léig go háirithe i measc na n-óg. Ní gá dúinn bheith dobrónach mar dúirt Iosa go mbeidh sé linn de shíor fiú go deireadh an domhain. Is féidir linn solás a bhaint as Rómhánaigh 8:31 "Má tá Dia ar ár dtaobh, cé atá inár gcoinne?" "I rith an tSamhraidh chonaiceamar na mílte idir óg agus aosta anseo in Éirinn ag dul ar oilithrigh chuig áiteanna spioradálta éagsúla ar fud an domhain chun seal a chaitheamh ag machnamh, agus ag guí chun Dé. Bhí meas agus grá i gcónaí ag ár sinsear ar thobreacha beannaithe. Bhí ardmheas acu freisin ar fhuarain agus foinsí uisce. Bhí sé antábhachtach go mbeadh fíoruisce gar don teach. Ní foláir dúinn inniu an meas céanna a bheith againn ar ár bhfoinsí uisce. Is acmhainn thar a bheith luachmhar é an t-uisce.

A Thiarna a Rí a rinne fíon den uisce go gcuire tú brí agus spreacadh i mo dheoch uisce. Áiméan.

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Much has changed in Ireland in recent years and the practice of our religion is no exception. Religious practice has declined especially among the young. Let us be hopeful. God said that He would be with us always even to the end of the world. We can get consolation from Romans 8:31 "With God on our side who can be against us?" During the Summer young and old go on pilgrimage to spend a while in quietness and prayer. Some visit holy places such as holy wells. Our ancestors had much respect for wells and water. We too ought to conserve and care for our water sources.

Lord who changed water to wine at Cana may you put strength and vigour in my drink of water. Amen

World Day of Prayer

For grandparents and the elderly will take place in Knock Shrine on Sunday 27th July to celebrate Grandparents' Day.

Croagh Patrick

Reek Sunday this year is 27th July with Mass on the summit daily from 8am to 2pm. Confessions also available on the summit from 7:30am to 2pm.

Lough Derg Pilgrimage

This year's pilgrimage is almost fully booked. Departing on Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th. The bus will leave from the Cathedral at 7am sharp. Total cost of bus and Island fee €135. Booking and payment to the Parish Office 065 6824043.

Lourdes

Two remaining pilgrimages from Shannon Airport in September.

Franciscan Pilgrimage 24th – 29th Sept;

Diocesan Pilgrimage: 29th Sept – 4th Oct.

Booking with joewalshtours.ie

Tel. 01 2410800

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

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 book of Deuteronomy Dt 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of
the Lord your God, keeping those
commandments and laws of his that are written
in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to
the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today
is not beyond your strength or beyond your
reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to
wonder. "Who will go up to heaven for us and
bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and
keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you
need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us
and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it
and keep it?"

No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your
mouth and in your heart for your observance'.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*Response Seek the Lord, you who are poor,
And your hearts will revive.*

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. R.

As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. R

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
For the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their
chains.
R.

For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there.
R.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians Col 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation, for in him
were created all things in heaven and on
earth:

everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities,
Powers—all things were created through him
and for him. Before anything was created, he
existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.
As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born
from the dead, so that he should be first in
every way; because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him and all things to be
reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace by his death on the
cross.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The sheep that belong to me listen to my
voice, says the Lord,*

I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus,
stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I
do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him,
'What is written in the Law? What do you read
there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord
your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your strength, and with all your mind,
and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have
answered right,' said Jesus. 'do this and life is
yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and
said to Jesus, 'And who is my
neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once
on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho

and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all
he had, beat him and then made off, leaving
him half dead.

Now a priest happened to be travelling down
the same road, but when he saw the man, he
passed by on the other side. In the same way a
Levite who came to the place saw him, and
passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him
was moved with compassion when he saw him.
He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring
oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to
his own mount, carried him to the inn and
looked after him. Next day, he took out two
denarii and handed them to the innkeeper.
"Look after him," he said, "and on my way back
I will make good any extra expense you have."

Which of these three, do you think, proved
himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the
brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on
him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and
do the same yourself'.

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

**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him,
says the Lord.**