

# Today's Scripture Readings

**Entrance Antiphon**  
**Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.**

**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 Exodus.**  
**Ex 32:7-11.13-14**

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'  
 But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.'  
 So the Lord relented and did not bring on his

people the disaster he had threatened.  
**The word of the Lord**  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
*I will leave this place and go to my father.*

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R**  
 A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**  
 O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R**

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy**  
**1 Tm 1:12-17**

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus.  
 Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

**The word of the Lord**  
**Gospel Acclamation**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.*  
**Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel:**  
**Lk 15:1-32**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:  
 'What man among you with a

hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

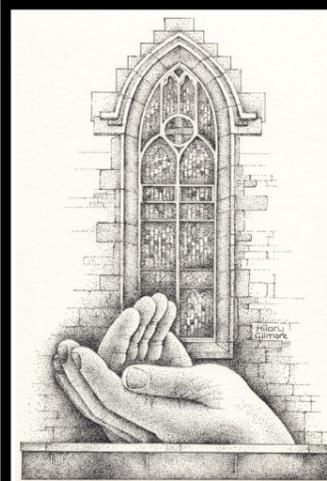
'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

**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 chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.**



**Confessions in Cathedral Saturday** After 10am Mass & before and after 6.30pm Mass  
**St Joseph's Saturday** After 11am Mass  
**Parish Office** open Mon to Fri 9.30-1pm & 2-5pm Sat 10.30-12noon

# Ennis Parish News

## Mass Times

**Sundays:**  
 Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm; Sunday: 9am, 10.30am & 12 noon  
 St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7pm; Sunday: 8, 10, 11.30am  
 Cloughleigh Church:- 9.30am, 11am  
 Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30pm; Sunday: 9.30, 10.30, 12.00 noon  
 Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45 a.m.  
**Weekdays:**  
 Cathedral: Mon. – Fri: 7.45am; 10am & 7.30pm; 10am on Saturday  
 St. Joseph's:- Monday – Saturday: 11am  
 Cloughleigh Church:- Monday – Friday: 9.30am  
 Friary:- Daily: 10am & 1.05pm; 10am on Saturday  
 Poor Clare Monastery:- Daily at 7.45 am; Daily Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament from 4-6pm in the Chapel.  
**Phone Numbers:**  
 Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: info@ennisparish.com  
 St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6840715; Friary: 6828751  
**Ennis Parish Web Site:** <http://www.ennisparish.com>  
**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/ennis.parish>

## Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 11th September 2016

### St. Teresa of Kolkata

We will continue to know her and refer to her as Mother Teresa of Calcutta, our newest Saint canonised on Sunday last and now referred to as St Teresa of Calcutta or Kolkata. The Saints are a central part of our Catholic worship and prayer. Parents often chose a saint's name for their new baby.

Many of us have a particular connection to a saint. We know them as our friends and intercessors. They bring hope and strength into our lives. We know that we have a helper with us in times of anxiety or uncertainty. At key moments we invoke the guidance and protection of the saints—Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination. The saints are mentioned at every Mass in the "great prayer" (the Eucharistic Prayer). The saints inspire us in our living the values of the Gospel. A particular saint is chosen as a patron because of their life skills. In our Irish tradition holy wells and sacred places were dedicated to a local Saint.

Mother Teresa spent her life working with the poorest of the poor in the slums of Calcutta. In her life time she was referred to as a living saint. She said "never worry about numbers, help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest to you".



Her smile and her joy left a lasting impression. She also said *spread love everywhere you go, let no one come to you without leaving happier; let us always greet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love*".

For upwards of 50years Mother Teresa struggled with her faith and sense of God, she knew the darkness—we know this from her diaries and her writings.

**To be a saint is to allow Jesus to live his life in and through you. We are all saints in the making, unfinished works of art, shaped by the creator.**

**Fáilte-Bienvenue-Willkommen-Benvenuto-Bienvenido-Witajcie-Bemvindo-  
Welkom-Velkomin-Vitejte-Karibu-Croeso-Valkommen-Tervetuloa-Welcome**

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat:6.30pm:** Mary Griffin, Beechpark. **1st Anniv**

**Sun 11th: 9am:** Special Intention.

**10.30am:** Veronica Drinan, Ashmere, Cusack Rd.

Pauline Greer, Greenhill House, Ashline.

Michael Quinn, Lahinch Rd.

Tom Malone, Ard na Gaoithe & late Parnell St.

Mary Clohessy, Connolly.

John & Michael Shannon, Loughville.

J.J. Quinn, St Michael's Villas

Peter Sheridan, Morrissey Ave.

**12noon:** Mass for the People.

**Mon:7.45am:** O'Neill, Hassett & Murray Families, Market St.

**10am:** William Morgan, Roscommon.

**7.30pm:** Michael Kearse, St. Michael's Villas.

**Tues:7.45am** Book of Intentions.

**10am:** Agnes & Bernard O'Shaughnessy, St. Michael's Vls.

Geraldine & Tom Quinn, London.

**6.30pm:** Michael & Molly Meehan, Summerhill.

**7.30pm:** Frank, Agnes & Michael Murphy, Hermitage.

**Wed:7.45am:** Special Intentions.

**10am:** Patrick & Annie Hogan, Ard na Greine.

**7.30pm:** Nellie Bourke, Tulla Rd.

**Thurs:7.45am:** Special Intention.

**10am:** Molly Slattery, Cahercalla.

**7.30pm:** John McGann, Ard na Greine.

**Fri:7.45am** Mass for the People.

**10am:** James Lynch, Flannan's Tce,

Kitt & Jack Carroll, Harmony Row.

**7.30pm:** Special Intention.

**Sat:10am:** Olive O'Malley, Doora & Fergus Pk.

**6.30pm:** Seán Mahon, Tulla Rd. **1st Anniv**

**Sun 18th: 9am:** Dan & Mary O'Keeffe, Ardlea Rd.

**10.30am:** Kathleen Mc Govern, College View.

Eileen Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.

Mary & Bernard Woods, Summerhill.

Michael & Anne O'Doherty, Bridgecourt.

Tony Mulrennan, Westfields.

John, Kathleen & Seán Cullinan, Cornmarket St.

Neil, Eileen & Niall O'Sullivan, Greenpark.

David King, Ballaghboy, Doora.

**12noon:** Mass for the People.

### Roster for Cathedral:

**Sunday 18th September, 2016**

**Readers:** Group 3

**Eucharistic Ministers Weekday:** Group 1

**Eucharistic Ministers Sunday:** Group 3



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 11th 9.30am:** Patrick O'Brien, Willow Park.

**11am:** Josephine Mc Mahon, Shanaway Rd.

**Mon 9.30am:** Joe Egan, Castlebar.

**Tue 9.30am:** .Book of Intentions.

**Fri 9.30am:** Opening School year Mass.

**7pm:** Frances **1st Anniv** & Tommy Brennan, Clonroad.

**Sun 18th 9.30am:** Special Intention.

**11am:** Martin Fitzpatrick, Cragleigh.

**Ennis Parish Development Fund for  
Sunday, 4th September €7,422.00**

## Hospital & Sick Calls

**11th September, 2016**

### Priest on Duty:

**Fr. Tom Hogan**

### Wednesday:

**Fr. Dariusz Plasek**

**Duty Phone: 065 6869098**

### The Franciscan community

would like to invite all who contributed to the renovation fund to attend a special mass in thanksgiving on Sunday 18th September at 12noon.

*Br. Isidore, (Guardian)*

### Month's Mind Mass for Fr.

**Frank Cassidy** in Ennis Friary;

7pm; Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September

### The Adult Study of The

**Catechism of The Catholic**

**Church resumes on Wed. 14th**

**Sep.;** 7pm; **St. Joseph's**

**meeting room. New members**

**welcome. Eithne: 087-6679516**

## Saint Vincent de Paul

will hold a Church Gate collection at Vigil Masses on Saturday 17th and at all Masses in Ennis on Sunday 18th of September 2016 and look forward to the generosity of the general public which is much appreciated. We believe that everyone should have the means to live life with dignity. We can't do it alone and without your support, we simply could not do our work in supporting the many families who need our help during the year. We are available to help any person or family who are in need and require assistance. To contact us call 065 6824188. If any person wishes to donate to the Society, they are welcome to put same in an envelope addressed to St. Vincent de Paul and it can be left in to the SVP Shop at 84 Parnell St. Ennis or at the Parish Office.



## Newly Baptised

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

**Tomasz Dutkiewicz, Ethan**

**Patrick Flaherty, Delia Marie**

**Hehir, Freya Frances Keane,**

**Daniel Francis Chesser**

## St. Joseph's



Mass intentions for scheduled Masses in St. Joseph's Church should be booked through the Parish Office. For all other events call Fr John 0656822166.

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 11th 10am:** Helen Mc Cabe, Roslevan.

**11.30am:** Noel Carmody, Kincora Park.

**Wed 11am:** Frances Garvey, Roslevan.

**Thu 11am:** Eileen Gaffney, Seanúlla, Gort Rd.

**Fri 11am:** Alice Hartnett, Lifford.

**Sat 11am:** Joseph Mc Donagh, Fernhill. **1st Anniv**

**7pm:** Patrick Coote, Considine Tce. **1st Anniv**

**Sun 18th 10am:** Tom Spellissy, Steele's Tce.

## Reflection for the Year of Mercy



What is the meaning of mercy? My faith, I hope, leads me to be faithful. To be thankful, sympathetic, kind, generous and forgiving- All these sum up mercy for me. I asked my 7 year old to define mercy. The response was "I think it is the love of God and the heart of Jesus." Approaching communion age he demonstrates mercy by his very presence daily. Social media and internet are full of merciless acts of violence but children grow up through the Catholic faith which promotes acts of random kindness, sympathetic and compassionate gestures. We can learn to be truly grateful for small mercies like the gift of a child's arms wrapped around your neck. I count my blessings every day because I try to take nothing for granted. Joy and happiness emanate from life's simple pleasures. The hardest maths to master can often be those which enable us to count our blessings.

God gave us the gift of 84,600 seconds today. I often ask if I have used even one of those seconds to say "thanks". The unthankful heart discovers no mercies but the thankful heart will find blessings. Keep your eyes open to your mercies!!

*T. Daly*

## Rest in Peace



**Ruth Boyle**, Galway; sister in law of **Mai Fogarty**, Fernhill; **Anna McCrum nee McKenzie**, Station Rd; **Lilija Borisova**, Woodquay, Parnell St,

*Those we love don't go away,*

*they walk beside us every day.*

*Unseen, unheard, but always near;*

*still loved, still missed and very dear.*



Do you or someone you know wish to become a Catholic?

Are you Baptised but not Confirmed or received First Eucharist?

Have you children preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Communion or Confirmation but you yourself have not received them?

Then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) may be the place for you!

Every year adults are welcomed into the Catholic Community through this programme.

Please call into the parish office or contact them 0656824043 for information.

Did you know? The main reason people say they did not become Catholic sooner is because no one asked them! **Now is the time!**

### The Clare branch of Down Syndrome Ireland

would like to thank everybody who kindly supported their annual 'Tour de Munster' flag day recently. Donations are put to good use and are much appreciated.

### The Medjugorje prayer meeting

is at the Daycare Centre, Clarecastle on Monday, 12th September at 8pm. All are welcome.

### Maranatha Prayer Ministry

invites you to the Healing Retreat Sunday, 18th September at 2.30p.m. at St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Fr. Ger Fitzgerald, Ennis and Janice and Moss Carrig, Newcastlewest with beautiful praise and worship, music, song, Talk, Confessions, Mass, Adoration and Laying on of hands for healing. Tea after.

### Ennis Old folks' Group

will resume their fortnightly meetings on Monday September 26th at 8p.m. in the Ennis Community Centre in Chapel Lane. If you are over 65, find the winter evenings long and would like to join us for a chat, music, bingo, friendship and fun, please do come along. You would be very welcome.

### Lost:

Pearl & diamond earring on Friday 2nd September in Ennis. Sentimental Value. Reward offered. Contact 086—3167847

### Making sense of the Sunday Readings

and connecting them to our everyday lives through the Lectio Divina method on Tuesday mornings from 11am. to 12pm. Christian Brothers' Monastery, New Road, Ennis. Time: Recommencing on Tuesday 13th Sept. 2016 For further information contact Br. Dick Burke at 0872047649.



## Live the Word:

Self credit is an act of encouragement, praise and motivation. To give yourself credit means you recognise your worth and your effort you have put into things, and so, why not to say "well done" to yourself! You are worth giving yourself some self credit.

Triduum in honour of  
St. Pio of Pietrelcina



**21st, 22nd, 23rd of September.**

Ennis Franciscan Friary

Mass will be held every evening at 7:30p.m.

**Wed 21st:** Fr. John O'Gorman, PP Menalogue

**Thu 22nd:** Fr. Frank McGrath, Ennis Friary

**Fri 23rd:** Fr. Bryan Shortall, O.F.M. Dublin.

(individual blessing with relic of St. Pio)

We invite you to come and join us in prayer.

### ENNIS TIDY TOWNS

would like to invite you all to a workshop aimed at developing a Biodiversity Action Plan for Ennis Town. Biodiversity,

which includes all living things in our community, is very important and we hope that this community developed plan will help improve our town for local wildlife as well as educate and increase awareness within all age groups. We are hosting a workshop on Wednesday September 14 at 7:30pm in the Old Ground Hotel. The evening will be full of activities to help brainstorm ideas for the Plan. If you are interested we would love you to come along. Also Ennis Tidy Towns are opening up this workshop to all Tidy Towns' groups and community associations around the county so make sure to spread the word!

### The Rock Run & Walk

5k Thursday September 29th at 6.30pm starting from the rock in Scoil Chríost Rí Cloughleigh schoolyard. Register from 5pm at the school. Adults €10 or Families €20. Refreshments after. In aid of Scoil Chríost Rí, Cloughleigh

### Croghan Greene Academy of Irish Dance

Resumes Ennis Community College Wednesday 14th Sept 4.30pm Enquires Helen 0876231106

### Coping with loss after suicide.

It may help to talk to a Clare Suicide Bereavement Support (Clare S.B.S) volunteer. Phone or text 087 3698315 or 086 0565373  
www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com

### Senior Citizens' Scrabble Group:

If you would like to meet for an hour or two on a Wednesday morning at the Junction, Cloughleigh to play Scrabble, give your details to Frank/Community Outreach Worker for the Elderly (087) 1818828.

### Shannon Archaeological & Historical Society

Sunday 11h Sept—Outing to the Kilkerrin Battery and the environs of Labasheeda led by Paddy Nolan. Meet Labasheeda Church car park 2pm.

### Alzheimer Support Group:

If you are caring for someone with Dementia this is an opportunity to meet with others who are also caring for their family members. Should you need support or advice please drop in for a chat and a cuppa. 15th September; 7pm. Alzheimer Society of Ireland, Cuan on Chlair, Cahercalla. Details: 065 6868621

## Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Dhá Fhéile na Seachtaine Seo.

Ceiliúránn an Eaglais Chaitliceach Ardú na Croise Céasta ar an 14 Meán Fómhair agus Seacht nDólás na Maighdine Muire ar an 15 Meán Fómhair gach bliain. Sa bhliain 326 chuaigh Naomh Helena máthair Chonstantín soir go hIarúsailéim agus d'éirigh léi Cros Chéasta Chríost a fháil.

Tá dhá Fhéile ag an Eaglais chun onóra Mhuire na nDólás, an Aoine tar éis Domhnach na Páise an ceann is ársa. Sa bhliain 1727 d'ordaigh an Pápa Benedict X111 an Fhéile seo a cheiliúradh ar fud na hEaglaise agus thug sé uirthi Seacht nDólás na Maighdine Muire agus atá á chomórath fós i roinnt tíortha. Maidir leis an dara Fhéile d'fhógair an Pápa PiusV11 i a cheiliúradh feasta ar 14 Meán Fómhair. Is fiú dúinn machnamh ar na Seacht nDólás na Maighdine Muire agus sin ag guí ar son cúigeair ón teaghlach céanna a fuair bás go tubaisteach sa Chabhán le gairid. Seo iad a leanas Seacht nDólás na Maighdine Muire:

Tairngreacht Shimeon

An Teitheadh don Éigipt

Íosa ar iarraidh sa Teampall in Iarúsailéim

Castar Íosa lena mháthair ar a thuras go Calvaire

Céasadh Íosa ar Chnoc Chalvaire

Cliathán Íosa á tholladh le sleá agus tógar Íosa den chros.

Íosa á adhlacadh ag Íosaef ó Airiomatáia.

The Catholic Church celebrates to honour Mary

Mother of God, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on

September 14th and Our Lady of Sorrows on

September 15th. St Helena mother of Constantine

discovered the True Cross of Christ in Jerusalem.

There are two feasts of Our Lady of Sorrows

celebrated by the church. The most ancient one

was on the Friday after Passion Sunday. In 1727

Pope Benedict X111 declared this feast to be

celebrated by the Church worldwide and named it

the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady and is still

celebrated in many countries. As regards the

second feast Pope Pius V11 declared the feast

Our Lady of Sorrows be celebrated on the 15

September. We ought to reflect on Our Lady's

Sorrows as we pray for the recent tragic deaths in

Co Cavan. These are:

The Prophecy of Saint Simeon

The Escape and Flight into Egypt.

The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple of

Jerusalem

The Meeting of Mary and Jesus on the Via

Dolorosa.

The Crucifixion of Jesus on Mount Calvary.

The Piercing of the Side of Jesus, and His Descent

from the Cross.

The Burial of Jesus by Joseph of Arimathea.

### Irish Cancer Society Woodquay.

We need volunteers in our charity shop. All donations welcome. Help us help others fight cancer. Claire 065 6848826. Thank you for all your support.

### Bus to Knock 18th September in Honour of Padre Pio.

Tickets €12; available in all O'Connor Shops.

## SAMARITANS

**Samaritans Ennis & Clare need volunteers.**

**Information evenings at Sunville, Kilrush**

**Rd., Ennis; 7.30pm; Tues 13th & Thurs 15th**

**Sept. For further information ring**

**0892475946**