

# NEWSLETTER

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## Sunday February 23rd 2025

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Gospel contains some of the most famous and powerful words of Jesus' preaching: "Love your enemies". It is taken from Luke's Gospel but is also found in Matthew's account of the "Beatitudes". Jesus delivered it in Galilee at the beginning of his public life: it is, almost like, a "manifesto" presented to all, in which he asks for his disciples' agreement, proposing his radical model of life to them and indeed to us.

But what do his words mean? Why does Jesus ask us to love our enemies, that is, a love which seems to go against the grain, which seems to be beyond us?

Actually, Jesus' proposal is necessary because it takes into account that in the world there is too much violence, too much injustice, and therefore that this situation cannot be overcome except by countering it with more love, with more goodness. This "more" comes from God: it is his mercy which was made flesh in Jesus and which alone can "tip the balance" of the world from evil to good, starting with that small and decisive place where so much change begins, that is in the individual human heart.

This Gospel passage is rightly considered the perfect example of the Christian ideal of non-violence. It does not consist in succumbing to evil, as a false interpretation of "turning the other cheek" claims, but in responding to evil with good and thereby breaking the chain of injustice.

For Christians, non-violence is not merely tactical behaviour but a person's way of being, the attitude of someone who is so convinced of God's love and power that he or she is not afraid to tackle evil with the weapons of love and truth alone.

Love of our enemy constitutes the heart of the "Christian revolution", a revolution not based on economics, politics or media power: the revolution of love, a love that does not rely ultimately on human resources but is a gift of God. A love which comes by trusting solely and unreservedly in his merciful goodness. Here is the power of the Gospel which silently changes the world!

More and more in our modern world we are tempted to view others as the enemy, and to view enemies as targets to be destroyed. Jesus offers us an alternative view and an alternative course of action. To respond to violence with peace, to injustice with justice and to hate with love.

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### Baptisms in Imeall Boirne Pastoral Area

Baptisms will take place on Saturdays from 2pm rotating between all four parishes.

As from Easter 2025 families will be required to attend a meeting to prepare for their child's baptism. Meetings will be held on the first Saturday of each month at 11am in Ruan Community Hall. Please contact Imeall Boirne Office for more information.

### Mass of Anniversaries

March 1st

**Tubber 6.30pm , Dysart 8pm**

March 2nd

**Ballinruan 9.30am , Kilnaboy 9.30am**

March 9th

**Rath 9.30am**

March 15th

**Boston 6.30pm, Ruan 8pm**

March 16th

**Crusheen 9.30am, Corofin 11am**

Please contact Imeall Boirne Office with names of your loved ones to be included in the Mass of Anniversaries.

Donations for Mass of Anniversaries can be placed in an envelope marked **Anniversary Mass** and dropped in to the donation basket or given to Fr. Des, Fr. Pat or the Imeall Bóirne Office. Thank You.

### Our Changing Church

The Killaloe Diocese Adult Faith Team invites you to a talk/discussion on Saturday, 1st of March 10am- 1pm in the Parish Centre, Ennis Cathedral. Our speaker will be Michael Conway, Prof. of Faith & Culture in Maynooth, who will present current changes happening in the Church and initiate a dialogue on our possible response.

**A Warm Welcome to All**

### Priest on call this week

Fr. Pat O'Neill

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Fr Des Hillery

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### Imeall Bóirne Office

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Riona Browne 087 2410819

### Imeall Boirne Website

[imeallboirne.ie](http://imeallboirne.ie)

We are delighted to announce the launch this week of our Imeall Boirne Website. We hope that our website [imeallboirne.ie](http://imeallboirne.ie) will add to the links that unite us as a Pastoral Area and be a forum to share the richness of all that is happening in Imeall Boirne Pastoral Area. We hope you enjoy our website and please let us know if there is anything you would like to include in the website. A big Thank You to all in the setting up of the Website especially Anne-Marie in the Imeall Boirne Pastoral Area office.

### Autumn Pilgrimage to Medugorje

3rd-11th September Direct Flight

Shannon-Mostar €825.

For more information please contact Maria Grimes 087-4197021

### Family Masses

We gather to join with our younger members preparing to celebrate Communion for the First Time and the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Saturday 8th March

**Boston 6.30pm, Ruan 8pm**

Sunday 9th March

**Crusheen 9.30am , Corofin 11am**

Saturday 29th March

**Boston 6.30pm, Ruan 8pm**

Sunday 30th March

**Crusheen 9.30am , Corofin 11am**

### Jubilee 2025

#### Pilgrims of Hope

Designated Pilgrimage Locations  
Imeall Boirne

#### Inchicronan Parish:

St. Brigid's Well.

#### Ruan and Dysart Parish:

Old Dysart Churchyard.

#### Kilkeedy Parish:

Tubber Holy Well.

#### Rath, Kilbaboy, Corofin:

St. Blathmhac's Church

### Lourdes Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Fintan will depart Shannon Airport on Wednesday 25th June for 5 days. €955 pps includes full board .

Our Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage is from 29th September to 4th October €935 pps includes full board.

please contact JOE Walsh Tours  
Tel: 01 2410800 or [joewalshstours.ie](http://joewalshstours.ie)

A limited number of assisted pilgrims will be accommodated on the June pilgrimage. €855 is the cost for this section. A medical declaration form must be completed and those interested in this section are asked to apply to Ms Mary Freeman , Pilgrimage Secretary 087-9777896 or [marybfreeman@gmail.com](mailto:marybfreeman@gmail.com)

## **Corofin / Kilnaboy / Rath**

Masses Sunday 23rd February

**Rath 9.30am** Mass for the People  
**Corofin 11am** Mass for the People

### Morning Masses

**Corofin:** Monday/ Thursday / Friday at 9:30am  
Adoration of the Eucharist  
**Corofin** each Fri 10:00 am - 5 pm

### Masses Sunday 2nd March

**Kilnaboy 9.30am** Mass of Anniversaries  
Joe & Marie Whelan (Carhunamadra) & their grandson  
Fergal (Sligo) Sr Concilio Mc Kee , Ned Quinn (Rinamona)  
Seamus Mullane, Rita Doolin, Tommy Doolin.

**Corofin 11am** Mass for the People

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday 25th February at 7.30pm 1A Laghtagoona

**St Bridget's Church Cleaning** Monday 24th February after  
9.30am Mass. Please come along and help out Thank-you.

### Corofin Dramatic Society Presents

"The Weir" by Conor McPherson. Produced by John Clancy.  
Feb 27th in Corofin Hall Curtain 8pm

### Apostolic Society Display & Cake Sale

Sunday March 9th Corofin Hall 11am -4pm. If you would like  
to donate a sacred vessel in memory of a loved one please  
contact Kathleen 086-4026104 or Christina 087-6411569

## **Tubber / Boston**

Mass Saturday 22nd February  
**Boston 6.30pm** Mass for the People

### Morning Mass:

**Tubber** Church on Friday at 9.30am  
Adoration of the Eucharist  
**Tubber** Tuesday 7pm - 8pm

### Mass Saturday 1st March

**Tubber 6.30pm** Mass of Anniversaries

Thomas & Mary Forde, Tommy & Margaret Forde,  
John Forde, Maureen McInerney, Paddy Kearney,

**Tubber N.S. is now accepting enrolments.** The closing  
date for applications is March 14th. Contact the school for  
Admissions Policy and Application 091-633230  
[Tubbernationalschool@gmail.com](mailto:Tubbernationalschool@gmail.com)

**Boston National School** Enrolments are now being taken  
for September 2025 in please contact 091 633 211 or email  
[office@bostonns.ie](mailto:office@bostonns.ie) for more information.

### Thought for the Week

"Don't save anything for a special occasion.  
Being alive is a special occasion."  
Mary Engelbreit.

## **Ruan / Dysart**

Mass Saturday 22nd February  
**Ruan 8pm** Kay Carey RIP Month's Mind

### Morning Masses

**Dysart:** Wednesday at 9.30am  
**Ruan:** Thursday at 9.30am  
Adoration of the Eucharist  
**Dysart** - Wed from 10:00am to 1 pm  
**Ruan** - Wed from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

### Mass Saturday 1st March

**Dysart 8pm** Mass of Anniversaries  
Gerard Collins.

### Ruan/Dysart Apostolic Society Display

8th/9th March Community Centre , Ruan. Tea & Cake served.  
The Ruan/Dysart Apostolic Society would like to extend a  
sincere thank-you for all the support and help received  
throughout the year. Should anyone wish to donate a sacred  
vessel please contact Eileen Roughan 087-6460691, Mary  
Marrinan 086-8064838 or Eileen Hannon 087-6426479

An afternoon ceili, to mark the first anniversary of the late  
Frank Custy RIP will be held on Sunday, March 8, from 3-6pm,  
in Toonagh Hall. Music by The Star of Munster Ceili Band .  
Refreshments will be served and a raffle will be held.  
€12 entry fee with all proceeds going to Slainte an Chlair,  
Cancer Centre, Kilnamona

## **Crusheen / Ballinruan**

Mass Sunday 23rd February  
**Crusheen 9.30am** Mass for the People

### Morning Mass

**Crusheen** Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30am  
Adoration of the Eucharist  
**Crusheen** Thurs 10:00am to 9:00pm

### Mass Sunday 2nd March

**Ballinruan 9.30am** Kitty Keehan RIP Month's Mind  
Mass of Anniversaries  
Gus & Bridget Moloney  
May & Mattie McCallen  
Micky & Paddy O'Halloran

### Crusheen Apostolic Society Display March 9th .

If you would like to donate a sacred vessel please  
contact Helen O'Brien 086-1545620 or  
Angela O'Halloran 086-3405479

Thank-you for your recent  
donations and continued support

# Today's Scripture Readings

## A reading from the first book of Samuel

1 Sam 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

## The word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm;

Response: 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 is compassion and love, slow to anger  
and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay  
us according to our faults. R.

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has compassion on his sons the Lord  
has pity on those who fear him. R

## A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

## The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
Lk 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies, and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**