

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday March 16th 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

TRANSFIGURATION

The Transfiguration of Jesus is one of the most profound moments in the Gospels. It is a pivotal event that reveals Jesus' divine nature to Peter, James, and John, offering a glimpse of His glory and foreshadowing His resurrection. As we reflect on the story, we are invited to consider its meaning for our own Lenten journey and our walk of faith.

One of the most striking aspects of this passage is the reaction of the disciples. Overwhelmed by the glory of Christ, Peter impulsively suggests building tents to remain in the moment. However, God's plan is not to remain in glory but to continue the journey toward the cross. This speaks to our human tendency to seek comfort in spiritual highs while avoiding the difficult path of suffering and sacrifice. Lent reminds us that discipleship requires both moments of consolation and the willingness to carry our cross.

The presence of Moses and Elijah is also deeply symbolic. Moses, who led the Israelites out of Egypt and received the Law on Mount Sinai, represents God's covenant with His people. Elijah, the great prophet, symbolizes the call to repentance and faithfulness. Their presence confirms that Jesus is the fulfillment of both the Law and the Prophets, the one who brings salvation to completion. The Transfiguration, therefore, is a turning point in the Gospel, reminding us that Jesus' mission is not just one of glory, but of suffering, death, and ultimately, resurrection.

As we journey through Lent, the Transfiguration challenges us to see beyond our immediate struggles and fix our eyes on the greater hope of Easter. It encourages us to trust in God's plan, even when the road ahead is uncertain or difficult. Like the disciples, we may not always understand God's ways, but we are called to listen to Jesus and follow Him faithfully.

Another key lesson from this passage is the importance of encountering God in moments of prayer and reflection. Jesus took His closest disciples up the mountain, away from the distractions of daily life. Lent offers us an opportunity to step away from our routines, deepen our relationship with Christ, and allow His light to transform us. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we prepare our hearts to recognize His presence more fully.

Ultimately, the Transfiguration is a reminder that glory and suffering are intertwined. Just as Christ was glorified on the mountain but soon faced the agony of the cross, we too must embrace both the joys and trials of our faith. Lent is a season of transformation, calling us to be renewed in our faith, to listen to Christ, and to journey with Him toward the promise of resurrection. May we open our hearts to His light and allow His presence to guide us on our path.

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Imeall Boirne Pastoral Area

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Mass of Anniversaries

April 5th

Tubber 6.30pm, Dysart 8pm

April 6th

Ballinruan 9.30am, Kilnaboy 11am

April 12th

Boston 6.30pm , Ruan 8pm

April 13th

**Rath 9.30am , Crusheen 9.30am
Corofin 11am**

Please note Change of dates due to

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

Priest on call this week

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Riona Browne 087 2410819

The Breastplate of St Patrick

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ within me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone
who thinks of me.
Christ in the mouth of everyone
who speaks of me.
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.

Family Masses

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

Saturday 29th March

Boston 6.30pm, Ruan 8pm

Sunday 30th March

Crusheen 9.30am , Corofin 11am

Lenten Video series for Jubilee of Hope

During the season of Lent, Bishop Fintan will share short daily messages centred around the theme of **Hope** each day. This will be available on the main social media platforms.

Alzheimer Information Cafe

Cuan An Chlair Cahercalla. March 19th
11.30- 1.30 All welcome to join us for tea and a chat. For information Call Linda Murphy 0879152151

Clare Roots Society

'Clare Local Studies and Archives: New Collections with Potential for Genealogical Research' by Michael Talty

7:30pm Thursday March 20th at the Clare Education Centre, Government Buildings, Kilrush Road, Ennis, V95 F782

Thought for the Week

"Lent is a call to renew a commitment grown dull, perhaps by a life more marked by routine than by reflection." Joan Chittister.

Lectio Divina During Lent

Come along to pray together the Word of God / Lectio Divina during Lent. A great way to gather and pray the gospel readings of Lent.

Wednesday 8pm March 19th.

Ruan & Corofin

The Sacristy St. Brigid's Church,
Corofin

Crusheen & Tubber/ Boston

Meeting Room, Crusheen Church

Eucharistic Adoration During Lent

"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."
Mk6:31-32

You are invited to spend some time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent
Tubber Tues. 7pm-8pm
Dysart Wed. 10am to 1pm
Ruan Wed. 3 pm to 7 pm.
Crusheen Thurs. 10am to 9pm
Corofin Fri.10am - 5 pm

St Patrick's Day Mass Schedule

Monday March 17th 2025

St. Mary's Church, Ruan 9.30am
St. Michael's Church, Tubber 9.30am
St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen 11am
St. Brigid's Church, Corofin 11am

Trócaire

Trócaire's Lenten Campaign aims to help families in Guatemala most affected by climate change, and least responsible for creating the crisis . Boxes are available in our churches.

Well Done !

During the week we celebrated the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** with the children preparing to celebrate Communion for the first time. Well done to all our younger members and their families. A special word of thanks to their teachers and all involved in the preparation for the celebrations.

A big Mile Buiochas to all who supported the **Apostolic Work Display** and fundraisers last weekend. A special word of appreciation to the organisers for their dedication and support. Well Done !

Corofin / Kilnaboy / Rath

Masses Sunday 16th March
Kilnaboy 9.30am Mass for the People

Corofin 11am Mass of Anniversaries

James Howard (Gortlecka) Deceased Members of the Cullinan Family, John & Pauline Collins (Dromohar) Gerald McGann (Tullycommon) Toddy O'Loughlin, Joe Collins (Poplar House) Miko Quinn (Kells) Paddy & Bridget Moroney & Deceased Members of the Moroney Family (Ballyporty) John Fitzgerald, Martin Fitzgerald, James O'Brien (Ashfield) Sean Leyden (Drinagh) PJ Commene (Drinagh) Patrick Collins, Mary O'Connell (Station Rd) Michael Organ. Mena Lahiff.

Mass Monday 17th March

Corofin 11am St Patrick's Day

Morning Masses

Corofin: Thursday / Friday at 9:30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Corofin each Fri 10:00 am - 5 pm

Masses Sunday 23rd March

Rath 9.30am Mass for the People

Corofin 11am Thomas Egan RIP 1st Anniversary

Pop up Shop fundraiser for Joe Slattery. Rock the Frock- please donate dresses, jackets, coats & accessories in good as new condition. Old Ground hotel Thurs 20th March 2025, 5.30-9pm entrance fee €5

Chair exercise class for the over 60's St Patrick's Hall , Corofin every Tuesday morning 11am -12noon. For more information contact Trish 0868507227

Tubber / Boston

Mass Saturday 15th March

Boston 6.30pm Mass of Anniversaries

Anna O'Connor (Kiltackey)

Mass Monday 17th March

Tubber 9.30am St Patrick's Day

Morning Mass:

Tubber Church on Friday at 9.30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Tubber Tuesday 7pm - 8pm

Mass Saturday 22nd March

Boston 6.30pm Mass for the People

Tubber N.S. is now accepting enrolments. Contact the school for Application 091-633230

Boston National School Enrolments are now being taken for September 2025 please contact 091 633 211

*Thank-you for your recent
donations and continued support*

Rest in Peace

Mary McGrath (née Nestor) Corofin

Mary McGrath (née Tierney) Corofin

Brendan Beaky, Dublin & Corofin

Gone no further than God and God is very near

Ruan / Dysart

Mass Saturday 15th March

Ruan 8pm Mass of Anniversaries

Martha & Tommy Casey, Marian O'Rourke, Patrick & Claire McMahon (Rineen) Joan Daly. Teresa & John Foley, Kevin Pyne, Paddy Pyne, Michael & Mary Tierney, William Hillary, Anne Hayes, Sabina Hayes, Christina Duffy (nee Hayes)

Mass Monday 17th March

Ruan 9.30am St Patrick's Day

Tuesday 18th March

Dysart 6.30pm Paul Rees RIP 1st Anniversary

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 22nd March

Dysart 6pm Frank Custy RIP 1st Anniversary

Ruan 8pm Michael Hynes RIP 1st Anniversary

Stations of the Cross & Rosary for Lent St Tola's Church, Dysart on Fridays at 7pm All Welcome

Ruan & Toonagh Sustainable Energy Community invites you to a public information evening renewable energy.

Ruan Community Centre on Thursday 20th March at 8pm.

Scoil Mhuire Ruan (Ruan N.S.) are holding an Open Evening on the 19th March 2025 at 7pm. This will be a great opportunity for prospective new parents and anyone in the wider community to come and see the school. Information on before and after school care in Ruan Community Childcare. Teas and coffees provided by the Parents Association. All are welcome.

A Big Thank you to all who supported the Ceili in Toonagh Hall Sunday afternoon, to remember Frank Custy and raise funds for Slaintean Chlair Cancer Centre in Kilnamona. €1,600 has been lodged to the Centre's Account.

Poker Classic Murty Kelly's Bar Ruan, Fri March 21st 9pm, Proceeds to Ruan Senior Citizen's Fund. €25 entry Prize €2500

Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day Daffodils will be for sale on Thursday March 27th outside XL Store Ruan 9am-6pm proceeds to Cancer Care.

TOONAGH NATIONAL SCHOOL FUNDRAISING METAL COLLECTION Unwanted/broken metal objects can be dropped to JADA Construction yard, Toonagh on Saturday 22nd March 9-5PM.

Crusheen / Ballinruan

Mass Sunday 16th March

Crusheen 9.30am Mass of Anniversaries

Patrick & Margaret Halpin, their son Brendan & Deceased Family Members,

Angela & Paddy McNamara (Drumbanniff)

Mass Monday 17th March

Crusheen 11 am St Patrick's Day

Morning Mass

Crusheen Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Crusheen Thurs 10:00am to 9:00pm

Mass Sunday 23rd March

Crusheen 9.30am Mass for the People

St Patrick's Day Parade Sunday March 16th 3pm Crusheen followed by tae agus ceol in the Halla. All Welcome

Today's Scripture Readings

A reading from the book of Genesis

Genesis 15:5-12.17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants he told him'. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him, 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land'. 'My Lord, the Lord', Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year old ram, a turtle dove and a young pigeon'. He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? R

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' R

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. R

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! R

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

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and at that time told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord