

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday March 23rd 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

‘Sir, the man replied ‘Leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.’ Luke 13:9

The Third Sunday of Lent asks us to give a second chance. Oscar Romero grasped the opportunity to experience a second chance. From what could be describe as a sheltered bubble Oscar Romero broke through and lived a courageous response to the reality of life; give me a chance and another opportunity to show you what is possible. Yes, another chance. Reconciliation!!!

To help us better grasp this, let us savour the magnificent prayer, commonly attributed to Blessed Oscar Arnulfo Romero, but pronounced for the first time by Cardinal John Dearden:

Every now and then it helps us to take a step back and to see things from a distance.

The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is also beyond our visions.

In our lives, we manage to achieve only a small part

of the marvellous plan that is God’s work.

Nothing that we do is complete,

which is to say that the Kingdom is greater than ourselves.

No statement says everything that can be said.

No prayer completely expresses the faith.

No Creed brings perfection.

No pastoral visit solves every problem.

No programme fully accomplishes the mission of the Church.

No goal or purpose ever reaches completion.

This is what it is about:

We plant seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted,

knowing that others will watch over them.

We lay the foundations of something that will develop.

We add the yeast which will multiply our possibilities.

We cannot do everything,

yet it is liberating to begin.

This gives us the strength to do something and to do it well.

It may remain incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way.

It is an opportunity for the grace of God to enter and to do the rest.

It may be that we will never see its completion, but that is the difference between the master and the labourer.

We are labourers, not master builders, servants, not the Messiah.

We are prophets of a future that does not belong to us.

St. Oscar Romero was assassinated on 24th March 1980.

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Imeall Boirne Pastoral Area

Visit our website www.imeallboirne.ie
for Parish Notices, Information & Events .

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.

Baptisms in Imeall Boirne Pastoral Area

Baptisms will take place on Saturdays from 2pm rotating between all four parishes. Please contact Imeall Boirne Office for more details.

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

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 4th October €935 pps includes full board. please contact JOE Walsh Tours
Tel: 01 2410800 or 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

Priest on call this week

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An Invitation to a Day of Hope, Prayer and Healing

As part of the Jubilee Year of Hope, Nenagh Holy Spirit Prayer Group in conjunction with Nenagh Parish are privileged to host Maria Vadia, Florida USA, on **Saturday 29th March at the Scouts Hall, Nenagh, Co Tipperary from 10am to 5pm.**

You are invited to come and experience jubilee blessings of joy, healings, miracles, conversions, restorations and hope through prayer, music, the sacraments, worship and teaching.

For more details contact Nenagh Parish Office on 067 31272.

Autumn Pilgrimage to Medugorje

3rd-11th September Direct Flight

Shannon-Mostar €825.

For more information please contact Maria Grimes 087-4197021

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 26th.

Ruan & Corofin

The Sacristy , St. Mary's Church,
Ruan

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

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. Please take one home.

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena

will continue on Wednesday, March 26th, at 7:00 PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr. Robert McCabe will be the celebrant on the night. Currently working in Navan as the Central Spiritual Director of the Pioneer Association and as a former military chaplain, he has served with Irish peacekeeping forces in Lebanon, Kosovo, Liberia and Chad.

Corofin / Kilnaboy / Rath

Masses Sunday 23rd March

Rath 9.30am Mass for the People

Corofin 11am Thomas Egan RIP 1st Anniversary

Morning Masses

Corofin: Monday/ Thursday / Friday at 9:30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Corofin each Fri 10:00 am - 5 pm

Mass Sunday 30th March

Corofin 11am Family Mass

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday March 31st 7.30pm 1A Laghtagoona

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 22nd March

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 29th March

Boston 6.30pm Family Mass

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday March 27th 8pm, Tubber Hall

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

Month's Mind Mass

Month's Mind Mass for Bishop Willie Walsh RIP will take place in Ennis Cathedral on Friday March 28th at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

Thought for the Week

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." Aristotle.

Ruan / Dysart

Mass Saturday 22nd March

Dysart 6pm Frank Custy RIP 1st Anniversary

Ruan 8pm Michael Hynes 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 29th March

Ruan 8pm Family Mass

Stations of the Cross & Rosary St Tola's Church, Dysart each Friday during Lent 7pm. All Welcome

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

Crusheen / Ballinruan

Mass Sunday 23rd March

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 30th March

Crusheen 9.30am Family Mass

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday March 24th 8pm, Meeting Room, Crusheen. All Welcome.

Rest in Peace

David Morgan, Toonagh

Gone no further than God and God is very near

Thank-you for your recent donations and continued support

Today's Scripture Readings

A reading from the book of Exodus Ex 3:1-8.13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. "I must go and look at this strange sight", Moses said, "and see why the bush is not burnt". Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses, Moses"! he said. "Here I am" he answered. "Come no nearer" he said. "Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father", he said, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob". At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, "I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow". Then Moses said to God, "I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you". But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?" And God said to Moses, "I Am who I Am." "This" he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel:' "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." "This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come'.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R: 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 does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He has made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. R

The Lord is compassion and love,
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
So strong is his love for those who fear him. R

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 10:1-6.10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk.13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it; it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it do down."

The Gospel of the Lord