

# NEWSLETTER

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## Sunday March 30th 2025

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

It is difficult for us to see something new in the parable of the Prodigal son. We have heard the story so many times we believe that we have squeezed it dry of meaning. Not only that, but, as the saying goes, familiarity breeds contempt.

When we hear the opening words of the parable once again, "And there was a Father who had two sons," we greet the words with ho-hum. Heard it. Heard it. Heard it.

Let's step back outside with the older brother, still in need of a shower, arms folded across his chest, the moral high road. "But when this son of yours came back ... you killed the fatted calf for him." He cannot even bring himself to acknowledge his brother with a name -- "this son of yours." A sense of unfairness, as you know, can turn venomous rather quickly.



So where are we at parable's end? Are we inside the party celebrating? Or are we standing outside with our arms folded, refusing to come in? Jesus will not tell us how this story will end.

The father passionately invites the older son inside, "pleads with him" to join in the welcome. Curiously, however, we are never told what the older brother decides to do. The story ends but it doesn't end. "You are there."

Will we RSVP to a party thrown by an unfair God? Or will we stubbornly remain outside? In a world which does not play fair, this parable forces us to make a choice. Who is the real "prodigal" here? Who is the real "waster"? From the beginning Jesus says that this is a story about two brothers. Which one is the authentic prodigal? Which one has yet to come home to the Father's extravagant love?

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## Imeall Boirne Pastoral Area

Visit our website [www.imeallboirne.ie](http://www.imeallboirne.ie)  
for Parish Notices, Information & Events .

### Mass of Anniversaries

April 5th

**Tubber 6.30pm, Dysart 8pm**

April 6th

**Ballinruan 9.30am, Kilnaboy 9.30am**

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**

On this fourth Sunday of Lent, (Laetare Sunday), we make special

remembrance of mothers, grandmothers and godmothers, and our heavenly mother Mary . We acknowledge and give thanks for the blessings of motherhood which have graced our lives.



*Remember ....Clocks go forward 1 hour on Sunday March 30th  
Welcome Spring !*

### Priest on call this week

Fr. Pat O'Neill

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### Lay Ministry / Pastoral Care

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### Confirmation Ceremonies

Friday April 4th

St Joseph's Church , Kilnaboy 2pm

Corofin & Kilnaboy National Schools

Saturday April 5th

St Cronan's Church, Crusheen 11am

Tubber & Crusheen National Schools

Saturday April 5th

St Mary's Church Ruan 1pm

Ruan & Toonagh National Schools

### The Annual Matt Talbot Novena

will continue on Wednesday, April 2nd, at 7:00 PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr Pat Malone will lead us in the service of healing with celebration of the sacrament of the sick.

### Thought for the Week

Beware of false knowledge, it is more dangerous than ignorance." George Bernard Shaw.

### 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 April 2nd**

**Ruan & Corofin**

The Sacristy , St Bridget's Church, Corofin

**Crusheen & Tubber/ Boston**

Meeting Room, Crusheen Church

### Lenten Video Messages of Hope for Jubilee 2025

Welcome to join daily inspirational messages of hope from people around the diocese. They are available on all the main social media platforms under the handle @BishopFintan. Please like, subscribe and share the good news!

### Killaloe Diocese Synod- priests and people, discussing the future of our church, to- gether.

Pope Francis started a consultation process which is also underway in the diocese of Killaloe. If you would like to contribute to the consultation, please click on link to access an online response form. There will be a number of in-person meetings across the diocese which will be advertised locally. All contributions are welcome.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4FhXpXc2CMXImOAb9\\_hiEUBGpCSNA20NcfR5Vu3aCexbqkg/viewform?usp=dialog](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4FhXpXc2CMXImOAb9_hiEUBGpCSNA20NcfR5Vu3aCexbqkg/viewform?usp=dialog)

## **Corofin / Kilnaboy / Rath**

Mass Sunday 30th March

**Corofin 11am** Family Mass

Morning Masses

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

Adoration of the Eucharist

**Corofin** each Fri 10:00 am - 5 pm

Mass Friday April 4th

**Corofin 7pm** Mary McGrath RIP Month's Mind

Masses Sunday April 6th

**Kilnaboy 9.30am** Mass of Anniversaries

Declan Gilligan (Ballycashen)

Jack & Pauline Meehan ( Ballycashen)

Tom Keane ( Ballycashen, Derby UK)

John & Lillian Carroll

**Corofin 11am** PJ Crowe RIP 1st Anniversary

### **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

Monday March 31st 7.30pm 1A Laghtagoona

**Corofin Church Cleaning** Monday March 31st after 9.30am Mass. Please come along and help out if you have an hour to spare. Thank-you.

### **The AGM of Laghtagoona Graveyard Committee**

will take place on Monday 31st March @ 8pm in St Patrick's Hall Corofin. Your attendance would be much appreciated. All are welcome.

### **“MÁIRE RUA – A WOMAN OF HER TIME”**

A Film and Talk by Risteard Ua Cróinín at the X-PO Killinaboy Thursday March 27th 2025 @ at 8.00 p.m.

The 25 minute long film has a particular focus on the various castles that Máire was associated with - including Dysert, Dromoland, Leamanah and Ballynagowan at Smithstown. All Welcome.

## **Tubber / Boston**

Mass Saturday 29th March

**Boston 6.30pm** Family Mass

Morning Mass:

**Tubber** Church on Friday at 9.30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

**Tubber** Tuesday 7pm - 8pm

Mass Saturday 5th April

**Tubber 6.30pm** Mass of Anniversaries

John Joe Ryan (Carrowcraheen)

Peter Reynolds

Christina O'Grady (Blakemount)

### **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

## **Ruan / Dysart**

Mass Saturday 29th March

**Ruan 8pm** Family Mass

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 5th April

**Dysart 8pm** Bridie Tierney RIP 1st Anniversary & Husband Pete Tierney

**Mass of Anniversaries**

Brian Meere, Francis & May O'Neill

Mary O'Neill, Michael Meere,

Michael & Mary Barry, Mary Barry

### **Stations of the Cross & Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

St Tola's Church, Dysart each Friday during Lent 7pm.

All Welcome .

**Ruan GAA Club** For anyone wishing to renew Membership for 2025 closing date March 31st

### **The Sacrament of**

### **Reconciliation**

will take place at all masses

during the weekend of

April 5th & 6th



## **Crusheen / Ballinruan**

Mass Sunday 30th March

**Crusheen 9.30am** Family Mass

Morning Mass

**Crusheen** Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

**Crusheen** Thurs 10:00am to 9:00pm

Mass Sunday 6th April

**Ballinruan 9.30am** Mass of Anniversaries

Deceased Members of the Keehan Family

Deceased Members of the Moylan Family

Deceased Members of the Minogue Family

Michael & Betty Clune & Deceased Family Members

**Stations of the Cross** Each Friday during Lent at 7pm in Crusheen Church, all welcome

**Choir Practise For Easter** will be held in

Crusheen Church on Thursday 10th April at 8pm

**Garda Station Crusheen** open Wednesday April 2nd 6pm-9pm

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

# Today's Scripture Readings

## A reading from the book of Joshua Jos 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

### The word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

**R: Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. R

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. R

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called;



## A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. 2 Cor 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation.

In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appearing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

### The word of the Lord

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 15:1-3.11-32

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: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening." The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

### The Gospel of the Lord