

# NEWSLETTER

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## Sunday April 6th 2025

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

Wouldn't you love to know what Jesus wrote with his finger in the sand. While those who brought the woman to Jesus were pointing their fingers at her, Jesus uses his pointing finger, not to point and accuse, but to write in the sand.

Interestingly what Jesus initially wrote seems to have made no impression on the accusatory mob. Might the first message that Jesus wrote in the sand have been for the woman? Might it have been this message, written in the sand, that enabled her to hold her ground and to begin to stand tall?

Then Jesus invites her accusers to reflect on themselves and if they have never sinned, by all means be the first to throw a stone. But then we are told that Jesus returns to writing in the sand again. Whatever he wrote this time seems to have had an effect because the accusers walked away one by one, beginning with the eldest. There is nothing as powerful as self-reflection that leads to self-realisation.

And the story finishes with Jesus looking up to the woman who has up to now been looked down on by these finger pointing men. Jesus has not only freed her from these men who were using her to get at him, he has gifted her the new perspective of being looked up to in life. In doing so Jesus gifted her the freedom found in forgiveness. He gifted her the possibility of a future filled with possibility and hope. He gifted her the liberating invitation to live and truly love again.



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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.

### Windows of Hope Lent and Easter 2025

You are invited to tune in to daily  
inspirational messages of Hope  
from people around the diocese  
They are available on all the main  
social media platforms under the  
handle @BishopFintan

### Easter Mass Bouquet

Cards available at all our  
churches & Imeall Boirne Office  
€4 each or 4 for €10

### This month's Alzheimer Information

**Cafe** is being held on the 16th of April, in  
our Ennis Centre, Cuan An Chlair,  
Cahercalla, from 11.30-13.30. All welcome  
to join us for tea and a chat. For more infor-  
mation contact Linda Murphy 087-6985819,  
e-mail : [samantha.fennel@alzheimer.ie](mailto:samantha.fennel@alzheimer.ie)

### Thought for the Week

"Pause for a moment to show love  
and acceptance for all that you did  
and experienced this week".

Nick Ortner

### Priest on call this week

Fr Des Hillery

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Fr. Pat O'Neill

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### Lay Ministry / Pastoral Care

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### Holy Week Ceremonies

Palm Sunday 13th April

Chrism Mass Wednesday April 16th

St Brendan's Church Birr 7.30pm

Holy Thursday April 17th

Crusheen 6pm , Ruan 6pm

Kilnaboy 8pm, Tubber 8pm

Good Friday April 18th

Crusheen 3pm, Corofin 3pm

Ruan 3pm, Boston 3pm

Easter Vigil April 19th

Ruan 7pm, Crusheen 7pm

Rath 9pm, Tubber 9pm

Easter Sunday April 20th

Dawn Mass 6am Killawinna, Crusheen

Dysart 9.30am , Boston 9.30am

Corofin 11am

### 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 9th April 8pm**

**Ruan & Corofin**

Community Hall, Ruan

**Crusheen & Tubber/ Boston**

Meeting Room, Crusheen Church

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

will take place at all  
masses during the  
weekend of  
April 5th & 6th



### Confirmation Ceremonies

Blessings on all our young people who  
celebrated the Sacrament of  
Confirmation this weekend. A special  
word of thanks to the teachers and all  
involved in the schools and in the  
parish. Also a word of thanks to the  
families and parishioners who pre-  
pared the young people in the celebra-  
tion of this important step in their  
lives and in the life of our Parish and  
Imeall Boirne Pastoral Area.

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

If you would like to contribute to this  
consultation, please click on link to  
access an online response form. All  
contributions are welcome.

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## **Corofin / Kilnaboy / Rath**

Masses & Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Morning Masses

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

Adoration of the Eucharist

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

Masses Sunday April 12th

**Rath 9.30am** Mass of Anniversaries

Tom Corry

Paddy & Nora Griffin (Carrowvere)

**Corofin 11am** Mass of Anniversaries

Joe & Brigid Coughlan, Johnny Coughlan

Pauline & Jimmy Daffy, Bridget Ruane

**X-PO FILM SCREENING:** A screening of the film 'The Quickening' at X-PO, Kilnaboy on Thursday 10th April at 7:30pm followed by a Q+A with artist Deirdre O'Mahony.

## **Accounts 2024**

Copies of Parish Accounts 2024 are available at the church entrances and on imeallboirne.ie.

A sincere word of thanks to all involved in the financial Management of the parish and in the compilation of the 2024 Accounts.

## **Tubber / Boston**

Mass & Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5th April

**Tubber 6.30pm** Mass of Anniversaries

John Joe Ryan (Carrowcraheen)

Peter Reynolds

Christina O'Grady (Blakemount)

Morning Mass:

**Tubber** Church on Friday at 9.30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

**Tubber** Tuesday 7pm - 8pm

Mass Saturday 12th April

**Boston 6.30pm** Mass of Anniversaries

Martin Joseph O'Connor, Brendan O'Connor

Deceased Members of the O'Connor Family

Deceased Members of the Brogan Family

*Rest in Peace*

***Bridget Conroy, Tubber***

***Mary Shannon, Corofin***

*Gone no further than God and God is very near*

## **Ruan / Dysart**

Mass & Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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 12th April

**Ruan 8pm** Patricia Casey 1st Anniversary

**Mass of Anniversaries**

Frank O'Halloran, Michael O'Brien

John O'Brien, Pat O'Brien, Hilary O'Brien

## **Crusheen / Ballinruan**

Mass & Sacrament of Reconciliation

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,

Matty Tobin & Deceased members of the Tobin Family

Morning Mass

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

Adoration of the Eucharist

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

Mass Sunday 13th April

**Crusheen 9.30am** Mass of Anniversaries

Paul McNamara, Mary O'Brien (Cappafean)

Sean Tuohy (Ennis) Mary Buckley (Mallow)

Liz Molony (San Francisco) Michael Casey Senior ,

Michael J Casey, Mary Casey, Deceased Members of the

Reddan Family, Liam Hickey, Stephanie Moroney

(Gortaficka) Angela & Eddie Fogarty and deceased

family members, Paddy Fogarty, Bride Fogarty,

Maureen Fogarty, Eva and Jim Kirrane

**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** opening hours

April 9th 12pm-3pm. April 13th 6pm-9pm.

18th 12pm-3pm. 21st 12pm-3pm.

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

# Today's Scripture Readings

## A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord

of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead.

Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me.

I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

R: What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. R

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. R

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. R

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed  
for the sowing: they come back, they come back,  
full of song, carrying their sheaves. R

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians Phil 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him.

I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power

## Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
Seek good and not evil so that you may live, And  
that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
Jn 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir', she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus, 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord