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## FIRE ON THE EARTH

Today's Gospel presents a challenge to the way we often think about Jesus. We are accustomed to knowing Him as a bringer of peace – a gentle teacher, a compassionate healer. But today, we hear of a side of Jesus that's a little more difficult to grasp: Jesus is divisive. He comes to bring division, not peace. Jesus is not saying that His mission is to create conflict for its own sake. He is acknowledging a difficult truth: when you follow Him, it can lead to division.

Why? Because His message demands a radical reordering of our priorities. When we follow Jesus, we are called to live differently – to love our enemies, to forgive those who hurt us, to care for the poor and oppressed, and to seek justice. This message isn't always welcomed by the world. In fact, in some situations, living out Jesus' values can make us stand out in uncomfortable ways. Jesus is clear: following Him is not easy. It's not just about feeling good on Sunday mornings or agreeing with His teachings in theory. It's about living His teachings every single day, even when it's hard. And this can lead to difficult choices, tensions, and divisions.

In today's world, we can face this kind of division when we choose to follow Jesus. When we choose integrity over dishonesty, love over hatred, humility over pride and service over selfishness, we often find ourselves going against the grain of society. It's not always easy to do the right thing, and sometimes it means standing alone.

Think about the social issues we face today – whether it's poverty, injustice, or the care for the environment. As Christians, we are called to speak out and act in a way that may not always be comfortable or popular.

Jesus' values challenge the world's values, and following Him often means taking a stand for what is right – even if that means facing opposition or division. Following Jesus might not always make us popular. It might make us stand out in ways that are uncomfortable. His call is not to an easy life, but to a life of transformation. And that transformation can be beautiful, even if it's divisive.

So, let us embrace the division that comes with following Jesus, knowing that it's part of His call to transform the world, and us, into something more beautiful, more just, and more loving.



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### A Day of Prayer for Gaza

This weekend a call on all parishes to set aside Sunday, 24 August as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza and for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. Sadly, the situation in Gaza has become steadily worse. The people there continue to be cruelly crushed by hunger, violence, death and destruction. Pope Leo XIV called this week for "a ceasefire, the release of hostages, and full respect for international humanitarian law."

Please join in 24 hours of prayer and reflection in your parishes and homes on Sunday, 24 August. Light a candle in your family home or local parish church; attend Mass, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people.

**"Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there, crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering."**

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes** Bishop Fintan will lead our Diocesan Autumn Jubilee Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Monday 29th September to Saturday 4th October, direct from Shannon Airport. The remaining seats can be booked with [joewalshtours.ie](http://joewalshtours.ie) or tel; 01 2410800

**'Pilgrims of Hope' National Novena to Our Lady of Knock**  
13-21 August 2025, Novena Ceremonies 3pm & 8pm in Knock Basilica see [www.imeallboirne.ie](http://www.imeallboirne.ie) for more details.



### Mass of Anniversaries

August 16th

**Boston 6.30p, Ruan 8pm**

August 17th

**Crusheen 9.30am, Corofin 11am**

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

### Baptisms

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

Information available on [imeallboirne.ie](http://imeallboirne.ie) Please contact Imeall Boirne Office for more details.

### Thought for the Week

"Today, give a stranger one of your smiles.  
It might be the only sunshine they see all day".  
(H. Jackson Brown, Jnr.)

### Rest in Peace

Mary Hanrahan, Corofin/Ruan

Mary (MAI) Keating (née Gilligan) Kilnaboy

John O'Brien, Ballinruan

Maura Duke (Vaughan) Ballinruan/Australia

(Maura will be Remembered at Mass in Ballinruan Sunday 7th September 9.30am)

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



## **Corofin / Kilnaboy / Rath**

Sunday 17th August

**Kilnaboy 9.30am** Mass for the People

**Corofin 11am** Mass of Anniversaries

Micheal & Kathleen Reidy (Poundtown)

Fr.Martin Griffin, Bill Scanlon,

Mary & Sonnie Moynihan (Cork) Frank Mcnamara (Kilvoydane) Michael Moynihan (Kilvoydane)

Andrew and Elizabeth Davoren, Maura Pyne.

Deceased members of the Davoren Family.

Bridie Neylon , Anne Organ.

Morning Masses

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

Adoration of the Eucharist

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

Sunday 24th August

**Rath 9.30am** Mass for the People

**Corofin 11am** Mass for the People

**St Mary's Church, Rath** Help needed to clean church, tidy church grounds and Grotto area please on Wednesday 20th August at 7pm . All volunteers warmly welcome, Thank-you !

### **Let's Do It For Layla' Fundraiser**

Please support if possible, your donations will go directly towards Layla's treatment, medication and future support. [www.gofundme.com/lets-do-it-for-layla](http://www.gofundme.com/lets-do-it-for-layla)

Or contact the following committee members:

Sheila Keane 087-9601422 Sean Roche 085-7885787

Lorna Towill 087-2535299 Tara @'Hair Flair' Corofin

### **Corofin's Positive Ageing & Wellness Fair**

Corofin Show Committee in association with Clare Age Friendly Programme are running a Positive Ageing & Wellness Fair on the 6th September next in St Patrick's Hall Corofin from 10am to 4pm. This is a FREE event for men and women over 55 from all walks of life.

Attendance numbers are limited so Booking is essential on [www.corofinnorthclareshow.org](http://www.corofinnorthclareshow.org) or email

[corofinshow@gmail.com](mailto:corofinshow@gmail.com) Otherwise you can ring Show secretary Marian Darcy on (086)1723019

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

## **Tubber / Boston**

Saturday 16th August

**Boston 6.30pm** Mass of Anniversaries

Paddy & Anna Kelly (Tullapark)

Martin O'Connor (Boston/Dublin)

John O'Connor (Rockvale/London)

Frank & Mary O'Donoghue

Morning Mass

**Tubber** Friday 9.30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

**Tubber** Tuesday 7pm - 8pm

Saturday 23rd August

**Boston 6.30pm** Mass for the People

## **Ruan / Dysart**

Saturday 16th August

**Ruan 8pm** Mass of Anniversaries

Martina O'Halloran, Paddy O'Halloran, Carmel Carey,

Leslie Carey, Joe & Maureen O'Donoghue,

Margaret Cullinan, Mortimor Cullinan,

Patrick Cullinan, Eddie O'Connor,

Stephen O'Sullivan, Maura Daffy (Lismunga)

Patricia O'Halloran

Morning Masses

**Dysart:** Wednesday at 9.30am

**Ruan:** Thursday at 9.30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

**Dysart** - Wednesday from 10:00am to 1 pm

**Ruan** - Wednesday from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Saturday 23rd August

**Ruan 8pm** Mass for the People

**St. Mary's Church, Ruan** The Blessing of the New Graveyard & Columbarium will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug. @ 8pm.

A welcome to all to join in this parish occasion.

**Ruan/Dysart Senior Citizens Committee** will host an afternoon of music, song & dance on Sunday August 24th in the Community Centre 2pm-5pm. Refreshments will be served, please contact Mary 087-9776583 or Sheila 087-6546637 if you would like to attend.

**Fundraising Ceili in Aid of The Alzheimer Society**

Toonagh Hall , Sun. Sept. 21st , 3-6pm. Music by the Star of Munster Ceili Band,. Please contact Denise Whelan, Rose Foudy, Martina O'Donoghue, Geraldine Feighery, Miriam Strand or Geraldine Feighery if you would like to donate items for raffle prizes. Thank-you.

## **Crusheen / Ballinruan**

Sunday 17th August

**Crusheen 9.30am** Mass of Anniversaries

Pat Vaughan, William McGrath,

Maureen McGrath, Pat McGrath (Scariff)

Thady & Betty O'Connor (Flagmount)

Patrick & Delia Stack (Gort)

Marie Therese Bretecher

Kitty & Miko McGrath, Gerry Kennedy .

Morning Mass

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

Adoration of the Eucharist

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

Friday 22nd August

**Crusheen 7.30pm** Pat Fogarty RIP Month's Mind

Sunday 24th August

**Crusheen 9.30am** Mass for the People

**Blood Donation Clinic** Crusheen Community Centre Monday 18th August 4.50pm-8.10pm Call 1800-222 111 to book appointment

**Inchicronan Development Group** are hosting a community fun day for all in Crusheen GAA grounds on Sunday 31st August 2pm to 5pm. All Welcome !

**Imeall Bóirne Active Retirement Local History Course**

Commencing weekly from Monday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> in Crusheen Community Centre 11.00 -1.00 Contact 087 2410819



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
And look on the face of your anointed  
one;  
One day within your courts is better than  
a thousand elsewhere.

## PENITENTIAL RITE

- P. Have mercy on us, O Lord  
C. For we have sinned against you.  
P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.  
C. And grant us your salvation.  
P. May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins, and bring us to  
everlasting life.  
C. Amen.

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
peace to people of good will. We praise you,  
we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord  
God, heavenly King, God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the  
Father. Amen.

## A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Jer 38:4-6.8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king.  
'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is  
unquestionably disheartening the remaining  
soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by  
talking like this. The fellow does not have the  
welfare of this people at heart so much as its  
ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King  
Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless  
against you.' So they took Jeremiah and  
threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah  
in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with  
ropes. There was no water in the well, only  
mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the pal-  
ace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he  
said 'these men have done a wicked thing by  
treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they

have thrown him into the well where he  
will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-  
melech the Cushite the following order:  
'Take three men with you from here and  
pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well  
before he dies.'

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry. R

He drew me from the deadly pit,  
from the miry clay.  
He set my feet upon a rock  
and made my footsteps firm. R

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.  
Many shall see and fear  
and shall trust in the Lord. R

As for me, wretched and poor,  
the Lord thinks of me.  
You are my rescuer, my help,  
O God, do not delay. R

## A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. Heb 12: 1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud  
on every side of us, we too, then, should  
throw off everything that hinders us,  
especially the sin that clings so easily,  
and keep running steadily in the race we  
have started. Let us not lose sight of  
Jesus, who leads us in our faith and  
brings it to perfection: for the sake of the  
joy which was still in the future, he en-  
dured the cross, disregarding the shame-  
fulness of it, and from now on has taken  
his place at the right of God's throne.  
Think of the way he stood such  
opposition from sinners and then you will  
not give up for want of courage. In the  
fight against sin, you have not yet had to  
keep fighting to the point of death.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my  
voice, says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

## A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to  
bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it  
were blazing already! There is a baptism I  
must still receive, and how great is my  
distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to  
bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but  
rather division. For from now on a house-  
hold of five will be divided: three against  
two and two against three; the father  
divided against the son, son against father,  
mother against daughter, daughter against  
mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-  
law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law'.

## The Gospel of the Lord

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things  
visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not  
made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, and by the  
Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man. For our sake he was  
crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered  
death and was buried, and rose again on  
the third day in accordance with the Scrip-  
tures. He ascended into heaven and is  
seated at the right hand of the Father. He  
will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead and his kingdom will have no  
end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the  
giver of life, who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son, who with the Father and the  
Son is adored and glorified, who has spo-  
ken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic  
Church. I confess one Baptism for the for-  
giveness of sins and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead and the life of the  
world to come.

Amen.

## Communion Antiphon

I am the living bread that came down  
from heaven, says the Lord.  
whoever eats of this bread will live  
forever.