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## **"BE MERCIFUL TO ME A SINNER"**

Today's gospel parable introduces us to a Pharisee and a Tax collector praying in the temple. The Pharisee boasts about his great accomplishments. Meanwhile, the tax collector stands at a distance, and simply says, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Jesus flips expectations by declaring that it is the tax collector, not the Pharisee, who goes home justified before God.

This parable strikes at the heart of one of today's most pervasive issues: spiritual pride dressed up as moral superiority. In an age of social media, public image, and curated virtue, it's easy to become the modern-day Pharisee - not necessarily in religion, but in how we compare ourselves to others. We may not say, "I fast twice a week," but we might say, "At least I recycle," "I vote the right way," or "I'm not like those people." It's subtle, but the spirit is the same — we define ourselves as good by looking down on others.

Meanwhile, the tax collector represents someone who knows they've failed - not just publicly, but deeply and personally. He doesn't perform. He doesn't try to cover up or explain away his flaws. He just confesses. This is the kind of posture Jesus honours: one of humility, honesty, and need.

This parable also challenges how we understand righteousness. In our culture, we often think righteousness is earned — by being a good person, holding the right opinions, or doing the right things. But Jesus reminds us that righteousness is not something we earn or prove; it's something we receive through grace. The tax collector doesn't justify himself; he simply throws himself on the mercy of God.

Jesus shows that transformation begins not with denial or defensiveness, but with humility. In that way, the parable invites all of us to examine the posture of our hearts. In a polarized, performance-driven world, Jesus offers a better way: radical humility. This parable calls us to stop measuring ourselves against others and start standing honestly before God.

The truth is, we are all the tax collector - in need of mercy, not applause. And when we acknowledge that, something beautiful happens. We are freed from the exhausting burden of self-righteousness and welcomed into the liberating grace of God.

As Jesus says, "All those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." In a world where everyone is trying to climb higher, Jesus invites us to bow lower — and find true peace there.

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### Mass of Anniversaries

November 1st

**Tubber 6.30pm/Dysart 8pm**

November 2nd

**Ballinruan 9.30am/ Kilnaboy 9.30am**

November 9th

**Rath 9.30am**

November 15th

**Boston 6.30pm/ Ruan 8pm**

November 16th

**Crusheen 9.30am/ Corofin 11am**

Please contact Imeall Boirne Office with names of your loved ones for inclusion in the Mass of Anniversaries .

### Baptisms

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

### Thought for the Week

"We learn from history that we do not learn from history".

Georg Wilhelm Hegel.

## Blessing of Graves in Imeall Bóirne Pastoral Area 2025

### Sunday 2nd Nov Inchicronan

Kiltoola 12:30pm /Kyleawinna 1.30pm & Doon 2.30pm

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov Ruan & Dysart

Ruan 12:00 noon/Kyle 12:30pm/Dysart 1:30pm

& Kilcross 2.30pm

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov Corofin, Kilnaboy & Rath

Kilvoydane 12:30pm/Laghtagoona 1:15pm/Kilnaboy 2:00pm

Coad 2.45pm /Rath 3:30pm

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November Kilkeedy

Blakemount 12:30pm / Kilkeedy 1:15pm / Kiltacky 2:00pm

Blessing of Priests' Graves directly after Weekend Schedule Masses.

*"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord "*



## Masses for Families Preparing for First Holy Communion & Confirmation

**November 8th**

**Boston 6.30pm Tubber NS & Boston NS /Ruan 8pm Ruan NS & Toonagh NS**

**November 9th**

**Crusheen 9.30am Crusheen NS /Corofin 11am Corofin NS & Kilnaboy NS**

### The University Maternity Hospital Annual Ceremony of Remembrance

Sunday 2nd of November at 3pm The Church of the Holy Rosary

Ennis Rd Limerick Also available to view online

<https://www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie/web-cam/>

**Drama Course** Wednesdays, 6-9pm, 5<sup>th</sup> Nov - 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at Further Education and Training Campus, Ennistymon. Explore drama, games, storytelling and roleplay in a supportive group setting.

Contact Martina at 087 789 0084

### Prayer for Halloween

God of Laughter and Joy, We turn to you in the way of our ancient ancestors, grateful for the abundance of food and festivity that surrounds us at this time of year.



Keep all children safe as they embark on their Halloween revels. Light their way through the dark night and enfold them in love. May the real treat in their lives be grace that multiplies in depth and breadth as they come to know you . We pray this with all the saints in heaven. Amen

## Corofin / Kilnaboy / Rath

Sunday October 26th

**Rath 9.30am** Mass for the People

**Corofin 11am** Harvest Mass

**Corofin 3pm** *Theresa Lynch RIP 1st Anniversary*

Morning Masses

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

Adoration of the Eucharist

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

Friday October 31st

**Corofin 7pm** Mícheál O'Halloran RIP 1st Anniversary

Sunday November 2nd

**Kilnaboy 9.30am** Mass of Anniversaries

*Delia Forde, Paul Forde (Glanquin)*

*Michael & Gretta Fogarty*

**Corofin 11am** Bridie Shannon RIP 1st Anniversary

**Free Health Checks** at Corofin Library on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October from 10.30am to 12.30pm

Blood pressure, diabetes checks and advice around heart health will be given by HSE nurses on the day.

**Praying the Rosary During October**

St Brigid's Church 7.30pm

**Corofin Dramatic Society** Present 'Credit Crunch' by Gerard Kennedy & 'Contradictions' by Neil Haran on Monday 27th October at 8pm in The Hall. Last chance to see 'Contradictions' before it hits the festival circuit.

**Congratulations** to

The Corofin Camogie Team on their victory !

## Ruan / Dysart

Saturday 25th October

**Ruan 8pm** Mass for the People

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 1st November

**Dysart 8pm** Mass of Anniversaries

*Theresa Cassidy*

*Frank Cantillon*

*Tom & Madge Roughan (Fountain)*

*Liam Kearney*

*Teresa, Michael & Sr Flannan McGuane (Moycullen)*

**Rest in Peace**

Vincent Callinan, Crusheen

Gone no further than God and God very near



## Tubber / Boston

Saturday 25th October

**Boston 6.30 pm** Mass for the People

Morning Mass

**Tubber** Friday 9.30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

**Tubber** Tuesday 7pm - 8pm

Saturday 1st November

**Tubber 6.30pm** Mass of Anniversaries

*Tom Burnell & Deceased Family Members,*

*James & Delia Burnell,*

*Michael & Peggy Burnell,*

*Paddy, Mona & Raymond Hynes,*

*Sean Glynn, Maura Lyons,*

**Card Game Resumes** in Tubber Hall on Tuesday October 28th at 8.30pm. All Welcome.

Thank-you for your recent donations & continued support

## Crusheen / Ballinruan

Sunday 26th October

**Crusheen 9.30am** Mass for the People

Morning Mass

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

Adoration of the Eucharist

**Crusheen** Thurs 10:00am to **8:00pm**

Sunday 2nd November

**Ballinruan 9.30am** Mass of Anniversaries

*Frank Vaughan (Knockneal)*

*& Deceased Family Members*

**Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal** is an annual campaign that delivers gifts straight into the hands of children affected by poverty. Often these shoebox gifts are the only gift that a child will receive at Christmas and the joy that they bring is incredible. Shoeboxes can be left into Crusheen Church before November 10th. Leaflets available in the church on suitable items to include or see <https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/how-to-fill-a-shoebox/>

**Church of The Immaculate Conception, Ballinruan**

October is the month of the rosary and to honour Our Lady there will be rosary in Ballinruan church on the four Sunday evenings of October at 6.00pm. An opportunity to give her all your intentions and come away with her peace.

**The Card Game** returns to Ballinruan Community Centre Friday Evenings at 8.30pm.

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

## 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 Fa-  
ther, 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 book of

**Ecclesiasticus.** Si 35:12-14.16-19

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of  
personages.

He shows no respect of personages to the  
detriment of a poor man,

he listens to the plea of the injured party.

He does not ignore the orphan's supplica-  
tion,

nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves

God will be accepted,

his petitions will carry to the clouds.

The humble man's prayer pierces the

clouds,

until it arrives he is inconsolable,

nor will he desist until the Most High takes  
notice of him,

acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow,

nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** *This poor man called;  
the Lord heard him.*

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

The Lord turns his face against  
the wicked

to destroy their remembrance from the  
earth.

The just call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress. R

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed  
he will save.

The Lord ransoms the souls  
of his servants.

Those who hide in him shall not be  
condemned. R

**A reading from the second letter of St.  
Paul to Timothy** 2 Tm 4:6-8.16-18

My life is already being poured away as a  
libation, and the time has come for me to  
be gone. I have fought the good fight to  
the end; I have run the race to the finish;  
I have kept the faith; all there is to come  
now is the crown of righteousness re-  
served for me, which the Lord, the right-  
eous judge, will give to me on that Day,  
and not only to me but to all those who  
have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my  
defence, there was not a single witness  
to support me. Every one of them desert-  
ed me - may they not be held accounta-  
ble for it. But the Lord stood by me and  
gave me power, so that through me the  
whole message might be proclaimed for  
all the pagans to hear; and so I was res-  
cued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will  
rescue me from all evil attempts on me,  
and bring me safely to his heavenly  
kingdom. To him be glory for ever and  
ever. Amen.

## The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Blessed are you, Father,*

*Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing  
the mysteries of the kingdom*

*to mere children.*

**Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Luke.** Lk 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some  
people who prided themselves on being  
virtuous and despised everyone else. Two  
men went up to the Temple to pray, one a  
Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Phari-  
see stood there and said this prayer to him-  
self, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping,  
unjust adulterous like the rest of mankind, and  
particularly that I am not like this tax collector  
here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I  
get." The tax collector stood some distance  
away, not daring even to raise his eyes to  
heaven; but he beat his breast and said,  
"God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This  
man, I tell you, went home again at rights with  
God; the other did not. For everyone who  
exalts himself will be humbled, but the man  
who humbles himself will be exalted.'

## The Gospel of the Lord

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visi-  
ble 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 Scriptures. He ascend-  
ed 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 king-  
dom 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 spoken  
through the prophets.

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

## Communion Antiphon

**We will ring out our joy at your saving help  
and exult in the name of our God.**