

30th November 2025 First Sunday of Advent

Advent

"May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to hearts of all Men and women" Pope Francis



Hope

Week one
The Prophecy Candle

To know, no matter what, the lure of tomorrow, is vital. Let's be the one who makes someone look forward to tomorrow. as the world looked forward to the birth of Jesus.

Peace

Week two
The Bethlehem Candle

To know, a heart at peace, or more, two hearts at peace, forgiving and forgiven. Awaiting the birth of Jesus's message of peace & forgiveness.

Joy

Week three
The Shepherd's Candle

To know, a moment of happiness, yes, to make that moment last. To see that joy/happiness in the eyes of someone ... whose day we just made. Reflecting the eyes of the Shepherds as they would greet Jesus' birth.

Love

Week four
The Angel's Candle

To know, though not always easy, love is powerful, especially, to love the unlovable in self and another. Reflecting God's love wrapped up in the babe of Bethlehem.



Pathway to Christmas



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IMEALL BÓIRNE MASS TIMES

Saturday Evenings: Boston 6:30 pm - Ruan 8:00 pm

Sunday Mornings: Crusheen 9:30 am , Corofin 11:00 am

Kilnaboy 9:30 am (1st & 3rd) Rath 9:30am (2nd & 4th)

On the First Sunday of every Month the Masses change venue as follows:

Saturday Evenings: Tubber 6:30 pm - Dysart 8:00 pm

Sunday Mornings: 9:30 am Ballinruan

Weekdays at 9:30am

Corofin: Monday / Thursday / Friday

Crusheen: Tuesday / Wednesday

Dysart: Wednesday Ruan: Thursday Tubber: Friday

First Friday Masses: Tubber and Corofin at 9:30am



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Mass of Anniversaries

December 6th

Tubber 6.30pm/ Dysart 8pm

December 7th

Ballinruan 9.30am/Kilnaboy 9.30am

December 14th

Rath 9.30am

December 20th

Boston 6.30pm / Ruan 8pm

December 21st

Crusheen 9.30am / Corofin 11am

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

Baptisms

Please contact Imeall Boirne Office for details. Information available on www.imeallboirne.ie

Thought for the Week

"Even if the forces of darkness appear to prevail, those who believe in God know that evil and death do not have the final say." St.Pope John Paul II

Imeall Boirne Pastoral Area Christmas Outreach

to families in need in our Pastoral Area. If you would like to support our Outreach please donate vouchers that will be distributed to families at Christmas. Please be aware that we are adhering to the advice of St Vincent de Paul Society to use vouchers instead of Food Hampers as this allows the families in receipt of vouchers to avail of items they badly need.

Imeall Boirne Christmas Cards- available in our churches and Pastoral Area Office.

Journeying through the Season of Advent

An invitation to join us in journeying through the Season of Advent with an Evening of Reflection in the meeting room, St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen on Wednesday Dec. 10th @ 8pm.

May God Send You Grace & Peace

A presentation on enjoying the readings of Advent including a meditation and discussion on Zoom. Presentations are by Jessie Rogers, Seán Goan and Kieran O'Mahony. Monday December 8th at 7pm in Corofin Community Hall. All Welcome.

Have Your Say about your Catholic School

For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools

The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey. You are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

CCE Croisín Presents Annual Ceolchoirm na Nollag Music Concert.

December 14th at 6pm Cois na Habhna, Ennis €10 per adult

Year A (2025-26) The Year of St. Matthew

Each year, the season of Advent marks the beginning of a new Church Year, and a new year in the three-year liturgical cycle. This year (2025–26) is Year A, when we read the Gospel according to Matthew on most Sundays. Matthew, Mark and Luke are referred to as synoptic Gospels (from the Greek, 'seeing together'), and they share more or less the same theology and vision of Jesus. By the time of writing, Peter and Paul had both died and Christianity had spread and developed. It is generally agreed that Matthew was an educated Jewish Christian of the second generation, who knew Greek well. He was apparently writing for a Jewish audience, and so makes no attempt to explain Jewish customs. His style is conversational, giving us a portrait of Jesus as the supreme Teacher. He writes excellent Greek but also refers constantly to Hebrew thought and poetry. No other evangelist makes so much use of the Old Testament.



Newly Baptised

We welcome Carlo Joe Libin into the Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism.

Corofin / Kilnaboy / Rath

Sunday 30th November

Corofin 11am Mass & Sacrament of Reconciliation

Morning Masses

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

Adoration of the Eucharist

Corofin each Friday 10:00 am - 5 pm

Sunday 7th December

Kilnaboy 9.30am Mass of Anniversaries

*Mary Moroney, Patrick & Kathleen Ruane,
Stephen Malone, Frankie Coughlan, Denis Coughlan.*

Christmas Market Corofin Hall.

Friday 5th December 5.30pm

Advent Prayer by Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"



Ruan / Dysart

Saturday 29th November

Ruan 8pm Mass & Sacrament of Reconciliation

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.

Friday 5th December

Ruan 7.30pm Oliver Cassidy RIP 1st Anniversary

Saturday 6th December

Dysart 8pm Mass of Anniversaries

Michael O'Leary

Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner December 7th 2pm Murty Kelly's Bar . Food, ceol agus craic ! Please contact Sheila 087-6546637 or Mary 087-9776583 if you'd like to attend.

Rest in Peace

Joseph Hayes, Ruan

Gone no further than God and God very near



Crusheen / Ballinruan

Sunday 30th November

Crusheen 9.30am Mass & Sacrament of Reconciliation

Morning Mass

Crusheen Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

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

Sunday 7th December

Ballinruan 9.30am Mass of Anniversaries

*Gerry Gallagher (Walterstown) & Baby Assumpta Gallagher,
Bertie Reidy,*

Maura Grimes née Harte (South Carolina, Doon Cross)

Mary & Joe O'Shaughnessy,

Crusheen Parish Pastoral Meeting

Monday December 1st 8pm

Crusheen GAA Christmas Fair & Santa

Sunday, December 7th 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

We're looking for bakers to help fill our bake sale tables, your support would be greatly appreciated! Please drop all baked goods to the Community Centre from 10.30 a.m. on the day.

Interested in booking a stall? Contact Orla at 086 403 8022

The Christmas Party in Ballinruan Community Centre

will take place on Sunday December 14th at 1pm. Please contact Linda on 087 9584420 if you would like to attend.

Crusheen Garda Station December open hours:

1st 12pm – 3pm, 3rd 7pm – 10pm

10th 3pm – 6pm, 18th 12pm – 3pm

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

Tubber / Boston

Saturday 29th November

Boston 6.30pm Mass & Sacrament of Reconciliation

Morning Mass

Tubber Friday 9.30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Tubber Tuesday 7pm - 8pm

Saturday 6th December

Tubber 6.30pm Mass of Anniversaries

Pappy & Mary Frances Conroy, Jimmy Forbes (Ballinasheen)

Tubber GAA & Camogie Club Sale of Work Sunday 30th

November at 2pm. Please support our main annual fundraiser. Enquiries to David @ 0877551998/

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Boston National School Christmas Fair

Saturday 6th December 4-7pm All Welcome

Tubber NS Breakfast Club and Afterschool Service

exploring the possibility of opening a new preschool in Tubber. Call Sharon Lee 086 3309776.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted;
let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Is 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In the days to come the mountain of the
Temple of the Lord shall tower above the
mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples with-
out number will come to it; and they will say:

"Come, let us go up to the
mountain of the Lord, to the
Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from
Jerusalem."

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into
plough shares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the
light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *I rejoiced when I heard them
say: 'Let us go to God's house.'*

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. *R*

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of
Judgement of the house of David. *R*

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

'Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' *R*

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: "Peace upon you!"

For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. *R*

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Rm 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must
wake up now: our salvation is even near-
er than it was when we were converted.

The night is almost over, it will be daylight
soon - let us give up all the things we
prefer to do under the cover of the dark;
let us arm ourselves and appear in the
light.

Let us live decently as people do in the
daytime: no drunken orgies, no
promiscuity or licentiousness, and no
wrangling or jealousy.

Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy

And give us your saving help.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in
Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of
Man comes. For in those days before the
Flood people were eating, drinking, taking
wives, taking husbands, right up to the
day Noah went into the ark, and they
suspected nothing till the Flood came and
swept all away. It will be like this

when the Son of Man comes. Then of two
men in the fields one is taken, one left; of
two women at the millstone grinding, one
is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know
the day when your master is coming. You
may be quite sure of this that if the house-
holder had known at what time of the night
the burglar would come, he would have
stayed awake and would not have allowed
anyone to break through the wall of his
house. Therefore, you too must stand
ready because the Son of Man is coming
at an hour you do not expect.'

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, con-
substantial 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 be-
came 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 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

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.