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The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as Laetare Sunday.

The word Laetare comes from the Latin meaning “Rejoice.”

On this day, in the middle of the Lenten season, the Church invites us to pause from the more penitential tone of Lent and rejoice in the hope of the approaching celebration of Easter.

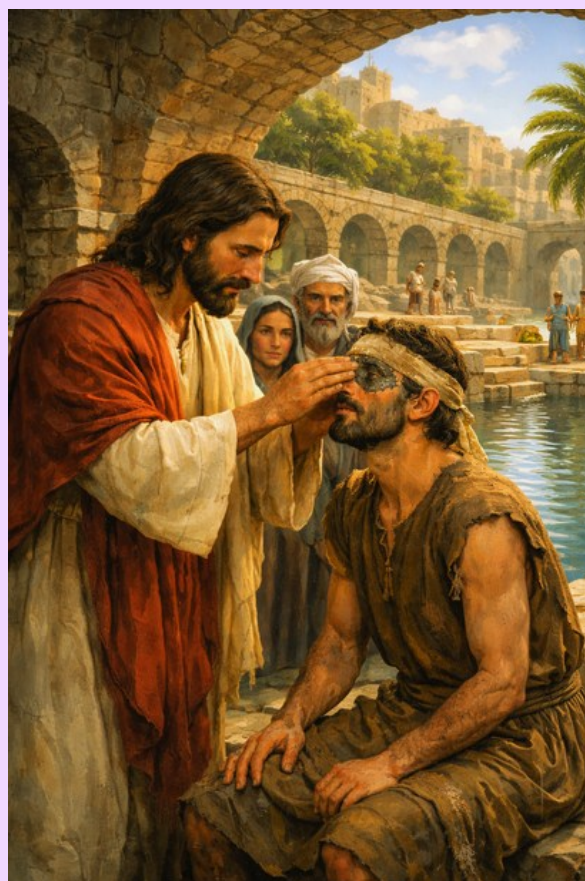
It reminds us that our Lenten journey is not only about sacrifice and repentance, but also about the joy that comes from God’s mercy and salvation.

The spirit of rejoicing is also reflected in the liturgy. The Church may use rose-coloured vestments, the music becomes a little more joyful, and the atmosphere of the celebration reflects the hope that Easter is near. It is like a moment of encouragement during a long journey, reminding us that the destination is close and the joy of the Resurrection awaits us.

Laetare Sunday reminds us that Christian life is not meant to remain in darkness or sadness. Even in times of struggle, God’s grace gives us hope and light. In the midst of our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and charity, we are reminded that God’s love is always leading us toward joy and renewal.

The Gospel of today (John 9:1–41) beautifully reflects this theme of moving from darkness to light. Jesus brings light into the life of a man born blind, symbolizing how Christ opens our eyes to the truth and leads us into the light of faith.

As we celebrate Laetare Sunday, we are invited to renew our hope and rejoice in the Lord. The Lenten journey continues, but today the Church gently reminds us that the light of Easter is already beginning to shine. May this joy strengthen us to continue our path of conversion and prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Resurrection.



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April Mass of Anniversaries

Saturday April 4th Easter Vigil

Crusheen 7pm Mass of Anniversaries
for Ballinruan

Kilnaboy 9pm

Sunday April 5th Easter Sunday

Tubber 9.30am / Dysart 9.30am

Sunday April 12th

Rath 9.30am

Saturday April 18th

Boston 6.30pm / Ruan 8pm

Sunday 19th April

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

"Prayer is when you talk to God. Meditation is when you listen to God". Anon.

Mass Schedule For St Patrick's Day Tues. 17th March

9.30am St Cronan's, Crusheen / St Michael's , Tubber

11am St Brigid's, Corofin / St Mary's , Ruan



Prayer of St Patrick

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right,
Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me.

Apostolic Work On behalf of the Apostolic Work members a big thank you to all who supported our Display last weekend in the three venues of Ruan Community Hall, Crusheen Meeting Room and Corofin Community Centre. A special thank you for the use of the three venues and to all who supported our Display. As this is our final Display we wish to thank all who have supported our work over the last seventy or more years in our parishes. May we continue to support our brothers and sisters throughout the world who live out the Christian call to be missionary.

Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Wednesday 24th to Monday 29th June cost and Monday 28th September to Saturday 3rd October Book directly with joewalshstours.ie or tel 01 2410800 For more information on assisted pilgrims please contact Mary Freeman at marybfreeman@gmail.com or tel 087 9777896 .

Irish Surnames and Sources: Through Origins, Invasions, Conquest and Colonisation by Lorna Moloney is Clare Roots next lecture.

Clare Roots next lecture will be held on Thursday,19 March 2025 at 7:30pm at the Clare Education Centre, Government Buildings, Kilrush Road, Ennis,

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, March 18th, at 7:00 PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr. Tom Ryan from Ennis Cathedral will be the celebrant on the night.

Lenten Campaign 2026 Uwamahoro, 28, is doing all she can to support three generations of her family in Rwanda , but devastating floods and storms are pushing them to the edge. The family have already lost all of their belongings in floods .With each storm, they live in fear of losing their home. With your help, Uwamahoro can begin to rebuild her family's lives. Boxes available in Churches.



Rest in Peace

Sharon Keane, Erinagh ,Fountain & Redcastle, Donegal

Josie (Josephine) Lee (née Summerville) Tubber

Gone no further than God and God very near



Corofin / Kilnaboy / Rath

Sunday 15th March

Kilnaboy 9.30am Mass for the People
Corofin 11am *Philomena McNamara née O'Connor*
Month's Mind Mass

Mass of Anniversaries

John & Pauline Collins (Dromohar) Gerald McGann (Tullycommon) James Howard (Gortlecka) Deceased Members of the Cullinan Family John Fitzgerald, Martin Fitzgerald, Joe Collins & Deceased Family Members, Gerry & Mark Quinn (Dabrien) Mena Lahiff, Micko Quinn (Kells) Sean Leyden, Sr Eucharia Keane Paddy & Bridget Moroney & Deceased Family Members (Ballyporty) Michael Organ (Killeen) Jimmy O'Brien (Ashfield)

Tuesday 17th March

Corofin 11am St Patrick's Day Mass

Weekday Masses

Corofin: Monday/ Thursday/ Friday at 9:30am
Adoration of the Eucharist
Corofin each Friday 10:00 am - 5 pm

Sunday 22nd March

Rath 9.30am Mass for the People
Corofin 11am Terence Cox RIP Month's Mind Mass

Corofin Village Mini Market Sun 15th March
10am-1pm .Fruit & Veg, Cakes, Books Tea & Coffee.
All Welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday 24th march 7.30pm

Corofin Library Bookclub Wednesday 25th of March
6.45pm . All Welcome. corofin@clarellibrary.ie

Epilepsy Ireland A sincere Thank-you/ Mile Buiochas to all who contributed so generously to the Church Gate Collection last weekend. Aword of thanks to our volunteers for their assistance . Amount raised €428.75

Logainmneacha Chill Iníne Baoith All welcome.

Exhibition open on Sat March 14 from 10am to 12 noon/ Sun 15th 10 am to 12.30pm/
St Patrick's Day 11.30am to 1.30 pm

Tubber / Boston

Saturday 14th March

Boston 6.30pm Mass of Anniversaries
Anna O'Connor (Kiltacky)

Tuesday 17th March

Tubber 9.30am St Patrick's Day Mass

Morning Mass

Tubber Friday 9.30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Tubber Tuesday 7pm - 8pm

Saturday 21st March

Boston 6.30pm Mass for the People

Tubber GAA Club 125 Members Draw January 2026

€200- George Taaffe, €100- Jackie Clancy,
€75 Triona & Gary Hughes , €50 Declan Ryan, €50 Gerry & Mary Fogarty

Ruan / Dysart

Saturday 14th March

Ruan 8pm Mass of Anniversaries
Martin & Mary Collins, William Hillary, Paddy & Claire McMahon (Rineen) Joan Daly, Michael & Mary Tierney & Deceased Family Members, Teresa & John Foley, John Crowe, Thomas Crowe, Sabina Hayes,

Tuesday 17th March

Ruan 11am St Patrick's Day Mass

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 21st March

Ruan 8pm Mass for the People

Toonagh National School Fundraising Clothes

Collection Monday 16th of March where all unwanted clothes, can be dropped to Toonagh Hall from 2-3pm and 6-7pm

Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day Daffodils will be for sale on Thursday March 19th outside XL Store Ruan 9am-6pm proceeds to Cancer Care. Your Support is Appreciated .

Bag Packing Fundraising Event For Toonagh N.S.will take place in Dunnes Stores, Ennis on Easter Saturday, April 4, from 10am to 4pm. All community volunteers aged 15 and upwards are invited to lend a hand. Please call Annette, on 0894539096, Thank-you

Scoil Mhuire Ruan is now welcoming enrolment for the school year 2026/2027. office@scoilmhuireruan.ie



Sacrament of Reconciliation

will be celebrated at Masses on the weekend of 14 & 15th / 21st & 22nd March

Crusheen / Ballinruan

Sunday 15th March

Crusheen 9.30am Mass of Anniversaries
Angela & Paddy McNamara (Drumbaniff) Patrick & Margaret Halpin & Their Son Brendan,

Tuesday 17th March

Crusheen 9.30am St Patrick's Day Mass

Friday 20th March

Crusheen 7pm Yvonne O'Connell-Gulliver RIP Memorial Mass

Morning Mass

Crusheen Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

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

Sunday 22nd March

Crusheen 9.30am Mass for the People

Stations of the Cross Each Friday during Lent in Crusheen Church at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

Easter Choir Practice Monday 23rd March 8pm in St Cronan's Church, Crusheen .All welcome to join us.

Crusheen Garda Station open hours:

16th March 12pm – 3pm , 24th March 3pm – 6pm

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
Exult and be satisfied at her consoling
breast.**

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 first book of Samuel. 1 Sam 16:1.,6-7, 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons." When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lords anointed one stands there before him", but the Lord said to Samuel, "Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart". Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these". He then asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" He answered, "There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep". Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes". Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said "Come, anoint him, for this is the one". At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

R

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook
and your staff;
with these you give me comfort

R

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness
shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians. Ep 5.8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are
light in the Lord; be like children of light, for
the effects of the light are seen in complete
goodness and right living and truth. Try to
discover what the Lord wants of you, having
nothing to do with the futile works of
darkness but exposing them by contrast. The
things which are done in secret are things
that people are ashamed even to speak of;
but anything exposed by the light will be illu-
minated and anything illuminated turns into
light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

**Glory to you, O Christ,
you are the Word of God!
I am the light of the world,
says the Lord;
Anyone who follows me will have the light
of life.
Glory to you, O Christ,
you are the Word of God!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jn 9:1.41

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had
been blind from birth. He spat on the
ground, made a paste with the spittle, put
this over the eyes of the blind man and said
to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of
Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the
blind man went off and washed himself, and
came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had
seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man
who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it
is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only
looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am
the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to
the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day
when Jesus made the paste and opened the
man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked
him how he had come to see, he said

'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed,
and now I can see.' Then some of the Phari-
sees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he
does not keep the Sabbath.' Others said,
'How could a sinner produce signs like this?'
And there was disagreement among them.
So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What
have you to say about him yourself, now that
he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet'
replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and
you a sinner through and through, since you
were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and
when he found him he said to him, 'Do you
believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man
replied 'tell me who he is so that I may
believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking
at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said,
'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

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 Scriptures. He as-
cended 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 spoken
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

**The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I
washed, I saw and I believed in God.**