

Third Sunday Of Lent 8th March 2026

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“If you only knew what God is offering...”

The woman went every day to draw water from an ancient well that dated back to the Patriarch Jacob. On this particular day she found Jesus sitting beside the well, “wearyed from his journey”

Jesus’ weariness is a sign of his real humanity. In the encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well, the idea of Jesus “thirst” stands out. We can think of how on the Cross he cried “I thirst” (Jn 19:28). This thirst, like his weariness, had a physical basis. Yet Jesus, in a sense also thirsted for the faith of that woman, as he thirsts for all of us to have faith.

God the Father sent him to quench our thirst for eternal life, giving us his love, but to give us this gift Jesus asks for our faith. The all-powerful nature of God’s Love always respects human freedom; it knocks at the door of our hearts and waits patiently for us to answer. Physical thirst is most often quenched with water and in the meeting with the Samaritan woman the symbol of water also stands out, reminding us of the sacrament of Baptism, the source of new life for faith in God’s Grace.

“Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give”, Jesus said, “will never thirst; the water that I shall give will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life”

This water represents the Holy Spirit, the great “gift” that Jesus came to

bring on the part of God the Father. Whoever is reborn by water and by the Holy Spirit, that is, in Baptism, enters into a real relationship with God and can worship him “in spirit and in truth” (Jn 4:23, 24), as Jesus went on to reveal to the Samaritan woman. Through our meeting with Jesus Christ and to the gift of the Holy Spirit, our faith attains fulfilment. This life-giving water sustains us on our journey through this world as fresh water sustains the weary traveller.

Each one of us can identify ourselves with the Samaritan woman: Jesus is waiting for us, especially in this Season of Lent, to speak to our hearts, to my heart. Let us pause a moment in silence, in our room or in a church or in a separate place. Let us listen to his voice which tells us “If you only knew what God is offering...”. May the Virgin Mary help us not to miss this appointment, on which our true happiness depends. (Pope Benedict XVI)



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Mass of Anniversaries

March 8th

Rath 9.30am

March 14th

Boston 6.30 pm/ Ruan 8pm

March 15th

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

“Fear corrodes our confidence in God’s goodness. God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and self-control.” Max Lucado

Calling all Ministers of the Eucharist

We are hosting two gatherings for Eucharistic Ministers to choose one that suits –only one evening is asked of each Eucharistic Minister

March 9th St. Brigid’s Church, Corofin @ 8pm

March 10th St. Michael’s Church, Tubber @ 8pm

Laghtagoona Cemetery Committee invite you to a public meeting in Corofin Hall on Tuesday 10th March @ 8 o'clock. The next phase of development works at the cemetery and the funding of this project will be discussed as well as other matters on the agenda. Your attendance and support is appreciated. Thank you.

Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrated by our younger members preparing to celebrate Communion for the First Time: Tues 3rd March Toonagh NS , Tues 10th March Kilnaboy NS Wed 11th March Ruan NS, Thurs 12th March Corofin NS The remainder of our younger members will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the coming weeks.

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

9.30am St Cronan’s Church, Crusheen / St Michael’s Church, Tubber

11am St Brigid’s Church, Corofin / St Mary’s Church, Ruan

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, March 11th, at 7:00 PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Bishop Ger Nash will be the celebrant on the night.

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at Masses in Imeall Boirne on the weekend of 21st & 22nd March.

Baptised & Sent in Lent -Reflection Programme for 2026

Wednesday 11th March 8pm , Meeting Room, Crusheen Church.

Each week we will examine the Gospel of the forthcoming Sunday: . It will be very informal: just get together and touch into what is within us. *Everybody is welcome to come along and avail of this Lenten opportunity.*



Rest in Peace

Marie Browne, Tubber

Jimmy King , Norwich & Crusheen

Kenneth Farren , Crusheen

Gone no further than God and God very near

Corofin / Kilnaboy / Rath

Saturday 7th March

Corofin 4pm *Mary McGrath née Tierney RIP*
First Anniversary

Sunday 8th March

Rath 9.30am *Mary McGrath née Nestor RIP*
First Anniversary
Mass of Anniversaries

Jimmy, Mary & John Joe McGrath (Maghera)
Michael & Bridget Kenneally, Winifred O'Gorman
(Willbrook) Patrick & Hannah Whelan
& Deceased Family Members (Moyhill)

Corofin 11am Family Mass

Weekday Masses

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

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 (Dromoher) 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

Corofin Apostolic Work Display

Sunday March 8th in the Community Centre. 11-4pm
Sacred Vessels can be purchased in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving. Cake Sale, Raffle, All funds raised go to the Missions. All Welcome

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

Logainmneacha Chill Iníne Baoith launch on
Friday March 13 at Kilnaboy NS Hall at 2.00 pm.
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 7th March

Boston 6.30pm Family Mass
Morning Mass

Tubber Friday 9.30am
Adoration of the Eucharist
Tubber Tuesday 7pm - 8pm

Saturday 14th March
Boston 6.30pm Mass of Anniversaries

Tubber National School Thank-you to all those who loaned us photos & memorabilia for the recent opening of the school. Items can be collected from the school on Tuesday 10th March 9.30am-3.30am. If this time is unsuitable for you please contact the school for alternative times.

Ruan / Dysart

Saturday 7th March

Dysart 4pm *Carmel Linnane Custy 1st Anniversary*
& Frank Custy

Ruan 8pm Family 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*

Friday 13th March

Dysart 7.30pm *David Morgan RIP 1st Anniversary*

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,

Ruan & Dysart Apostolic Work Display

Community Centre Ruan, March 7th after 8pm Mass.
March 8th 12.30pm-4pm. Refreshments served ,
All Welcome. Thank-you for your generous support.

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. Donations can also be left at Toonagh N.S. 9th to 13th March between 9am to 2pm. Proceeds will greatly help Toonagh N.S. Thank you for your support.

New Ruan Social Camogie Team- All welcome !
Training in Toonagh Indoor Astroturf from 8-9pm on
Thursday evenings. ruancamogiepro@gmail.com

Scoil Mhuire Ruan is now welcoming enrolment for
the school year 2026/2027.

Please email office@scoilmhuireruan.ie

Crusheen / Ballinruan

Sunday 8th March

Crusheen 9.30am Family Mass

Morning Mass

Crusheen *Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30am*

Adoration of the Eucharist

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

Sunday 15th March

Crusheen 9.30am Mass of Anniversaries

Angela & Paddy McNamara (Drumbaniff)
Patrick & Margaret Halpin & Their Son Brendan,

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

Crusheen Apostolic Work Display: March 8th after 9.30 Mass and from 1pm to 4pm. in the church meeting room. Cake sale and raffle on the day. Please support. If you would like to purchase a Sacred Vessel in memory of a loved one please contact Angela 086 3405479 or Helen 086 1545620.

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

Crusheen Garda Station open hours:

7th March 3pm – 6pm, 10th March 7pm – 10pm

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

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**My eyes are always on the Lord,
For he rescues my feet from the snare
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
For I am alone and poor.**

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 book of Exodus. Ex 17.3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the people of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

**O that today you would listen to His voice:
'Harden not your hearts'.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
Hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before Him, giving thanks,
With songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
Let us kneel before the God who made us
For he is our God and we
The people who belong to his pasture,
The flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the desert,

when your fathers put me to the test;
When they tried me,
though they saw my work.' **R.**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. Rm 5.1-2, 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given us. We were still helpless when at the appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word
of God!**

**Lord, you are really the Saviour of the
world; give me the living water, so that I
may never get thirsty.**

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word
of God!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jn 4.:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is
offering
and who it is that is saying to
you:
Give me a drink,
you would have been the one
to ask,
and he would have given you
living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered
'and the well is deep: how could you get
this living water? Are you a greater man
than our father Jacob who gave us this well
and drank from it himself with his sons and
his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get
thirsty again:
but anyone who drinks the water
that I shall give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give will turn
into a spring inside him, welling
up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that
water, so that I may never get thirsty and
never have to come here again to draw
water.'

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 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 spoken
through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
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

**For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.**