



### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### 'LOVE YOUR ENEMIES'



This Sunday's Gospel contains some of the most famous and powerful words of Jesus' preaching: "Love your enemies". It is taken from Luke's Gospel but is also found in Matthew's account of the "Beatitudes". Jesus delivered it in Galilee at the beginning of his public life: it is, almost like, a "manifesto" presented to all, in which he asks for his disciples' agreement, proposing his radical model of life to them and indeed to us.

But what do his words mean? Why does Jesus ask us to love our enemies, that is, a love which seems to go against the grain, which seems to be beyond us? Actually, Jesus' proposal is necessary because it takes into account that in the world there is too much violence, too much injustice, and therefore that this situation cannot be overcome except by countering it with more love, with more goodness.

This "more" comes from God: it is his mercy which was made flesh in Jesus and which alone can "tip the balance" of the world from evil to good, starting with that small and decisive place where so much change begins, that is in the individual human heart.

This Gospel passage is rightly considered the perfect example of the Christian ideal of non-violence. It does not consist in succumbing to evil, as a false interpretation of "turning the other cheek" claims, but in responding to evil with good and thereby breaking the chain of injustice.

For Christians, non-violence is not merely tactical behaviour but a person's way of being, the attitude of someone who is so convinced of God's love and power that he or she is not afraid to tackle evil with the weapons of love and truth alone.

Love of our enemy constitutes the heart of the "Christian revolution", a revolution not based on economics, politics or media power: the revolution of love, a love that does not rely ultimately on human resources but is a gift of God. A love which comes by trusting solely and unreservedly in his merciful goodness. Here is the power of the Gospel which silently changes the world!

More and more in our modern world we are tempted to view others as the enemy, and to view enemies as targets to be destroyed.

Jesus offers us an alternative view and an alternative course of action. To respond to violence with peace, to injustice with justice and to hate with love.

#### Mass Times

##### Church of Our Lady, Roslevan

Daily Mass Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9.30am  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 6pm

##### St. Breacan's Church, Doora

Sunday: 9.45am

##### Immaculate Conception, Barefield

Sunday 11.15am  
Tuesday 9.30am

[www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam](http://www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam)

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# Priest on Duty: 23rd February 2025

## Contact: Fr. Pat Malone - Tel. 065 6869098

### Remembered in Masses this week

#### CHURCH OF OUR LADY

22nd Feb: No intention booked.  
 1st Mar: Phil Cahill, Hazelgrove, Roslevan. MM.  
 PJ O'Driscoll, The Lane, Roslevan. MM.  
 Maureen O'Donoghue, Ballaghboy.

#### ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

23rd Feb: Peggy Conroy, Noughaval.  
 2nd Mar: No intention booked.

#### CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

23rd Feb: Michael & Josephine Carmody, Barefield.  
 Kitty, Vincent & James Conroy, Trim, Co. Meath.  
 2nd Mar: Thomas Quinlivan, Ballymaley. 1st Anniv.  
 Bernadette, Ann & Flan Lyons, Larchill.

9.30am Mass each Tuesday in Barefield Church.  
 Novena Mass in Church of Our Lady each Monday.

Finance Development Fund  
 16th February  
 Barefield: €286  
 Doora: €107  
 Church of Our Lady: €241  
 Development : €726  
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### *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

*'Miss no single opportunity  
 of making some small sacrifice,  
 Here by a smiling look,  
 there by a kindly word,  
 Always doing the smallest right  
 And doing it all for love'*

St. Therese of Lisieux

Eucharistic Adoration at Doora Church on Wednesday  
 6pm to 10pm. New members always welcome.

### REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

**Patsy McHugh (nee Lyons),**  
 Clonroad, Ennis,  
 mother of Ronan McHugh,  
 Stonepark, Barefield.



*Solas na bhflaitheas uirthi*



### Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



#### This week:

Cour Lady:	NBecker/HHerlihy	Seamus Hanrahan
Doora:	Bernard Hallinan	Michael Cusack
Barefield:	MWhyte/JDevitt	Michael Clohessy

#### Next week:

Cour Lady:	BBurke/SGarvey	Seamus Hanrahan
Doora:	Mary Barry	Patricia Clune
Barefield:	MClohessy/MDeloughery	Margaret Carden

#### Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

23rd Feb: Michael Williams & Paul Mockler  
 1st Mar: James Reynolds & Joan O'Connor

#### Doora Sacristan Rota

23rd Feb: Mary Hallinan  
 2nd Mar: Seamus Enright

#### Our Changing Church

The Killaloe Diocese Adult Faith Team invites you to a talk/discussion on Saturday, 1st of March 10am- 1pm in the Parish Centre, Ennis Cathedral.

Our speaker will be Michael Conway, Prof. of Faith & Culture in Maynooth, who will present current changes happening in the Church and initiate a dialogue on our possible response.

#### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes



Our Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Fintan will depart Shannon Airport on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June for 5 days. €995 pps includes full board.

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage is from 29<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October €935 pps includes full board.

To reserve a seat please contact Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt St., Dublin 2 D02WY88 Tel: 01 2410800 or [joewalshstours.ie](http://joewalshstours.ie) for more details.

A limited number of assisted pilgrims will be accommodated on the June pilgrimage. €855 is the cost of this section. A medical declaration form must be completed and those interested in this section are asked to apply to Ms. Mary Freeman, Pilgrimage Secretary 087 9777896 or [marybfreeman@gmail.com](mailto:marybfreeman@gmail.com).

#### Sponsor a Sick Pilgrim

Each year some people sponsor a sick or assisted pilgrim to make their wish of travelling to Lourdes become a reality. The cost is € 855 per pilgrim. To sponsor or part sponsor a pilgrim please contact Fr Tom Ryan Pilgrimage Director 087 2349816

The Franciscan Pilgrimage takes place from September 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> and more details can be had from Fr. Michael Nicholas, OFM, Pilgrimage Director, The Friary, Ennis.

## Pilgrimage to Medjugorje



Medjugorje Pilgrimage 7 night pilgrimage 21st to 28th May, cost €875 per person sharing from Shannon to Mostar.  
Contact Rachel Haren 087 6747869.

## Ennis Book Club Festival 7th—9th March

For tickets and more info, please visit  
ennisbookclubfestival.com or call (065) 6843103.



## Catechesis for Adults & Youth

The meetings are in the Chapter Room in Ennis Cathedral each Tuesday and Thursday at 8pm.  
More details from Fr. Fernando 083 126 8126.

## Choral Performance at Ennis Cathedral



Resurgam, one of Ireland's finest vocal ensembles, presents Lusitano: Travels & Tributes, a concert of 16th-century sacred polyphony by Vicente Lusitano featuring Ennis Cathedral Junior Choir.

The performance takes place at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Ennis, on Sunday, 2nd March at 6pm.

A pre-concert panel discussion will explore this rare repertoire and the choir's development.

Tickets: €15 full price, €10 concession, €5 students.

## 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry

*Are you involved, or keen to become involved in Church Music in your Parish, School, University etc.?*

We invite you to join us for 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry. Saturday 26th April 2025 at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am.

In the prayerful setting of Lough Derg, this day will provide space for the power of music to nourish our spirit and allow us to give praise to God through the beauty of sound, song and silence. There will be various inputs as well as time to pray, connect with others and explore this Sacred place. The day will conclude with the Celebration of the Eucharist at 5pm (open to the public).

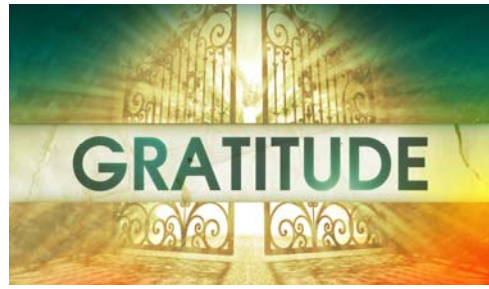
This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus).

Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy>.

For further information please contact  
[info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk](mailto:info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk) / +447759496677.



## Daily Gratitude Prayer



*Almighty God, my Eternal Father,  
I approach Your throne of grace  
with a heart overflowing with gratitude.*

*In the mundane and miraculous moments  
of this day,  
open my eyes to see Your hand at work.*

*Awaken my spirit to the countless  
blessings that surround me -  
the air I breathe, the food on my table,  
the love of family and friends.*

*Lord, cultivate in me a spirit  
of perpetual thanksgiving,  
that I might glorify You in all  
circumstances.*

*May my life become a living testimony  
of Your goodness and grace.  
As I walk through this day,  
let gratitude be the rhythm of my heart,  
the song on my lips,  
and the light that shines  
through my actions.*

*In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*

Enjoy a host of exciting activities at Bunratty Castle & Folk Park's Midterm Family Fun Days this Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd from 11 to 5pm. Includes a range of family fun - puppet shows, comedy show with juggling and circus skills, trad music, and vintage machinery display and more! Visit [www.bunrattycastle.ie](http://www.bunrattycastle.ie) for more details.



## Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €14,600

Venue: Clubhouse,

Winners of €50

Greg Baker, Barefield,  
Laura Quinn, Gort Rd,  
Seamus Darcy, Hillcrest,  
Michael Queally, Inagh.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been  
bountiful with me.

## 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 first book of Samuel 1 Sam 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness  
of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand  
men chosen from Israel to search for David  
in the wilderness of Ziph.  
So in the dark David and Abishai made their  
way towards the force, where they found  
Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear  
stuck in the ground beside his head, with  
Abner and the troops lying round him.  
Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has  
put your enemy in your power; so now let me  
pin him to the ground with his own spear.  
Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him  
twice.'  
David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him,  
for who can lift his hand against the Lord's  
anointed and be without guilt?' David took  
the spear and the pitcher of water from  
beside Saul's head, and they made off. No  
one saw, no one knew, no one woke up;  
they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from  
the Lord had fallen on them.  
David crossed to the other side and halted  
on the top of the mountain a long way off;

There was a wide space between them. David  
then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let  
one of the soldiers come across and take it.  
The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness  
and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my  
power, but I would not raise my hand against  
the Lord's anointed.'

## The word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm;

*Response: The Lord is compassion and  
love.*

*My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.*

*My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. R.*

*It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. R.*

*The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. R.*

*As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. R*

## A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says,  
became a living soul; but the last Adam has  
become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one  
with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the  
one with the spirit. The first man, being from  
the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man  
is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so  
are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is,  
so are we in heaven. And we, who have been  
modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled  
on the heavenly man.

## The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you  
who are listening: Love your enemies, do good  
to those who hate you, bless those who curse  
you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the  
man who slaps you on one cheek, present the  
other cheek too; to the man who takes your  
cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give  
to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for  
your property back from the man who robs

you. Treat others as you would like them to  
treat you. If you love those who love you,  
what thanks can you expect? Even sinners  
love those who love them. And if you do  
good to those who do good to you, what  
thanks can you expect? For even sinners  
do that much. And if you lend to those from  
whom you hope to receive, what thanks  
can you expect? Even sinners lend to  
sinners to get back the same amount.  
Instead, love your enemies, and do good,  
and lend without any hope of return. You  
will have a great reward, and you will be  
sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind  
to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is  
compassionate. Do not judge, and you will  
not be judged yourselves; do not condemn  
and you will not be condemned yourselves;  
grant pardon, and you will be pardoned.  
Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full  
measure pressed down, shaken together,  
and running over, will be poured into your  
lap; because the amount you measure out  
is the amount you will be given back.'

## 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

I will recount all your wonders,  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
and sing psalm to your name,  
O Most High.