



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Look at Others with a Merciful and Forgiving Heart

Many people condemn the “me first” attitude as being self-centred, self-serving, or egocentric. In the gospel passage above however, Jesus is telling us to develop a “me first” attitude in the context of personal holiness and not self-aggrandizement.

Today’s gospel Jesus is asking us to take care of our spiritual growth first before others because we cannot give what we do not have.

To illustrate the importance of personal holiness, Jesus used four metaphors:

1. Blind guides. It is very clear that a blind person cannot lead another blind man or both can fall into the precipice. Be a holy person first then you can guide others to be holy too.
2. A good teacher can make good disciples. A good teacher knows how to train his disciples so that the latter can be equal to the former but not surpass his master.
3. A good tree bears good fruit. This is self-explanatory but we often forget it. Parents who tell their children to behave will be in vain when they themselves show misbehaviour.
4. From the heart the mouth speaks. What is on the inside will determine what will come out. No matter how a person wants to pretend or to deceive others, sooner or later, the truth will come out through his words or actions. If one harbours grudges and jealousy, it will show in his words and actions. Likewise, if love rules his heart, it will come

No one is really without fault. That is why, Jesus is teaching us to forget others’ fault in the meantime so that we can focus on correcting our own. When we try to correct others without first correcting ourselves, we end up sounding as hypocrites and nobody will believe us. The message is to look at others not with critical eyes but with a merciful and forgiving heart.

This Wednesday we begin lent, Ash Wednesday we try to follow Jesus by given good example and encouraging each other.

Lent enables Christians to take a special pause and reflect on their spiritual journey. It teaches us the importance of repentance, self-discipline, and putting others before ourselves. It encourages us to practice internal prayer and recognize our need for God in our lives. It provides an opportunity to draw nearer to God through sincere contemplation and prayerful meditation.



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

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Priest on Duty: 2nd March, 2025

Contact: Fr. Ger Jones - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

1st Mar: Phil Cahill, Hazelgrove, Roslevan. MM.
PJ O'Driscoll, The Lane. MM.
Maureen O'Donoghue, Ballaghboy.

8th Mar: Patricia & John Leahy.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

2nd Mar: No intention booked.

9th Mar: Anselm Brooks & Deceased Brooks Family, Creggaun.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

2nd Mar: Thomas Quinlivan, Ballymaley. 1st Anniv. Bernadette, Ann & Flan Lyons, Larchill.

9th Mar: Seán & Peggy Howard, Drumquin. Oonagh Hogan, Faurusk.

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

Finance Development Fund

23rd February, 2025

Barefield: €193

Doora: €103

Church of Our Lady: €253

Development : €1,661

Mile buiochas

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



The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will return on Ash Wednesday, 5th March at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Bishop Fintan Monahan will open the Novena. The Novena will include the blessing and distribution of ashes. Attending this Novena could be your Lenten resolution.



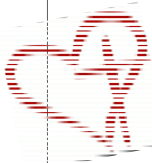
First Friday Mass at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield on Friday 7th March at 7pm.

If you or someone you know would like a First Friday call please contact Fr. Tom or the Parish Office with details.

Thought for the Week

*To be kind is more important
That to be right.*

*Many times what people need is
Not a brilliant mind that speaks
But a special heart that listens.*



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

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

Next week:

Cour Lady:	BBurke/SGarvey	Olive Harvey
Doora:	Patricia Hassett	Bernadette Fitzpatrick
Barefield:	LCorcoraan/NKennedy	Bernard Casey

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

1st & 8th Mar: James Reynolds & Joan O'Conno

Doora Sacristan Rota

2nd Mar: Seamus Enright

9th Mar: Patricia Hassett

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes



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

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage is from 29th September to 4th 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 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.

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

Catechesis for Adults & Youth

The meetings are in the Chapter Room, Ennis Cathedral each Tuesday & Thursday at 8pm.

More details from
Fr. Fernando 083 126 8126.



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.



New Night Classes and Saturday Workshops for Adults will start on Wednesday March 5 at St. Flannan's College.

Classes include:

Cross-stitching, Mixed-Media, Mindfulness, Millinery, Paper-Making, Ukulele and Felting.

Text/phone 083 1090039 for further details and bookings

'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 at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am.

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

For further information please contact
info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk / +447759496677.

Now Enrolling: Fully Funded Adult Classes: Gardening and Introduction to the Landscape and Ecology of the Burren courses commencing in March 2025 in College of Further Education & Training, Ennis Campus. All welcome. To book a place or for more information contact 065 6897654/086 0752014 or email antoinette.houlihan@lcefb.ie

Venerable Matt Talbot Relics

This year on the 7th June Matt Talbot the great Dublin man who overcame addiction with the help of God through prayer and sacrifice will be 100 years dead.

The cause for his Canonisation has already begun and devotion to him is appealing especially to all who suffer from the life of addictions. A saint for our Times.

On this Monday evening The Order of the Knights of St Columbanus will be bringing the Relics of Matt Talbot to the 7.30pm Mass in Ennis Cathedral for the monthly Mass of the Matt Talbot Prayer Society Praying for those suffering from addiction and their families. This is part of a nationwide tour of Cathedrals in this Centenary Year.

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Prayer for Positivity

Help me let go of negativity
and embrace positivity in every aspect of my being.
Grant me the courage to face my fears
and the faith to believe in the goodness
that lies ahead.

May Your light shine upon me,
illuminating my path with hope and optimism.
I surrender all my worries and anxieties to You, knowing
that You will transform them
into blessings.

Thank You, Lord, for Your unwavering love
and for infusing my life with positivity.

Heavenly Father, I stand before You today,
seeking Your divine presence
to uplift my spirit and fill me with positivity.
Help me cultivate a grateful heart,
recognizing the blessings that surround me each day.

Grant me the ability to see beauty
in the simplest of things
and to appreciate the joys that come my way.

Strengthen my faith, Lord,
so that I may trust in Your plans
and find peace in knowing
that You are always by my side.

Guide my thoughts, words, and actions,
that they may reflect Your love and goodness.
Thank You, dear God,
for the gift of positivity that nourishes my soul.

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.



Doora Barefield GAA Lotto
Next weeks Jackpot: €14,800
Venue: Clubhouse,
Winners of €50

Peadar O'Loughlin,
Paul Kelleher,
Claire Hynes, Tulla Rd,
Mary McMahan, Ennis Blinds.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together".

You can be a **Pilgrim of Hope** for others by

- Taking a short-term Pioneer Pledge for Lent.
- Spiritually adopting someone who is on an Alcohol Treatment program.
- Learning the 12 Steps of the AA fellowship.



More information at www.pioneerassociation.org

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in 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 Book of Ecclesiasticus. Eccl 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, So too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter, The test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of it's fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Response: *It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord and then you will see clearly enough to to make music to your name, O Most High, take out the splinter that is in your To proclaim your love in the morning and brother's eye. your truth in the watches of the night. R.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon Cedar. R

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. R

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets it's power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall in to a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own. Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eyes first and then you will see clearly

enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by it's own fruit, people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

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 sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.