



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

OSCAR ROMERO

'Sir, the man replied 'Leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.' Luke 13:9

The Third Sunday of Lent asks us to give a second chance. Oscar Romero grasped the opportunity to experience a second chance. From what could be describe as a sheltered bubble Oscar Romero broke through and lived a courageous response to the reality of life; give me a chance and another opportunity to show you what is possible. Yes, another chance. Reconciliation!!!

To help us better grasp this, let us savour the magnificent prayer, commonly attributed to Blessed Oscar Arnulfo Romero, but pronounced for the first time by Cardinal John Dearden:

Every now and then it helps us to take a step back and to see things from a distance.

The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is also beyond our visions.

In our lives, we manage to achieve only a small part of the marvellous plan that is God's work.

Nothing that we do is complete,

which is to say that the Kingdom is greater than ourselves.

No statement says everything that can be said.

No prayer completely expresses the faith.

No Creed brings perfection.

No pastoral visit solves every problem.

No programme fully accomplishes the mission of the Church.

No goal or purpose ever reaches completion.

This is what it is about:

We plant seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that others will watch over them.

We lay the foundations of something that will develop.

We add the yeast which will multiply our possibilities.

We cannot do everything,

yet it is liberating to begin.

This gives us the strength to do something and to do it well.

It may remain incomplete,

but it is a beginning, a step along the way.

It is an opportunity for the grace of God to enter and to do the rest.

It may be that we will never see its completion, but that is the difference between the master and the labourer.

We are labourers, not master builders, servants, not the Messiah.

We are prophets of a future that does not belong to us.

St. Oscar Romero was assassinated on 24th March 1980.



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

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Priest on Duty: 23rd March 2025

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Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

22nd Mar: Michelle Dowling, Four Seasons' Drive.
 29th Mar: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

23rd Mar: No intention booked.
 30th Mar: John, William, Anne & Frank O'Connor, Doora.
 Mary Vaughan, Knockanean.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

23rd Mar: Millie & Paddy Hanrahan, Stonepark.
 30th Mar: No intention booked.

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

Finance Development Fund

16th March, 2025

Barefield: €276

Doora: €242

Church of Our Lady: €176

Development : €1,311

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Lenten Video series for Jubilee of Hope 2025



During the season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter Octave Bishop Fintan will share short daily messages (between 30 seconds and a minute) centred around the theme of **Hope** each day. This will be available on the main social media platforms, Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, LinkedIn, Bluesky, Tiktok, YouTube.

The handle for most platforms is @BishopFintan. Some of the messages are from Bishop Fintan and many of them will also be from various people around the diocese, clergy, laity, women and men, young and old. Welcome to view and share and happy Jubilee of Hope!



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

Cour Lady:	BBurke/SGarvey	Ciaran Redmond
Doora:	Maria Considine	Nuala Conlan
Barefield:	BGalvin/MOLoughlin	Sinead Roseingrave

Next week:

Cour Lady:	BBurke/SGarvey	Ciaran Redmond
Doora:	Martha Neylon	Owen O'Mahony
Barefield:	MRowland/CLeamy	Tara Donnellan

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

22nd Mar: Paddy Perrill & Harold Herlihy.
 29th Mar: Dan Lenihan & Tom Heath

Doora Sacristan Rota

23rd Mar: Mary Enright
 30th Mar: Margaret Hosty

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocese of Killaloe will be travelling to Lourdes on the 25th to June 30th June with the help of 16 young people from the different Pastoral Areas of the Diocese.

The Abbey Pastoral Area invites young people between the ages of 16 and under 18 on the 24th June to apply in writing to their local priest for consideration for the one of the two places available to our Pastoral Areas. In the event of more than two applicants a draw will take place. Closing date is Sunday 30th March.

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 joewalstours.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.



REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

Tony Cullinan, Barnhill, Doora

Kevin Mahon, Parklands, Ballyalla.

Con Clarke, Raheny, Dublin
 Father of Gerry Clarke, Tulla Rd.

Now in God's hands, forever in our hearts.



*"Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church,
 for each community
 and every believer.*



*Above all it is a time of grace.
 God does not ask of us anything
 that he himself has not first given us.
 'We love because he first has loved us' "*

Pope Francis

5K Fun Walk/Run for Uganda on Friday 4th April at 7.30pm. Register at Clare Crusaders Clinic, Barefield. Help to build a 100 bed dormitory. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Grow Mental Health- Friendly Community based groups for anyone experiencing mental health issue through connection, hope, identity by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth through education, peer support and self-teaching. Ennis Meeting- Maria Assumpta Hall. Monday 7.30pm/ Tuesday 2pm. Contact Celia 086-1526966/Www.grow.ie



Doora Apostolic Work

Doora Apostolic Work will be holding their annual Church Gate Collection as well as displaying their work in the Church next Sunday 30th March. Any chalices donated in memory of a loved one will be on display before going to the Missions.



Irish Red Cross Coffee Morning in aid of Clare Community Services at Scout Den, Ennis (behind the Cathedral) on Saturday 29th March 9.30am to 1.30pm. Supporting the people of Clare. All Welcome.

The **Annual Matt Talbot Novena** will continue on Wednesday, March 26th, at 7:00 PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr. Robert McCabe will be the celebrant on the night. Currently working in Navan as the Central Spiritual Director of the Pioneer Association and as a former military chaplain, he has served with Irish peacekeeping forces in Lebanon, Kosovo, Liberia and Chad. Attending this Novena could be a meaningful Lenten commitment.

Limited places available for a trip of a Lifetime! May 14th to 21st **Fully Escorted trip to Medjugorje** with Marian Pilgrimages led by Sharon O Leary and accompanied by Fr Séan Sheehy as Spiritual Director (€845). Complete Spiritual Programme available. Direct Return flights-Dublin. 7 nights accommodation with freshly prepared breakfast and dinner each day. For further details contact Sharon 086 0523014

Stations of the Cross

Come and join us on Friday evenings during Lent in Doora Church at 7-7.30 pm as we take some peaceful prayer time to meditate on The Stations of the Cross. We make our own pilgrimage of hope.

Prayer for Peace in Our World



You are the true King of peace.
In You alone is found freedom.

Please free our world from conflict.
Bring unity to troubled nations.

Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.
Dispel all darkness and evil.

Protect the dignity of every human life. Amen

Stanley Horowitz

Prayer for the Third Sunday of Lent



*Loving Father,
So many times I turn away from you
and always you welcome me back.
Your mercy and love gives me confidence.*

*Thank you for the invitation
to share, fast and pray
so that you can form a new heart within me.*

*Your powerful compassion
for my weaknesses
leads me to ask for mercy
and await with great hope
the Easter joy you share with us.
Amen.*



Bishop Willie's Month's Mind Mass

Bishop Willie Walsh's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated in SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral Ennis on Friday 28th March at 7.30pm

Clare Branch of the Kidney Association will be holding our AGM on Thursday 27th of March in Cois na hAibhna at 8am. All welcome those who have kidney issues and family. Ring for more information 0863157591.

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Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €15,000

Venue: Clubhouse,
Winners of €50

Sean Williams, Hillcrest,
Mary Casey, Cappahard,
John Kennedy, Quin
Annette Reidy, Roslevan



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 3:1-8.13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up.

"I must go and look at this strange sight", Moses said, "and see why the bush is not burnt".

Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" he said. "Here I am" he answered. "Come no nearer" he said. "Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father", he said, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob". At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, "I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow".

Then Moses said to God, "I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you". But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?" And God said to Moses, "I Am who I Am." "This" he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel:" "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." "This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come".

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R: 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 does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He has made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. R

The Lord is compassion and love,
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
So strong is his love for those who fear him. R.

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 10:1-6.10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ,
you are the Word of God!
Repent, says the Lord,
for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.
Glory to you, O Christ,
you are the Word of God!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk.13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices.

At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you

repent you will all perish as they did.

Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it; it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

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

The sparrow finds a home,
And the swallow a nest for her young;
By your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King
and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
forever singing your praise.

