



### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

This final Sunday of Lent presents us with the story of the raising of Lazarus. It is filled with passion and emotion and the bringing of Lazarus back to life is at the core of it all. The full story as told by John in his Gospel is well worth reading over slowly and carefully – it raises a number of questions; why did Jesus take so long to reach Bethany, why did he shed tears, why the interaction between Jesus, Martha & Mary?

It is not an understatement to say that this passage is one of the most dramatic in the Gospel of John. All this happens as Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem where he will be greeted in triumph and a short time after, meet his death. It is mirroring our own Lenten journey for next week we will celebrate that song of Hosanna as Jesus enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and then relate the story of his betrayal and death in Holy Week. What does it tell us about our lives and our faith?

Imagine if we hear someone close to us is ill, would we take our time on the journey to their side? These days if you don't respond instantly to a message or call, you get another one very shortly afterwards wondering what is wrong with

you, or maybe the other is angry that you are ignoring them.

How busy our life is, how little time we have to spend it with people who matter most; and in this Holy Week for us as Christians, no one matters more than Jesus. His life comes to a peak and then a seemingly bitter end before his own miraculous Resurrection.

The days of Holy Week are our time to accompany him, to let his life speak to ours, to let that which holds us back from truly living to die so that we may rise to a new life. All of this is happening is to result in God's glory.

On this final Sunday of Lent, as we step into Holy Week, it would be right and just to ask if what we have done throughout Lent and what we plan to do this coming week will be about our glory or the glory of God?



#### 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 22nd March, 2026

## Contact Fr. Ger Jones - Tel. 065 6869098

### Remembered in Masses this week

#### CHURCH OF OUR LADY

21st Mar: Bridget & Michael Clune, Ballymacahill.

28th Mar: Seamus O'Connor, Eyrecourt, Galway.  
Pat & Anne Horan & Deceased Horan Family,  
Castletown, Doora.

#### ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

22nd Mar: Paddy & John Torpey, Kilfenora.

29th Mar: John, Anne, William & Frank O'Connor, Doora.  
Mary Vaughan, Knockanean.

#### CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

22nd Mar: Kevin Mahon, Parklands, Ballyalla. 1st Anniv.  
Millie & Paddy Hanrahan, Stonepark.

29th Mar: Vincent Canny, Derry.

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

#### Finance Development Fund

15th March, 2026

Barefield €193; Doora: €185

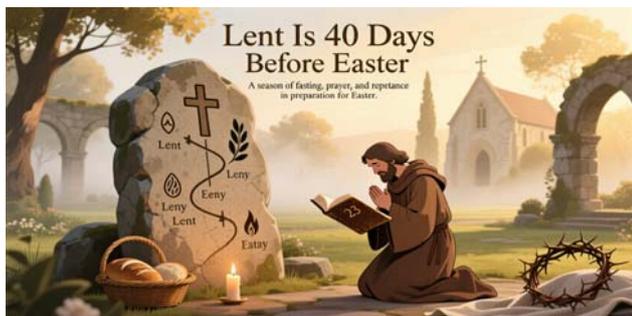
Church of Our Lady: €233; Development: €1,241

#### Mile buiochas

#### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

##### Sponsor a Sick Person

Each year some people sponsor a sick or assisted pilgrim to make their wish of travelling to Lourdes become a reality. The cost €890 per pilgrim. To sponsor or part sponsor a pilgrim, please contact Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director (087) 2349816



**“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.*



### Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



#### This week:

COur Lady:	BBurke/SGarvey	Michael Guilfoyle
Doora:	Mary Barry	Olivia O'Connor
Barefield:	EDroneym/O'Loughlin	David Culligan

#### Next week:

COur Lady:	BBurke/SGarvey	JOLoughlin/MMoore
Doora:	Anne Marie Custy	Michael Cusack
Barefield:	MHassett/LMurphy	MGalvin/MClohessy

#### Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

21st Mar: MWilliams/PMockler

28th Mar: JReynolds/JOConnor

#### Doora Sacristan Rota

22nd Mar: Mary Hallinan.

29th Mar: Seamus Enright

Eucharistic Adoration in Church of Our Lady, Roslevan Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour in Church of Our Lady, Roslevan every Thursday after 9.30am Mass 10am - 11am. All welcome.



### Abbey Pastoral Area

#### Lenten Reconciliation Service

*“Lord, make us  
instruments of  
your peace”*



Monday March 30th

7.30pm-8.15 pm

Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul, Ennis

Priests available for individual confession

All Welcome.

### Grow Mental Health

Friendly Community based peer support groups for anyone experiencing mental health issues through 12 Step Program of connection, hope, identity by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth. Ennis Meeting-Maria Assumpta Hall. Monday 7.30pm/Tuesday 2pm. Contact Celia 086-1526966/Www.grow.ie

### Matt Talbot Novena

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. As part of the evening's Novena, there will be a special blessing of car and house keys—a symbolic gesture inviting God's protection and guidance in our daily lives. You are warmly invited to join us on this pilgrimage through Lent. Attending the Novena could be a meaningful Lenten resolution.

### Passing of Flame Retreat

All are welcome to our 'Passing the Flame in Ennis' Retreat to be hosted by the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement in the Church of Our Lady/ Fahy Hall, Roslevan, Ennis on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30am to 4.30pm. The Retreat includes Praise and Worship, Talks, Mass, and the Passing of the Flame of Love Candle Ceremony. Bishop Fintan Monahan will celebrate the Mass. Please bring a packed lunch. No fee or prior registration is required. For more info email [info@flameoflove.ie](mailto:info@flameoflove.ie)

**Ennis Bridge Club Charity Night - Connolly Cup**  
Monday 23rd March at 7.30pm at Clare Community Bridge Centre, Ennis. Entry €20 includes raffle and refreshments. Proceeds in aid of Sláine an Chláir Clare Cancer Support.



### Accord Needs You!

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as Marriage Preparation Programme Facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The Marriage

Preparation Programmes are fun and interactive and very popular with couples.

Successful Applicants will receive free professional training during seven in person workshops at venues around the country and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes in your local area.

The closing date for receipt of application forms to be included in selection for this year is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May next. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [marriagepreparatoin@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparatoin@accord.ie) www.accord.ie

### Ennis Flower & Garden Club

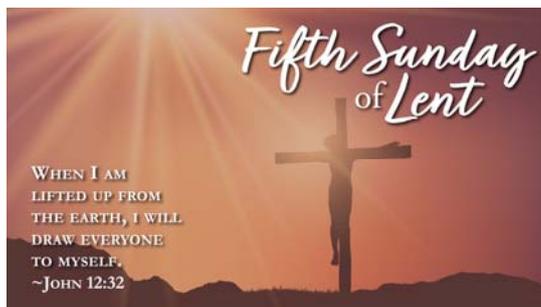
Ennis Flower & Garden Club present Jasmine O Gorman, Cork, for a floral demonstration, on Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup> at Treacys West County Hotel. Doors open at 7.30pm and demonstration commences at 8.15pm sharp. €10 non members. Demonstrators' arrangements raffled on the night.

Easter Bonnet competition

Contact [ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com)



### Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Lent



**Merciful God,**  
**as we journey deeper into this holy season,**  
**soften our hearts to hear Your voice.**

**Where there is dryness,**  
**pour out Your living water;**  
**where there is weariness,**  
**breathe in Your Spirit of life.**

**Help us to turn**  
**from all that keeps us from You,**  
**and to walk in the light of Your mercy.**  
**May our fasting open space for compassion,**  
**our prayers draw us closer to Your heart,**  
**and our acts of love bear witness**

**to Your kingdom.**

**Through Christ, who is our resurrection**  
**and our life. Amen.**

**Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day)** will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please visit [purpleday.org](http://purpleday.org)

### Type 1 Diabetes Meeting

The next meet up of the Clare adults with Type 1 Diabetes meet-up, will take place Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, at 7:30pm- 9:30pm in the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis. The topic for this meeting will be 'preparing for diabetes appointments'

The meetings are free to attend and open to any adult who would like to learn more about Type 1 Diabetes; including people living with Type 1, parents of children with Type 1 or family members.

Newcomers are always welcome, so do please come along if this will support you.

For more information, please email Grainne [diabetesinclare@gmail.com](mailto:diabetesinclare@gmail.com)



### Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €12,400

Venue: Clubhouse.

Winners of €50



Brid Baker,  
Bernie O'Driscoll,  
James Carolan  
Colin Reid



**Thanks for your support.**

# Today's Scripture Readings

**Entrance Antiphon**

Give me justice, O God,  
 And plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
 From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
 For you, O God, are my strength.

**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 prophet Ezekiel**

**Ezk 37:12-14**

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Response: With the Lord there is mercy  
 And fullness of redemption.*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
 Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive  
 To the voice of my pleading.

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If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
 Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:  
 For this we revere you.

R

My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
 I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord  
 More than watchman for daybreak.  
 (Let the watchman count on daybreak  
 And Israel on the Lord).

R

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
 And fullness of redemption,  
 Israel indeed he will redeem  
 From all its iniquity.

R

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans**

**Rm 8:8-11**

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead

it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life,  
 says the Lord:

Whoever believes in me will never die.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**A reading from the holy Gospel**

**according to John Jn 11:1-45**

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,  
 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could

he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone.

Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me.

But I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me,

so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice,

'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in 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 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**

**Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord**