



Like the other teachings that we hear today, this one is aimed at transforming relationships among people. Jesus invites us to embrace the spirit behind the commandment against murder to understand God's will that we never harm another—not by killing, not by angry outbursts, not by insults, not even by name calling.

Jesus goes one step further when he says, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift at the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift" (Mt 5:24). Here Jesus cuts to the heart of authentic religion by setting right relationships on a higher plane even than worship.

As we consider this teaching about anger, it's important to recall that Jesus experienced anger himself. He became angry during some verbal exchanges with his critics. His anger flared up when he witnessed money changing and commerce taking place inside the Temple walls. **By connecting anger to insult and name calling, I believe Jesus is inviting us to express our anger in ways that will not tear down our relationships but rather in ways that address injustice while still allowing room for forgiveness and reconciliation. Martin Luther King, Jr. expressed it this way: "Forgiveness does not mean ignoring what has been done or putting a false label on an evil act. It means, rather, that the evil act no longer remains a barrier to the relationship. Forgiveness means reconciliation, a coming together again. Without this, no one can love one's enemy."**

The section of the Gospel of Matthew we hear today may not be our favorite passage, and yet it cuts to the heart of Jesus' message. We are called not simply to keep the rules, but rather to live and to act with respect for the dignity, equality, and well-being of every person, no matter how different or disagreeable.

St. Brigid's Church Killeshandra

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Sunday 12th 11am Month's Mem. Sheila Grey Main St. / Patrick and Margaret Woods Kinkeel **Friday 17th** 10am

Sunday 19th 11am Anniv. James and Declan O Reilly Railway Rd. and dec. O Reilly family Portaliffe also John and Annie Baxter Railway Rd. **Offertory Feb. 5th €1,136**

Sacred Heart Church Arva

Sunday 12th 10am

Friday 17th 7pm Retirement Mass

Sunday 19th 10am

The postponed Retirement Mass for Fr. Hannon will now take place on Friday 17th February in the Sacred Heart Church Arva at 7pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards in St. Patrick's Hall. Every body welcome. **Offertory Feb. 5th €580**

Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea

Saturday 11th 7.30pm Vigil Month's Mem. Kathleen O Reilly Farransee and Kiera Chipperfield (nee O Reilly) England, and dec. O Reilly family
We pray for Thomas Kilkenny and Christina Cunningham who died recently.

Saturday 18th 7.30pm Vigil Anniv. Brenda and **Offertory Feb. 4th €400**

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Fr. Oliver is on duty Monday to Thursday 13th to 16th

Killeshandra camino calling will hold a public meeting in resource centre killeshandra on Feb 13th @8pm. We will have a discussion on distribution of funds from last year's event and progress so far for 2023. We would like to see as many landowners/homeowners and business people along the route at this meeting. The Committee looks forward to seeing you all there.

CORLISS NS OPEN DAY on Friday, 24th & Saturday, 25th February 2023 from 12 noon - 2 pm, Eircode H12 E621 Enrolment Forms will be available on the day or from the school, phone 049-4334888, email: schooloffice@corlisns.ie Come and see our wonderful school, everyone welcome!

