

## Deacon's Beacons

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“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.” John 15:12–14

So, where is this vague? Why do people not get it? Love one another. That does not mean only those who look like you or only those who believe what you believe or only those who vote like you do. There are no exclusions in what Jesus is saying here. The qualifier though does make it tough. If you were a disciple hearing this one Holy Thursday, you might think Jesus means one thing. On Good Friday, the statement takes on a whole new meaning. But that is our call and our charge – to love as Jesus did, to lay down one's life for another.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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