



# DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER- Fourth Sunday of Advent - 18th December, 2016



## MASS TIMES

Doora: Sunday 10.00am  
Barefield: Sunday 11.00am  
Daily Mass: Mon, Tues, Wed 9.15am  
Church of Our Lady Roslevan  
Saturday 6.00pm  
Daily Mass: Wed, Thurs, Fri 9.30am  
Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion  
Monday, Tuesday 9.30am

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### Deadline for Newsletter

Tuesday @ 4.00pm

### Send items to

doorabarefieldparish@eircom.net  
Current newsletter on parish website at 1.00pm each Wednesday

**Church of Our Lady Basket Collectors**  
17/24 Dec Pat McGuire/Harold Herlihy

## Finance Development Fund

Barefield: €203.75

Doora: €80.64

Church of Our Lady: €245

Development: €812.55

## Mile Buiochas – Many Thanks

### Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot €15000

Venue: Hassetts

### Winners of €50 :

Noelette Ryan, Newhall

Ned Ryan, Four Seasons Drive

Ivan Kerins

Pat Whelan c/o Considines

**St. Joseph's Doora Barefield Club shop** will be open on Wednesday 14th, Friday 16th & Wednesday 21st December from 6.30pm-8pm in Gurteen. Gift Vouchers are also available and are a great idea for a Christmas gift.

**Christmas Collection for the Priests of our Parish at all Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**



## Remembered in Masses

Barefield:	Deceased Mulcreavy family	18 Dec
Barefield:	Michael Lahiffe	18 Dec
Barefield:	Megan Malone	18 Dec
Barefield:	Frank Flaherty	18 Dec
Doora:	Michael Carey	18 Dec
Doora:	Stephen Killeen	18 Dec
Doora: 10pm	John & Teresa Carolan	24 Dec
Barefield: 10pm	Daniel & Margaret Murray	24 Dec
Barefield: 11am	Michael & Olivia Whelan	26 Dec
Barefield: 11am	PJ Nugent	27 Dec
C Our Lady:	Paddy Seery	31 Dec
Barefield:	Maura & Joe Cullinan	1 Jan
Barefield:	Michael (Buddy) Purcell	1 Jan



## Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



### This week:

C Our Lady: M.Gardiner/Harold Herlihy	Maria O'Driscoll
B/Field Sun: Rory Kennedy & Angela Synott	Nuala Molan
Doora Sun: Bernadette O'Grady	Orla Barry

### Next week:

C Our Lady: 24th M.Gardiner/Harold Herlihy	Michael Dinan
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Barefield: 24th C Lillis, L Corcoran, M. Whyte	Nuala Molan
Barefield 25th EO'Halloran/NKennedy LMurphy Maeve O'Donnell	
Doora: 24th Sean Conlon/Patricia Glynn	Mike Cusack
Doora: 25th Patricia Hassett/AM Custy	Ronan Foley

**St. Joseph's Doora Barefield GAA Club Celebration Night** in The Auburn Lodge Hotel on Tuesday 27th December. Presentation of Intermediate Hurling Championship medals, Minor A Football Championship medals and Garry Cup Senior Football medals, Music by Blue Ridge Country Show Band followed by Disco. Tickets €30 available from Club Officers.

**Advent Reflections:** A one page reflection on each Sunday Gospel for Advent called **Hearing, Happening, Hoping** can be downloaded from the Killaloe Diocesan website <http://www.killaloeodiocese.ie/diocesan-news/hearing-happening-hoping-advent-2016.html>. Weeks one, two and three are available now. These reflections were compiled by Fr. Seamus O'Connell, Maynooth, Jane Mellett, Dublin Diocese, Philip Carder, Armagh Diocese, Sr. Marie McNamara and Maureen Kelly Killaloe Diocese

Preparation for Christmas receiving the gift of God's Love through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** at a special Abbey Cluster Christmas Penance Service in Ennis Cathedral on Monday 19th December 7.30pm

The Christmas Season can be a difficult time for people bereaved by suicide. Support and help is only a phone call away. **Clare Suicide Bereavement Support Volunteers** are available to help you. This is a free and confidential support service. Please phone 086 0565373 or 087 3698315.

**Calling all emigrants home for Christmas** - 'Home For Work' Event in the Harbour Hotel, Galway city on Thurs 29th Dec from 10-1pm. Bring along your CV and talk to experts about local job opportunities on the day. All are welcome.

## Christmas Eve Masses

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan	8.00pm
Barefield	10.00pm
Doora	10.00pm

## Children's Liturgy

Barefield	6.30pm
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## Christmas Day Masses

Doora	10.00am
Barefield	11.00am
Church of Our Lady, Roslevan	12.00 noon

## Street Closure in Ennis 17th-24th Dec

O'Connell Square and O'Connell Street from O'Connell Square to its junction with Station Road.

## Dates and Times of Closures

Saturday 17th Dec	from 12.00 noon to 6.00 pm
Sunday 18th Dec	from 12.00 noon to 6.00 pm
Friday 23rd Dec	from 12.00 noon to 6.00 pm
Saturday 24th Dec	from 12.00 noon to 6.00 pm

## Alternative route / diversion

Traffic from High Street and Abbey Street must turn onto Bank Place

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

**Drop down dew from above, your heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.**

### 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 Isaiah *Is 7:10-14*

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above'. 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test, Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men.

without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with- us" '.

## The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Response: Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

**R**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.

**R**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

**R**

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans *Rm 1:1-7*

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name.

You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

## The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. Alleluia!

## A reading from holy Gospel according to Matthew. *Mt 1:18-24*

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally.

He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit.

She will give birth to a son and you

must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

## 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

**Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.**