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# DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

## NEWSLETTER

21st September, 2025

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Seeking the best version of self!

"The one who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; if then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches" (Luke 16:1-13)

Jesus' conversation with his Disciples regarding honest stewardship of what God expected of those who would 'walk in his way' was, I imagine meant to cause his Disciples to seek the best version of themselves in the most honest ways they could live out true Discipleship.

As modern day Disciples we might be asked to also seek the best version of self, hoping to find ourselves already at home in our skin with an attitude and actions that are consistent with Jesus' understanding of Discipleship. ....

However, knowing that we are made with 'feet of clay' the seeking may need efforts of recalibration.

Noting Jesus' insistence that to be that Disciple calls to account the 'masters' or influencers in our lives. Cautioned that having more than one will lead to dilution of the value system Jesus lived and gave his life that we might make our own.

*"the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes."* (Marcel Proust)

May we hear today's message and only have eyes for Christ and Christ alone.

#### Seeking and Finding"

I search for God,  
elusive, hidden God  
I long to dwell  
in the heart of Mystery.

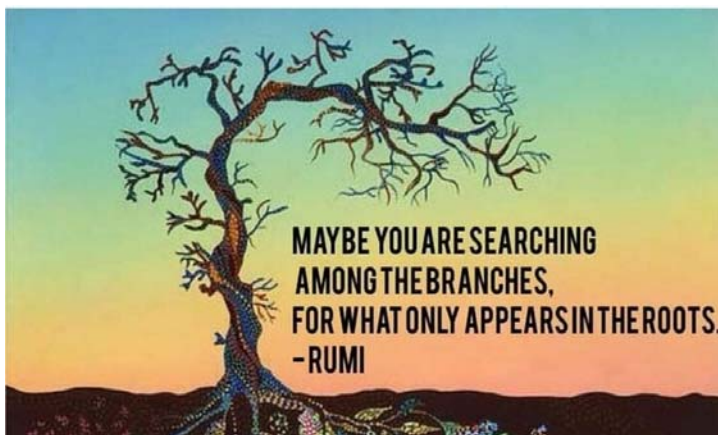
I search for my true self  
more of who I already am,  
knowing there's so much  
yet to be discovered.

I search for love,  
the unconditional love  
that enfolds me  
and asks to be shared.

I search for vision  
in the shadows of my soul  
impatiently awaiting  
the moment of lighting

I search for a quiet heart  
amid life's harried schedule  
my soul cries out,  
yearning for solitude.

I search for compassion  
in a world gone deaf  
to the cries of the hurting  
and pleas of the powerless



#### 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: 21st September, 2025

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### Remembered in Masses this week

#### CHURCH OF OUR LADY

20 Sept: Ned Ryan, Four Seasons Drive. MM.  
Ciarán Scanlon, Ballaghboy.  
Josephine & Martin Horan, Castletown, Doora

26 Sept 7pm: Tom O'Connor, Roslevan. MM.

27th Sept: No intention booked.

#### ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

21st Sept: Holy Souls.

28th Sept: No intention booked.

#### CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

21st Sept: Rose Conlon, Ballymaconna.

28th Sept: Noel Purcell, The Maples, Oakleigh Wood & Ballyduff, Barefield.

9.30am Mass each Tuesday in Barefield Church.

Novena Mass in Church of Our Lady each Monday.

#### Finance Development Fund

14th September, 2025

Barefield: €184

Doora: €105

Church of Our Lady: €201

Development Fund: €818

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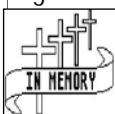
#### Season of Creation 2025

The 2025 Symbol is inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18. Titled 'Garden of Peace,' it depicts a white dove flying over a tree. The left side of the tree is barren, with roots digging into dry soil, surrounded by an arid, desolate landscape. In contrast,

the right side of the tree is lush and green, standing amidst a flourishing landscape.

The dove, carrying an olive branch in its beak, flies toward the right—symbolizing peace as a transition from a war-torn, overexploited land to one that is fertile, thriving, and hospitable.

Let us remember that humanity was originally called to tend a garden. Through this year's Season of Creation, we will reflect on the connection between caring for creation and fostering peace. The white dove with an olive branch is a globally recognized symbol of peace. In the story of Noah, it also signifies new life after destruction.



#### REST IN PEACE

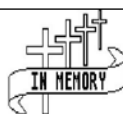
Noreen Gavin,

Headford, Co. Galway

sister of Tony Maher,

Four Seasons Drive, Roslevan.

*Solas na bhflaitheas uirthi*



### Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



#### This week:

COur Lady:

HHerlihy/BBurke

James O'Connor

Doora:

Martha Neylon

Noreen O'Connor

Barefield:

CDelougherty/MClohessy

Nuala Kennedy

#### Next week:

COur Lady:

HHerlihy/BBurke

James O'Connor

Doora:

Bernard Hallinan

Orla Barry

Barefield:

JDevitt/MWhyte

Michael Clohessy

#### Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

20th Sept: Dan Lenihan & Tom Heath

27th Sept: Michael Williams & Paul Mockler

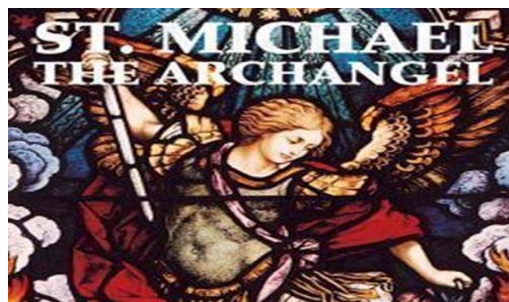
#### Doora Sacristan Rota

21st Sept: Patricia Hassett

28th Sept: Teresa Hallinan

### Annual St. Michael's Well Mass

**Note change of venue**



The annual St. Michael's Holy Well Mass will be celebrated this year in St. Breacan's Church by Fr. Tom on Monday 29th September at 7pm. All welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration in the Sacristy of St. Breacan's Church, Doora on Wednesdays 5.30pm to 10pm.

New members most welcome.







### *Blessing for the Gift of New Life*

Calling all Expectant Parents to the next Blessing of New Life in our Pastoral Area that takes place on Monday 6th October at 8pm in the Church of Our Lady Roslevan.

If you or anyone you know is pregnant, please share the invitation with them.

#### **Tax Back Scheme for Eligible Charities**

Our Parish is an Eligible Charity within above Scheme. All donations of €250 and over from both PAYE Tax Payers and Self-employed Persons qualify for a Tax Refund of 31%. This Tax Refund can now only be claimed by a qualifying Charity. A Tax claim form was completed by many eligible Parishioners and this form extends for a five year period.

We have now sent out a Tax Claim form to all Parishioners who are eligible this year or may not have returned the completed form in previous years. We would urge you to return it before the **18th October** deadline.

We sincerely thank all of you our Parishioners for your continued generous donations to our Parish and your diligent completion of the necessary forms to enable us reclaim this Tax which now forms a very important part of our annual income.

#### **St Flannan's College Night Classes and Saturday Workshops for Adults will resume in October.**

Classes include: Needle Felting, Beekeeping, Wax Painting, Stained Glass, Copper Jewellery, Memoir Writing, Cake-Decorating, Mindfulness & Journaling, Paper-Making, Millinery and Heart-saver First Course.

**Text/phone 083 1090039 for further details and bookings**

#### **Mind Matters with Type 1 Diabetes.**



We're delighted to welcome Dr. Mark Davies, Clinical Psychologist from Belfast, as the keynote speaker for Mini Thriveabetes 2025, 'Mind Matters with Type 1 Diabetes'.

Book your place at Ennis Meeting on Saturday, Sept 27 @10:30am-2pm. Free event.

Learn more & register: [thriveabetes.ie/mini-thriveabetes](https://thriveabetes.ie/mini-thriveabetes)  
Contact Gráinne at 087 6548320 or [diabetesinclare@gmail.com](mailto:diabetesinclare@gmail.com)

## **An Autumn Prayer**



Abba, Father,  
the trees are ablaze with your glory.  
The seasons change, but you never do.  
You are always beautiful,  
in the green and freshness of spring  
as in the golds and reds and chills of autumn.

Make me like you.  
Let my life reflect your beauty,  
season after season,  
as the calendar of my life turns and turns and turns.

The trees are letting go of this year's foliage.  
Help me let go of both blessings and burdens,  
and surrender them both to your loving care.

Fallen leaves pattern the ground with variety.  
So design my own fallings and failings  
into whatever design will please you most.  
In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.

#### **Des Ryan Collecting Items for Missions.**

Old or broken Rosary Beads, Used Spectacles, used stamps being collected for Missions. Please leave in receptacle in porch of Doora Church.. Míle buíochas.

#### **Doora Barefield GAA Lotto**

Next weeks Jackpot: €7,200

Venue: Clubhouse.

Winners of €50

Patricia Towey, Barefield,  
Sinead O'Connell, Ballymaconna,  
Martin Crowe, Hillcrest,  
Catherine O'Keeffe, Roslevan

**Thank you for your support**

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people,  
says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for  
ever.

## 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.

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace  
to people of good will. We praise you, we bless  
you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you  
thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly  
King, God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with  
the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

## A reading from the prophet Amos

Am 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy  
and try to suppress the poor people of the  
country, you who say,

"When will New Moon be over so that we can  
sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can  
market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,  
by swindling and tampering with the scales, we  
can buy up the poor for money,  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and get a price even for the sweepings of the  
wheat".

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,  
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.*

Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!

May the name of the Lord be blessed  
both now and for evermore!

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High above all nations is the Lord,  
above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God,

who has risen on high to his throne  
yet stoops from the heights to look down,  
to look down upon heaven and earth? R

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
from the dung heap he raises the poor  
to set him in the company of princes,  
yes, with the princes of his people. R

## A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy

1 Tm 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be  
prayers offered for everyone - petitions,  
intercessions and thanksgiving - and  
especially for kings and others in authority,  
so that we may be able to live religious and  
reverent lives in peace and quiet.

To do this is right, and will please God our  
saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and  
reach full knowledge of the truth.

For there is only one God, and there is only  
one mediator between God and humankind,  
himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed  
himself as a ransom for them all.

He is the evidence of this, sent at the  
appointed time, and I have been named a  
herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the  
truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and  
the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift  
their hands up reverently in prayer, with no  
anger or argument.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son,  
Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples, 'There was a rich  
man and he had a steward who was  
denounced to him for being wasteful with his  
property. He called for the man and said,  
"What is this I hear about you? Draw me up  
an account of your stewardship because you  
are not to be my steward any longer." Then  
the steward said to himself, "Now that my  
master is taking the stewardship from me,  
what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong  
enough. Go begging? I should be too  
ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make  
sure that when I am dismissed from office  
there will be some to welcome me into  
their homes."

Then he called his master's debtors one  
by one. To the first he said, "How much do  
you owe my master?" "One hundred  
measures of oil," was the reply. The steward  
said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight  
away and write fifty." To another he said,  
"And you sir, how much do you owe?"

"One hundred measures of wheat," was the  
reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond  
and write eighty."

The master praised the dishonest steward for  
his astuteness. For the children of this world  
are more astute in dealing with their own kind  
than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it  
is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that  
when it fails you, they will welcome you into  
the tents of eternity. The man who can be  
trusted in little things can be trusted in great;  
the man who is dishonest in little things can be  
dishonest in great. If then you cannot be  
trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will  
trust you with genuine riches? And if you  
cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who  
will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters:  
he will either hate the first and love the second,  
or treat the first with respect and the second  
with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of  
God and of money.'

## 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

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.