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# DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

## NEWSLETTER

15th February 2026

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saying YES to Lent



We approach the threshold of the season of Lent. As if on cue the Gospel for today reminds us of a great challenge in our lives - the ability to simply say yes, with meaning ... our yes to Lent as a time to look within, breathe in a journey that sheds light, just as the season of Spring does to nature. Light on the roots of faith that nourishes and gives strength to us as we gently find our way out of winter - not just the season of darkness but the darkness of our anger, fractured relationships, harsh judgements. And that's just beginning with our reflection of our relationship with self - then we can begin to reflect on our relationship with others and maybe, just maybe, how we can allow the Good News of the Gospel influence a new springtime relationship with self and others.

If only, to emerge from a Lenten season emboldened in our desire to be hope filled and enthusiastic to greet Christ as risen in self and in to seek Christ risen in others.

That ... would be truly an Easter reward to the YES we had said at the beginning of Lent. .... Vote YES next Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday 18th February.



### Mass Times

#### Church of Our Lady, Roslevan

Daily Mass Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9.30am  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 6pm

#### St. Brecan's Church, Doora

Sunday: 9.45am

#### Immaculate Conception, Barefield

Sunday 11.15am  
Tuesday 9.30am

[www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam](http://www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam)

### A Lenten Prayer

(Joyce Rupp)

Holy One who journeys with me,  
May I recognize the cross that is mine and carry it in a trustful way, confident that the unwanted parts of my life can be guides to my growth.  
Teach me how to be with my personality traits that I consider unacceptable.  
Inspire me to release my tight grip when I wrestle with the resistant part of myself that insists on having everything in life turn out the way I want.  
Increase my awareness of the false judgments and unfair expectations that crowd out kindness and compassion for self and others.  
Lessen unrestrained fears keeping me imprisoned in turmoil and confusion.  
Soften any hardness of heart that I have toward another. Strengthen my ability to love. Help me topple the walls that prevent my being a forgiving person.  
Expand my perception of the good things that life holds. Decrease fear of not having enough, being enough, doing enough, growing enough.  
Awaken the undying song of hope in my soul as I carry my unwanted cross each day, so that even in the worst of times I will continue to trust that I can do what is required.

Confident of your grace and daily empowerment, I give myself to you as fully as I am able at this time. As I carry the burden that is mine, remind me often that you are always with me, and never against me. I rest my desire for union with you into your loving care. Amen.

Abundant peace, by Joyce Rupp

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# Priest on Duty 15th February, 2026

## Contact Fr. David Carroll - Tel. 065 6869098

### Remembered in Masses this week

#### CHURCH OF OUR LADY

14th Feb: Joseph Conroy, Ballaghboy.  
21st Feb: Francis Clune, Ballymacahill

#### ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

15th Feb: Bernadette Murphy, Drumquin.  
22nd Feb: No intention booked.

#### CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

15th Feb: John Fitzgerald, Cragaeweelcross.  
Maureen & Jimmy Carmody, Cahudotia.  
17th Feb: Michael, Kathleen & Caroline O'Keeffe,  
& Sr. Helena, Kilnamona.  
20th Feb 7.30pm: Margaret Rita O'Connor, Knockliscrane MM  
22nd Feb: Michael & Josephine Carmody, Barefield  
& Conroy Family, Trim, Co. Meath.

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

#### Finance Development Fund

8th February, 2026

Barefield: €290; Doora: €128

Church of Our Lady: €195; Development: €1,502

#### Mile buiochas

Annual Matt Talbot Novena



The Annual Matt Talbot Novena returns on Ash Wednesday, 18th February at 7 pm in Tulla Church, beginning with Mass and Benediction.

The Novena will be opened by Bishop Fintan Monahan, and will include the blessing and distribution of ashes. This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Novena. Attending this Novena could be your Lenten resolution.

#### REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

**John Noel Guerin,**  
Noughaval,  
Doora.

*Solas na bhflaitheas ar a anam uasal.*



### Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

COurLady:	NBecker/HHerlihy	Joe Dilleen
Doora:	Anne Marie Custy	Noreen O'Connor
Barefield:	LMurphy/MHassett	David Culligan

Next week:

COur Lady:	NBecker/HHerlihy	Joe Dilleen
Doora:	Marie Flanagan	Seán Conlon
Barefield:	BGalvin/MO'Loughlin	Tom Duggan

#### Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

14th & 21st Feb: PPerrill/HHerlihy

#### Doora Sacristan Rota

15th Feb: Anne Marie Custy  
22nd Feb: Teresa Hallinan

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES



Ash Wednesday Masses and Blessing  
and distribution of Ashes  
on Wednesday next 18th February.

Church of Our Lady , Roslevan	9.30am
Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield	7.00pm
St. Brecan's Church, Doora	8.00pm

#### Bishop Willie Walsh First Anniversary

Bishop Willies first anniversary mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral Ennis on Saturday next 21st February at 11am.  
After mass, the new Cathedral Plaza in front of the Cathedral will be dedicated to his memory and will be known as the Bishop Willie Walsh Plaza. All are welcome to attend.

#### Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross at St. Brecan's Church, Doora at 7pm each Friday during Lent

'Come back to me with all your heart' Joel 2:12

All Welcome

### 'God Is Love' Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

Come and experience the joy of God's love! Join us every Monday St. Brecans Church Doora sacristy at 8:15pm for an uplifting time of Scripture, prayer, and fellowship. All are warmly welcome—bring a friend and be refreshed in faith!

### Comhaltas Seisún

Doora Barefield Comhaltas Branch host Session at Fahy Hall on Friday 20th February next at 7.30pm. Beidh Cupán tae and failte mór for everyone!

**Ennis Flower and Garden Club** present Marie Laird and Roisin Graham, on Tuesday February 17th at Treacys West County Hotel. Doors open at 7.30pm and demonstration commences at 8.15pm sharp, €10 non members. All welcome. Demonstrators' arrangements raffled on the night. Annual membership night, contact [ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com)

### Clare Roots' Society Talk

Clare Roots' Society's February meeting will be held in the Clare Education Centre on the Kilrush Road in Ennis on Thursday February 19th at 7:30pm. **Talk title - Power and Persuasion: What Administrative Choices Reveal about Your Clare Ancestors' Famine Experience with Eamon Healy**, professional genealogist and historian.



**Shannon Airport to Medjugorje - May 20th 2026 - €845 per person sharing.** Price increases to €895 after Jan 30th. Full religious programmes operated by Marian Pilgrimages Medjugorje Team. Bookings for this seven night pilgrimage can be made by contacting Kathleen and Jimmy Morris on: 061 362657 or 086 3271657.

**Doora Barefield Parent, Baby & Toddler Group**

**Volunteers Needed**  
A Parent, Baby & Toddler Group has been operating every Tuesday morning, (during school term) in Fahy Hall for the past 10 years. This facility is highly valued and much appreciated by the parents and children who attend and it is run entirely on a voluntary basis. We are now looking for two volunteers to help with its operation. If you have a few hours to give on a Tuesday morning, please contact Cora in the Parish office; (065) 6822225 (Mon – Wed)

**Note:** Parents/guardians are responsible at all times for their children.

### St. Valentine's Day Prayer



Loving Father, I pray for an open heart and mind,  
so that I may recognise  
and be grateful for all the love in my life.  
I pray that I might find a new sense of wholeness,  
joy and peace in your love.  
Remove all obstacles  
so that I may grow in love  
throughout my life.  
Give me the grace to trust in your loving plan for me,  
so that whatever my circumstances  
over the course of my life,  
I may know that I am not alone,  
that I am loved by You, my loving Father  
who is full of tenderness,  
mercy and compassion. Amen.

### SVP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in Clare is seeking volunteers to help us continue our work supporting people in need. Our mission is to empower economic independence, self-sufficiency, and personal self-worth through friendship and assistance in times of need. Make a real difference in your community: Visit [svp.ie/volunteer](http://svp.ie/volunteer) or call 061-317327.

### Take Short Term Pledge for Lent

Parishioners who wish to take a short-term pledge for Lent are invited to visit [www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie) or to speak to a Pioneer in the parish.



### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Fintan will lead both our Diocesan summer and autumn pilgrimages this year. Wednesday 24th to Monday 29th June cost €990 pps and Monday 28th September to Saturday 3rd October cost €960 pps.

Book directly with [joewalshours.ie](http://joewalshours.ie) or tel 01 2410800  
A limited number of assisted pilgrims will be accommodated in Accueil Notre Dame in the grounds of the sanctuary. For more information on this section only please contact Mary Freeman at [marybfreeman@gmail.com](mailto:marybfreeman@gmail.com) or tel 087 9777896

### Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €11,400  
Venue: Clubhouse.



Winners of €50  
Pat Sheedy, Doora,  
Michael McNamara, Ballyogan,  
Bridget Hoey, Roslevan,  
Seamus Cotter, Dopra



**Thanks for your support.**

# Today's Scripture Readings

<p><b>Entrance Antiphon</b>          Be my protector, O God,          A mighty stronghold to save me;          For you are my rock, my stronghold!          Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name</p>	<p>They are happy whose life is blameless,          Who follow God's Law! They are happy those who do his will,          Seeking him with all their hearts. <b>R</b></p>	<p>never get into the kingdom of heaven.          'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'</p>
<p><b>PENITENTIAL RITE</b>          P. Have mercy on us, O Lord  <b>C. For we have sinned against you.</b>          P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.  <b>C. And grant us your salvation.</b>          P. May almighty God have mercy on us,          for give us our sins,          and bring us to everlasting life.  <b>C. Amen.</b></p>	<p>You have laid down your precepts          To be obeyed with care.          May my footsteps be firm          To obey your statutes. <b>R</b></p> <p>Bless your servant and I shall live          And obey your word.          Open my eyes that I may consider          The wonders of your law. <b>R</b></p> <p>Teach me the demands of your          statutes          And I will keep them to the end.          Train me to observe your law,          To keep it with my heart. <b>R</b></p>	
<p><b>GLORIA</b>          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. <b>Amen.</b></p>	<p><b>A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians</b>  <b>1 Cor 2:6-10</b>          We have a wisdom to offer those who          have reached maturity: not a philosophy          of our age, it is true, still less of the          masters of our age, which are coming to          their end. The hidden wisdom of God          which we teach in our mysteries is the          wisdom that God predestined to be for          our glory before the ages began. It is a          wisdom that none of the masters of this          age have ever known, or they would not          have crucified the Lord of Glory; we          teach what scripture calls: the things          that no eye has seen and no ear has          heard, things beyond the mind of man,          all that God has prepared for those who          love him.</p>	<p><b>The Gospel of the Lord.</b></p>
<p><b>A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus</b>  <b>Si 15:15-20</b></p>	<p>If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer.</p>	<p>He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.</p>
<p>Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; He is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, He has given no one permission to sin.</p>	<p>These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.</p>	<p>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. <b>Amen.</b></p>
<p><b>The word of the Lord</b></p> <p><b>Responsorial Psalm.</b>  <b>Response:</b>          They are happy who follow God's law!</p>	<p><b>The word of the Lord</b></p> <p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b>          Alleluia, Alleluia!          Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:          You have the message of eternal life.          Alleluia!</p> <p><b>A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew</b> <b>Mt 5:17-37</b>          Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will</p>	<p><b>Communion Antiphon</b>          They ate and had their fill,          And what they craved the Lord gave them; They were not disappointed in what they craved.</p>