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# DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

## NEWSLETTER

28 December 2025

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

**T**he Feast of the Holy Family invites us to turn our eyes toward Nazareth—a humble home where love was the law, faith was the strength, and God was at the centre.

In that simple household, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph show us what every family is called to become:

a dwelling place of peace, acceptance, forgiveness, and hope.

The Holy Family did not live without challenges.

They faced uncertainty, exile, hardship, and misunderstanding.

Yet in every moment, they trusted God and remained united in love.

Their life reminds us that holiness is found not in perfection, but in fidelity—

in showing up for one another,  
in carrying each other's burdens,  
in choosing compassion over criticism  
and kindness over judgment.

Today, as we honour the Holy Family, we pray for all our families — strong or struggling, near or far, united or divided. May our homes echo the warmth of Nazareth, may our relationships be renewed in patience and tenderness, and may Christ dwell at the heart of every household.

#### **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)

As a parish community, we are also a family.

May this Feast strengthen our bonds, deepen our care for one another, and inspire us to be a living reflection of God's love in our world.

*Holy Family of Nazareth,  
protect our families,  
guide our parish, and  
lead us always closer to  
Jesus.*



#### **PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
in you we contemplate  
the splendour of true love; to you we turn  
with trust.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,  
grant that our families too  
may be places of communion and prayer,  
authentic schools of the Gospel  
and small domestic churches.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,  
may families never again experience  
violence, rejection and division;  
may all who have been hurt or scandalized  
find ready comfort and healing.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,  
make us once more mindful  
of the sacredness and inviolability of the  
family, and its beauty in God's plan.  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear  
our prayer.  
Amen.*

#### **Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick, P.P.**

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# Priest on Duty 28th December, 2025

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

### Remembered in Masses this week

#### CHURCH OF OUR LADY

**27th Dec:** Tom Keane, Gaurus. 1st Anniv.  
Mary Cabey, Lios Ard, Tulla Rd.  
**1st Jan:** Mary & Noel Murphy, Dublin.  
**3rd Jan:** No intention booked.

#### ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

**28th Dec:** No intention booked.  
**4th Jan:** No intention booked.

#### CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

**28th Dec:** No intention booked.  
**4th Jan:** Mary Moorhead, Ashfield Park. MM.  
Maura & Joe Cullinan, Ballycoree.  
Buddy Purcell, Ballyduff.

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

#### Finance Development Fund

**21st December, 2025**

Barefield € 243      Doora: €161

Church of Our Lady: €167    Development Fund : €1,463  
**Mile buiochas**



**First Friday Mass of the year** at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield on Friday 2nd January at 7pm.

If you or someone you know would like a First Friday call please contact Fr. Tom or the Parish Office with details.

#### Parish Office Re-Opening



The Parish Office will re-open on Monday 5th January at 9am. If urgent, kindly contact the Priest on duty  
**Tel. 065 686 9098.**

#### New Year's Day Charity Walk/ Run in Gurteen - part of the Dermot Early Youth Leadership Programme.

Fellow parishioners - come along to our charity walk and run on New Year's Day!

Raffle on the Day - Prizes will include Nespresso Machine - River Spa Treatment - Hurleys and more! Watch out on St Joseph's Doora Barefield website for details on times and registration.  
**Just what you need for a post Christmas boost!**

**All funds raised will go to St Joseph's Doora Barefield Dermot Early Youth Leadership Initiative & GAA Inclusive All Star groups.**

**Grow Mental Health-** Friendly Community based groups for anyone experiencing mental health issues by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth through education, peer support and self-teaching. Ennis Meeting - Maria Assumpta Hall. Monday 7.30pm/Tuesday 2pm. Contact Celia 086-1526966/grow.ie



### Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



#### This week:

<b>COur Lady:</b>	DLeahy/SGiller	Olive Harvey
<b>Doora:</b>	Mary Barry	Seamus Enright
<b>Barefield:</b>	NKennedy/LCorcoran	Nuala Galvin

#### Next Week:

<b>COLady::</b>	JO'Connor/MMcGuire	Ciaran Redmond
<b>Doora:</b>	Patricia Hassett	Michael Cusack
<b>Barefield:</b>	MHassett/LMurphy	Michael Clohessy

#### Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

27th Dec Dec: PPerrill & HHerlihy  
3rd Jan: JReynolds/JOO'Connor

#### Doora Sacristan Rota

28th Dec: Patricia Hassett  
4th Jan: Teresa Hallinan

### A Prayer for the New Year



May you awake each morning  
with 'thank you' on your lips  
and in your heart,  
recognizing that all is gift,  
that all is blessing.

May your friendship with God  
be strong and healthy.

May that love be both a comfort  
and a challenge

as you struggle to find your way  
in the New Year.

May you be the one  
with welcome in your smile  
and hello etched upon your hand,  
the hand you extend to everyone  
who blesses you with presence.

*Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.*

### REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

**Noel Kelly,** Tullamore

Brother in law of Tom, Liam & Seán Duggan,  
Ballymacuiggin.

**Breege Flanagan,**

Castlerea, Co. Roscommoln,  
Mother of Margaret Hosty, Deerpark, Doora.



## Priests Christmas Collection

**Christmas Collection for the Priests of our Parish at all Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.** Envelopes are now available in the porches of our three churches or you can use your own envelope, with your name and address on it or donate on line on our website [www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/donate](http://www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/donate)



**QR Code Scan with your phone.**

You can also scan this code with the camera of your phone and it will bring you to the donate button of our parish website and makes it easier for you to donate to the Parish **Mile Buiochas.**



**Doora NS** admissions for the 2026/2027 school year will open on 11th November 2025. The closing date for applications is 5th January 2026.

All relevant information, including our Admissions Policy, Admission Notice and Application Forms, are available on the school website, [www.doorans.com](http://www.doorans.com)

**Knockanean National School** will commence accepting applications for Junior Infants for the coming school year, on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2026. Application forms can be obtained by contacting Madge in the school office on 065 6840088 or by sending an email to [cnocanein@gmail.com](mailto:cnocanein@gmail.com) requesting an application form.

Closing date for completed application forms is 2.40 p.m. on January 29<sup>th</sup> 2026.

**Barefield National School** is now accepting enrolment of new pupils for September 2026. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 30/01/2026. If you require an application form please contact the school by phone (065) 6820303 or email to [info@barefieldns.com](mailto:info@barefieldns.com) with your name, address and contact no. Also, for your information, Application Forms, Admission Policy and Admission Notice can be downloaded from our website : <https://www.barefieldns.com/documents/enrolment/>.

### Give Hope This Christmas with Double the Love:

Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals to more than 3 million children living in some of the world's poorest communities. The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and better opportunities for the future. It costs just €22 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. One meal costs just 11 cents. Together, through Double the Love, we can transform the lives of many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals. To donate, go to [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or phone 01 853 5163. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## A Prayer to The Holy Family for Protection of Family



O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer!  
You came to enlighten the world  
with Your teaching and example,  
and to live the greater part of Your life with Mary and Joseph  
in their home at Nazareth.

Thus You sanctified the family that was to be an example to all Christian families.

Graciously receive our family,  
which is dedicated and consecrated to You this day.  
Protect it; guard it and establish it in holy fear, in peace,  
and in the harmony of Christian charity.

By conforming ourselves to the model of Your family,  
may we all without exception attain to eternal happiness.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother!

By your intercession make this, our humble offering,  
acceptable to Jesus and obtain for us  
His grace and blessings.

O St. Joseph, most holy guardian of Jesus and Mary!

Assist us by your prayers I  
n all our spiritual and temporal needs,  
so that we may be able to praise  
our Divine Saviour, Jesus,  
together with Mary and you for all eternity.  
**Amen.**

## CES Scheme - Thank You.



**A special word of thanks** to everyone involved with the **CES Scheme** for their continued dedication to our parish. It is an invaluable resource to the parish and we are very grateful for all the good works undertaken.  
**Mile buiochas.**

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

**The shepherds went in haste,  
And found Mary and Joseph and the  
Infant lying in a manger.**

## 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 Book of Ecclesiasticus *Si 3:2-6.12-14*

The Lord honours the father in his children,  
and upholds the rights of a mother over her  
sons.

Whoever respects his father is atoning for his  
sins, he who honours his mother is like  
someone amassing a fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy with  
children of his own, he shall be heard on the  
day when he prays.

Long life comes to him who honours his father,  
he who sets his mother at ease is showing  
obedience to the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age,  
do not grieve him during his life.

Even if his mind should fail, show him  
sympathy, do not despise him in your health  
and strength; for kindness to a father shall not  
be forgotten but will serve as reparation for  
your sins.

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

## Response:

**O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands  
you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper.

**R**

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table.

**R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion all the  
days of your life!

**R**

## A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians. *Col 3:12-17*

You are God's chosen race, his saints;  
he loves you and you should be clothed  
in sincere compassion, in kindness and  
humility, gentleness and patience. Bear  
with one another; forgive each other as  
soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has  
forgiven you; now you must do the  
same.

Over all these clothes, to keep them  
together and complete them, put on  
love. And may the peace of Christ reign  
in your hearts, because it is for this that  
you were called together as parts of one  
body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its  
richness, find a home with you. Teach  
each other, and advise each other, in all  
wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts  
sing psalms and hymns and inspired  
songs to God; and never say or do  
anything except in the name of the Lord  
Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father  
through him.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the peace of Christ reign in your  
hearts; let the message of Christ  
find a home with you.

**Alleluia!**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Mt 2:13-15.19-23**

After the wise men had left, the angel of  
the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream  
and said, 'Get up, take the child and his  
mother with you, and escape into Egypt,  
and stay there until I tell you, because  
Herod intends to search for the child and  
do away with him.' So Joseph got up  
and, taking the child and his mother with

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im left that night for Egypt, where he  
stayed until Herod was dead. This was to  
fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the  
prophet: I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord  
appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt  
and said, 'Get up, take the child and his  
mother with you and go back to the land of  
Israel, for those who wanted to kill the  
child are dead'. So Joseph got up and,  
taking the child and his mother with him,  
went back to the land of Israel. But when  
he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded  
his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was  
afraid to go there, and being warned in a  
dream he left for the region of Galilee.

There he settled in a town called  
Nazareth.

In this way the words spoken through the  
prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

## 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

**Our God has appeared on the earth,**