



# DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

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## NEWSLETTER

31st August, 2025

### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### WE ARE ALL EQUAL IN GOD'S EYES



There is a story historians tell about the funeral of Charlemagne. Charlemagne was the greatest Christian ruler of the early Middle Ages. After his death a mighty funeral procession left his castle for the cathedral at Aix. When the royal casket arrived, with a lot of pomp and circumstance, it was met by the local bishop, who barred the cathedral door.

"Who comes?" the Bishop asked, as was the custom.

"Charlemagne, Lord and King of the Holy Roman Empire," proclaimed the Emperor's proud herald.

"Him I know not," the Bishop replied. "Who comes?"

The herald, a bit shaken, replied, "Charles the Great, a good and honest man of the earth."

"Him I know not," the Bishop said again. "Who comes?"

The herald, now completely crushed, responded, "Charles, a lowly sinner, who begs the gift of Christ."

To which the Bishop, Christ's representative, responded, "Enter! Receive Christ's gift of life!"

The point, of course, is that in God's eyes, we're all equally needy. Charlemagne, you and me. None of us will ever be "good enough" to force entrance into the presence of God.

The church is not like a country club; it's more like a hospital." That's what Jesus was saying here when he gave us the direction, "... do not invite your friends ... or your rich neighbours ... invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind...."

You and I are not in the church to impress one another or to win power struggles; we are here to minister to one another in our weaknesses. We are here to be hospitable.

#### 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: 31st August, 2025

## Contact Fr. Ger Jones - Tel. 065 6869098

### Remembered in Masses this week

#### CHURCH OF OUR LADY

30th Aug: Jackie Morris, Newpark.  
 2nd Sept: Marie Moroney, Lissycasey. 1st Anniv.  
 6th Sept: John & Eileen McCormack, Gaurus.

#### ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

31st Aug: Martin, Michael, Patrick & Imy Culligan.  
 Kenny Family.  
 Mary & Michael Coughlan.  
 7th Sept: Seán Grogan, Corebeg.

#### CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

30th Aug 7.30pm: Seán Torpey, Ballyogan. MM.  
 31st Aug: Evelyn & Seán Griffin, Ballyalla.  
 Flannan Moroney, Drumgloon.  
 7th Sept: Niamh Collins, Ballymaconna.  
 Tom Kelly & Brother Frank Kelly, Barefield.

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

#### Finance Development Fund

17th August, 2025

Barefield: €121

Doora: €105

Church of Our Lady: €157

24th August, 2025

Barefield: €149

Doora: €137

Church of Our Lady: €163

Development for 17th & 24th: €1,409

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First Friday Mass at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield on Friday 5th September at 7pm.

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



### Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



#### This week:

COur Lady:	MMcGuire/NBecker	Michael Guilfoyle
Doora:	Marie Flanagan	Nuala Conlan
Barefield:	LMurphy/MHassett	Maeve O'Donnell

#### Next week:

COur Lady:	HHerlihy/BBurke	Michael Guilfoyle
Doora:	Seán Conlan	Owen O'Mahony
Barefield:	BGalvin/MO'Loughlin	Margaret Carden

**Church of Our Lady Basket Collector**  
 30th Aug & 6th Sept : PPerrill/HHerlihy

#### Doora Sacristan Rota

31st Aug: Cora Burke

7th Sept: Mary Hallinan

### Why Sunday Matters – an invitation to reflect on Sunday Mass



As we journey together through this Jubilee Year of Hope, we, the Irish Bishops, warmly invite all Catholics to reflect on the profound gift of Sunday Mass. This special year offers a unique opportunity to rediscover the heart of our faith and, for those who have been away, to return with renewed joy to the celebration of the Eucharist.

Sunday – the day of the Lord – has always held a central place in the life of the Church. It is the day of resurrection, rest, and Eucharist. It is the day when we gather as a community, united in our love for Christ, to encounter the risen Lord and be nourished in body and soul. We reflect on the immense significance of Sunday Mass – not simply as a ritual, but as the source and summit of our faith. Here, we meet Christ in His living presence and are strengthened to live as His disciples.

Attending Sunday Mass, or its vigil on Saturday evening, is more than a duty; it is a sacred privilege and a chance to be renewed by God's love.

We invite you to explore this message with an open heart, and to embrace the precious gift of Christ's presence among us in the Eucharist.

### Annual Graveyard Masses

will be celebrated at Castletown & Bunnow as follows:

**Killabella Castletown Cemetery**  
 Tuesday 2nd September 7pm

**Bunnow Cemetery**  
 Wednesday 3rd September 7pm

All welcome.



### REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

Anne & Michael Mulchrone,

Westport, Co. Mayo.

Parents of Dominic Mulchrone, Deerpark, Doora.

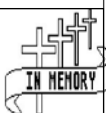
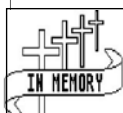
Christopher Horan,

Manusmore, Clarecastle & formerly Castletown, Doora.

Patrick Kirby,

Crecora, Co. Limerick,

Brother of John Kirby, Corebeg, Doora.



### Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Fintan will lead our Diocesan Autumn Jubilee Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Monday 29th September to Saturday 4th October, direct from Shannon Airport. The remaining seats can be booked with [joewalshstours.ie](http://joewalshstours.ie) or tel 01 2410800.

**Grow Mental Health-** Friendly Community based groups for anyone experiencing mental health issues through 12 Step Program of connection, hope, identity 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/ [www.grow.ie](http://www.grow.ie)

**Ennis Activement Retirement** will resume on Tuesday 2nd September at 11am in Scout Hall, Ennis. All welcome.

### Doora Barefield Parent & Toddler Group Re-Opens.



The Parent & Toddler Group re-opens next Tuesday 2nd September from 10am to 12 noon at Fahy Hall, Roslevan. Welcoming babies, toddlers & pre-school children together with their parents, grandparents and childminders.

**Volunteers urgently required to keep the group open. A commitment of 2 hours per Tuesday is required. Please contact the parish office during office hours if you are willing to volunteer.**

### Best Wishes to all who received their Leaving Cert Results recently



You are more.....

You are more than a number;

You are more than a grade on a paper or a score on a text.

You are a special person

A person with unique skills, gifts and talents,

A person with feelings, you get excited, happy, angry, sad.

You get frustrated when you don't get the results and sometimes you worry too.

You are a person with hopes, dreams, plans.

You are more than your results in an exam.

Please remember, you are special.

*Sandy O'Donoghue*



Dear Lord,

As our students begin a new school year, I pray that you will keep them in your care.

Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good.

Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them.

Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true.

Send your angels to guide and guard our children and to keep them from all harm.

Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection.

Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end. Amen.

### Back to School!

**Best wishes to all those returning to school shortly and the entire school community.**

**Have a safe, healthy and happy school year.**



### Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €6,800 Venue: Clubhouse.

Winners of €50

Barry Guilfoyle, Roslevan,

Raymond Power, Creggaun,

Gerry Mockler, Tulla Rd,

Vera O'Connor, Doora

**Thank you for your support.**



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
Full of mercy to all who call to you.

## 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.**

**Ecc 3:17-20.28-29**

My son, be gentle in carrying out your  
business, and you will be better loved than a  
lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should  
behave humbly, and then you will find favour with  
the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord  
is, he accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady,  
since an evil growth has taken root in him. The  
heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,  
an attentive ear is the sages dream.

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

**Response: In your goodness, O God,  
You prepared a home for the poor.**

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,  
they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;  
rejoice in the Lord,  
exult at his presence.

**R**

.Father of the orphan, defender of the  
widow, such is God in his holy place.  
God gives the lonely a home to live  
in; he leads the prisoners forth into  
freedom.

**R.**

You poured down, O God, a  
generous rain: when your people  
were starved you gave them new life.  
It was there that your people found a  
home, prepared in your goodness,  
O God, for the poor.

**R.**

**A reading from the letter to the  
Hebrews**

**Heb 12:18-19.22-24**

What you have come to is nothing  
known to the senses: not a blazing  
fire, or a gloom turning to total  
darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting  
thunder or the great voice speaking  
which made everyone that heard it  
beg that no more should be said to  
them. But what you have come to is  
Mount Zion and the city of the living  
God, the heavenly Jerusalem where  
the millions of angels have gathered  
for the festival, with the whole Church  
in which everyone is a 'first born son'  
and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the  
supreme Judge, and been placed  
with spirits of the saints who have  
been made perfect; and to Jesus, the  
mediator who brings a new covenant.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my  
word, and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke. Lk 14:1.7-14**

On a Sabbath day Jesus had gone for  
a meal to the house of one of the  
leading Pharisees; and they watched  
him closely. He then told the guests a  
parable, because he had noticed how  
they picked the places of honour. He  
said this, 'When someone invites you  
to a wedding feast, do not take your  
seat in the place of honour. A more  
distinguished person than you may  
have been invited, and the person  
who invited you both may come and  
say, "Give up your place to this

man." And then, to your  
embarrassment, you would have to go and  
take the lowest place. No; when you are a  
guest, make your way to the lowest place  
and sit there, so that, when your host  
comes, he may say, "My friend, move up  
higher." In that way, everyone with you at  
the table will see you honoured. For  
everyone who exalts himself will be  
humbled, and the one who humbles  
himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a  
lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends,  
brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for  
fear they repay your courtesy by inviting  
you in return. No; when you have a party,  
invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the  
blind; that they cannot pay you back  
means that you are fortunate, because  
repayment will be made to you when the  
virtuous rise again.'

## 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

**How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.**