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DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

10th August, 2025

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus: the Good Teacher

"Jesus said to his Disciples: there is no need to be afraid, li le flock, it has pleased your Father to give you the Kingdom" ... Luke 12:32-48 ...

Jesus the teacher sets about through the following discussion with the Disciples how best they might achieve this goal.. "See that you are dressed for ac on and have your lamps lit" ... 'ready to open the door when the master returns from the wedding banquet' .. 'it may be in the second watch he comes, or the third' ... as this encounter cotinues it becomes apparent to Peter and the Disciples that Jesus, the teacher, is placing a responsibility on them to be prepared by the way they treat others ... ordaining them to be stewards placed over the household, faithful and wise, placed over the masters household giving them their allowance of food at the proper me.

Like the Good teacher, Jesus doesn't spoil his Disciples but rather places the responsibility on them to work out how to set about receiving this gift the Kingdom, This gi the Father was pleased to give them. The secret here is Jesus as the good teacher ..

Memory as that student in school who had an older sister much smarter than me who was born to be and did become 'the good teacher'..... memory of coming home from school with homework I'd no desire to spend me over, asking for help ... which really meant, 'give me the quick solution .. Or even .. Do the homework for me!!!!

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Which never happened, her response was always the same ... 'I'll help you work it out, but you need to know how we reach the conclusions' ... this response didn't suit this impatient, disinterested, lacking in confidence student, but turns out she was right.

It seems, Jesus and my sister read from the same teacher manual ... Jesus, once challenged by Peter in this story, wondering "Lord, do you mean this parable for us"? ... and ... Yes ... "Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at his employment"

The quote from Mustafa Kemal Ataturk "A good teacher is like a candle— it consumes itself to light the way for others" ... Jesus went so far as Calvary to assure his Disciples and us of God's desire to give us the Kingdom, he sent them, and now us, to be the stewards who will 'give the allowance of food at the proper me to those for whom we are the nurturers of the coming of this Kingdom.



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

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Priest on Duty: 10th August, 2025

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Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

9th Aug: Bernie Conroy, Roslevan. MM.
Maureen & Celsus Heath, Drumgrannagh.
Bernie Hoey, Newpark.
John & Patricia Leahy.
16th Aug: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

10th Aug: No intention booked.
17th Aug: Teresa Torpey, Kilfenora.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

10th Aug: Laura Rowland, Ballycarroll.
Ann & Tommy Kelly, Ballycarroll.
Paddy Rowland, Keenagh, Co. Mayo.
Deceased Rowland & Kelly Families.
17th Aug: Gretta Hynes, Drumquin. 1st Anniv.

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

Finance Development Fund

3rd August, 2025

Barefield: €144

Doora: €136

Church of Our Lady: €236

Development : €1,245

Mile buiochas



Lord, I dedicate the month
of August to You,
confident in Your love and guidance.
I trust in Your plans for me
and ask for Your continuous presence.

May I walk in faith,
reflecting Your love and compassion
in all that I do.

In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen!



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

COur Lady:	MMcGuire/NBecker	Olive Harvey
Doora:	Martha Neylon	Patricia Clune
Barefield:	MWhyte/JDevitt	Tara Donnellan

Next week:

COur Lady:	MMcGuire/NBecker	Ciaran Redmond
Doora:	Mary Barry	Marie Flanagan
Barefield:	MClohesy/CDeloughery	Nuala Molan

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

9th Aug: MWilliams/PMockler
16th Aug: JReynolds/JOConnor.

Doora Sacristan Rota

10th Aug: Teresa Hallinan
17th Aug: Mary Enright

Masses for Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15th August



Church of Our Lady, Roslevan - 9.30am

Mass at St. Joseph's Well

Mass will also be
celebrated at St Joseph's Well,
Gort Road
on 15th August at 7pm.
Celebrant: Fr. Dariusz

Thought for the Week



*Never regret a day in your life:
Good days give happiness,
Bad days give experience;
Worse days give lessons,
And best days give memories.*

Lourdes

Franciscan Pilgrimage

24th—29th September.

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 jewelshtours.ie or tel; 01 2410800

sorry, we're
CLOSED

Please note that the Parish office is closed on 18th, 19th and 20th August.

Office re-opens on Monday 25th August as usual.
Thank you for your co-operation.



Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €6,000

Venue: Clubhouse.

Winners of €50

Mary O'Doherty c/o O'Connors,
Michael Queally, Inagh,
Gearoid McDonagh, Barefield
Michelle Myatt, Ballyalla

Thank you for your support.

For surely.....

**TODAY
IS A GIFT
THAT'S WHY THEY
CALL IT THE
PRESENT**

For surely there's always tomorrow
to make up for an oversight,
and we always get a second chance
to make everything right.
There will always be another day to say "I love you"
And certainly there's another chance to ask
"Anything I can do?"
But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get,
I'd like to say how much I love you
and I hope we never forget
Tomorrow is not promised to anyone,
young or old alike, And today may be the last chance
you get to hold your loved one tight.
So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today?
For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the
day that you didn't take that extra time for a smile,
a hug, or a kiss, and you were too busy
to grant someone,
what turned out to be their one last wish.
So hold your loved ones close today,
whisper in their ear,
Tell them how much you love them and that you'll
always hold them dear.
Take time to say "I'm sorry," "please forgive me,"
"thank you" or "it's okay."
And if tomorrow never comes,
you'll have no regrets about today.
If I knew it would be the last time
that I'd see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in more tightly and pray The Lord,
your soul to keep.
If I knew it would be the last time
that I see you walk out the door,
I would give you a hug and kiss
and call you back for one more.
If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice
lifted up in praise, I would video tape each action and
word, so I could play them back day after day.
If I knew it would be the last time
I could spare an extra minute or two to stop and say
"I love you," instead of assuming you KNOW I do.
If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to
share your day, I'd be sure it was your best,
before it slipped away.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.

Arise, O God and defend your cause,
And forget not the cries of those who seek 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 Wisdom

Wis 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord, t
he people he has chosen as his own.

R

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

R

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us,
O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

R

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Heb 11:1-2.8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: it is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth, For revealing the
mysteries of the kingdom to mere
children. Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as

soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

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

O Jerusalem, glorify the lord, who gives
you your fill of finest wheat.