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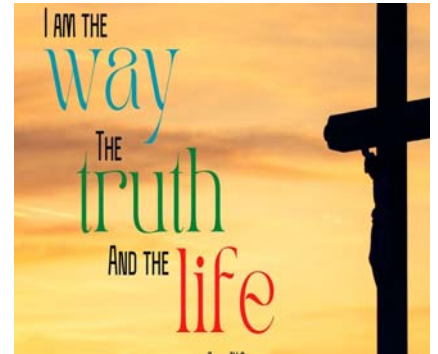
DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

3rd May, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus, Easter's signpost



Thomas said,
'Lord, we do not know where you are going,
so how can we know the way?'
Jesus said 'I am the way, the truth and the life.'

As the stone was rolled away from the tomb, the news of the Risen Christ seems to have caused the Disciples to have rolled away with varying levels of confidence in the news that Jesus, while risen, will play the most significant role in their lives.

Questions emerge, understandably, as to their direction, and their knowledge of 'the Father' as the ultimate satisfaction.

So Jesus sets about the answers ... he reassures them that he will continue to be 'the way' and in their knowledge of him lies their knowledge of 'the Father'.

Not just for those questioning Disciples ... Easter must remain for us a similar roll of these questions. Easter found those Disciples confronted with the death of Jesus As with them as they wandered from Jerusalem so with us ... the journey beyond the Funeral ritual into the days and weeks that follow, our questions about death of someone we've loved needs to be caught up with this promise of Jesus being 'the way to the Father'.

John O Donohue articulated a profoundly intimate view of death and divinity, suggesting the departed are not far away but present, transfigured into "secret angels" and a "divine depth" of love.

He often described God and the afterlife as closer to us than we are to ourselves, transforming death into an unseen, nurturing presence.

As this conversation with Jesus nears its conclusion, Jesus says .. 'You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me' This profoundly intimate relationship between Jesus and the Father is key ... because in this relationship we to are wrapped up for eternity. 'So that where I am you may be too'.

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

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Priest on Duty 3rd May, 2026

Contact Fr. Jibin - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

2nd May: Aedeen & Paddy Deane, Hazel Grove.
Kathleen Egan, Roslevan.
9th May: Roibeard O'Ceallaigh, Roslevan.
Maureen & Michael Reidy, The Willows, Oakleigh Wood.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

3rd May: Norah Lynch, Kilbricken House.
10th May: Shay Cronin, Deerpark, Doora. MM.
Frances (1st Anniv) & Jimmo McNamara,
Greendale, Ennis & Creggaun.
Marion Keane, Cappalawn.
Betty Cullinan, Knockkanean, Tulla Rd.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

3rd May: PJ Flannery, Ballymaley.
10th May: Tess & Danny Malone, Templemaley.

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

Finance Development Fund

26th April, 2026

Barefield: €120

Doora: €110

Church of Our Lady: €153

Development: €1,618

Míle buiochas



Rosary & Prayer at St. Joseph's Well, Gort Road daily
at 6pm for the month of May. All welcome.

Rosary Rally at St. Joseph's Well, Gort Road, Ennis on
Saturday 16th May at 4pm. All welcome.

REST IN PEACE

Remember In your prayers



Sarah Carroll,
Coolbawn, Nenagh,
Mother of Mary Ellen Twigge,
Larchill.



Solas na bhflaithneas ar a anam uasal



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

COurLady:	TBohannon/KMorris	Seamus Hanrahan
Doora:	Anne Marie Custy	Orla Barry
Barefield:	EDronev/BGalvin	Bernard Casey

Next week:

COur Lady:	TBohannon/KMorris	Seamus Hanrahan
Doora:	Patricia Hassett	Seán Conlon
Barefield:	LMurphy/MHassett	Michael Clohessy

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

2nd May: DLenihan/THeath
9th May: MWilliams/PMockler

Doora Sacristan Rota

3rd May: Mary Hallinan
10th May: Seamus Enright

Blessing for Expectant Parents



The Abbey Pastoral Area have organised a blessing for the Gift of New Life for all expectant parents in St. Mary's Church, Quin on Tuesday 12th May at 8.30pm.

Please let any expectant parent know of this ceremony with a Céad Míle Fáilte for everyone.

Always Be Optimistic in Jesus!

Trust in the Son of God.
Trust in His divine power,
His divine providence, and His divine intervention.

For Jesus has risen!
He has all power.
He is the Abundant Provider
for all who trust in Him!

Don't let any thought distract you from this truth!

You belong to the Lord.
You are a child of God.
You have access
to all that you need.
You have every reason to give
a smile,
a cheerful word, and
a hopeful look.
You have every reason to be

Optimistic in Jesus!



We are looking for volunteers to help keep Doora Church clean and welcoming for all.

If you can spare some time to assist, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Anne-Marie 086 353 0928 if you would like to get involved.

We also need help with the upkeep of the Church Grounds eg grass cutting, strimming, etc.

Milford Care Centre - Invitation



You are invited to attend a **Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving** for those people who have died under the care of Milford Care Centre.

We look forward to sharing with you this act of remembrance and thanksgiving at **Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Castletroy, on Sunday 10th May next at 3pm**. Please feel free to invite family and friends to join you in solidarity and support.

Irish Cancer Society urgently needs donations of clothes and bric a brac to help raise vital funds for cancer support. Tel. 065-6848826. Irish Cancer Society, Woodquay, Ennis. V95EP86. Thank you to all volunteers and customers for their ongoing support.

Clare Youth Service Youth Leadership Programme, looking for youth leaders aged 16-18yrs to take part in Summer Camp focusing on building core leadership skills.

More info from Helena on 0858047580

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from May 20th to May 27th - there are still places available flying directly from Shannon to Mostar at a cost of €895.00.

For further information, please contact Jimmy on (065) 9059328

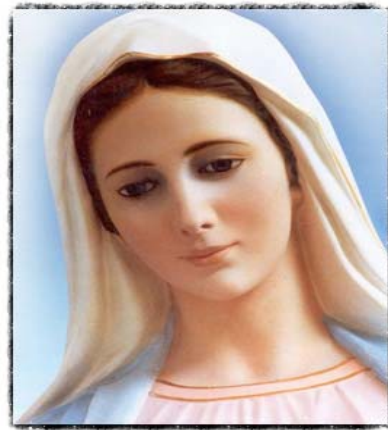
Bookings are now open for Helium's FREE Summer Art Camp in ENNIS for children and young people with long-term physical health conditions.

Location: DeValera Library, Ennis; Ages: 8-12 years;

Workshop Dates: 14, 15, 16 July;

Contact Cadhla Brock, Community Outreach & Communications Officer M: +35386 8175093 / helium.ie

Queen of the May



We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly during May.

Bring flowers of the rarest, Bring blossoms the fairest,
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling, Our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

O Virgin most tender, our homage we render,
Thy love and protection, Sweet Mother, to win.
In danger defend us, In sorrow befriend us,
And shield our hearts from contagion and sin.

"The recitation of the Rosary requires a calm rhythm and a reflective pause that favours the one who prays the meditation of the mysteries of the Lord's life, seen through the Heart of the One who was closest to the Lord."

(St. Paul VI)



Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €13,600

Venue: Clubhouse.



Winners of €50

Aisling Quinn,

Ian Carolan Kilfilum,

Maria Cleland, Barefield,

Marie Hassett Hassetts Bar.

Thanks for your support

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,
For he has worked wonders;
In the sight of the nations
He has shown his deliverance,
Alleluia.

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 Acts of the Apostles

Ac 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was
increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint
against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their
own widows were being overlooked. So the
Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and
addressed them, "It would not be right for us to
neglect the word of God so as to give out food;
You, brothers, must select from among yourselves
seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit
and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to
them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer
and to the service of the word." The whole
assembly approved of this proposal and elected
Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit,
together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon,
Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to
Judaism. They presented these to the apostles,
who prayed and laid their hands on them.
The word of the Lord continued to spread:
the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly
increased, and a large group of priests made their
submission to the faith.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

May your love be upon us,
O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
For praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
With a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. *R*

For the word of the Lord is faithful
And all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
And fills the earth with his love. *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*

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

1Pt 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men
but chosen by God and precious to him; set
yourselves close to him so that you too, the
holy priesthood that offers the spiritual
sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made
acceptable to God, may be living stones
making a spiritual house. As scripture says:
See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone
that I have chosen and the man who rests
his trust on it will not be disappointed. That
means that for you who are believers, it is
precious; but for unbelievers, the stone
rejected by the builders has proved to be
the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a
rock

to bring men down. They stumble over it
because they do not believe in the word;
it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal
priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people
set apart to sing the praises of God who
called you out of the darkness into his
wonderful light.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I am the Way,
the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father
except through me.' Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jn 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's
house; if there were not, I should have
told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for
you, and after I have gone and prepared
you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I
am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where
you are going, so how can we
know the way?'

Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except
through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and
have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and
then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with
you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and
you still do not know me?

"To have seen me is to have seen the
Father, so how can you say, "Let us see
the Father"?"

Do you not believe that I am in the Father
and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as
from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing
this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am
in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if
for no other reason.

"I tell you most solemnly, whoever
believes in me will perform the same
works as I do myself, he will perform
even greater works,

because I am going to the Father.'

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 true vine and you are the
branches,
says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me and I in him,
Bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia.