



DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Advent - 13th December, 2020



Mass Times

Doora: Sunday 9.45am
Barefield: Sunday 11.15am
Church of Our Lady, Roslevan:
 Saturday 6pm
 Daily Mass:
 Monday to Saturday 9.30am

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Deadline for Newsletter

Tuesday @ 3pm

Send items to

info@doorabarefieldparish.ie

**Current newsletter on parish web-
 site at 1.00pm each Wednesday**

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €9600

Venue: Clubhouse, Winners of €50

Mary McDonnell, Roslevan

Trish O'Brien, Ballyalla

Robert Hurley, Doora

Tony O'Loughlin, Ballycarroll Barefield

Doora Sacristans:

13th Dec: Patricia Hassett

20th Dec: Martha Neylon

**Our new Parish Website will be
 launched on Monday next
 14th December.**

**Please log in to familiarise
 yourself with our new site.**

www.doorabarefieldparish.ie

Parishioners in the Barefield area can collect their **donation boxes and Priests Christmas Envelope** in the Pray & Play room in Barefield Church while Church is open. Thank you for your co-operation.

If any parishioner would like **Fr. Joy** to call to them at home or would like a First Friday call, please contact Cora at Parish Office Tel. 6822225

From a Distance Concert Series for Cultural Companions— Cathedral, Ennis this Sunday with **Helen Houlihan** from 3pm/4pm Watch on Ennis Parish Webcam Ennis Parish Facebook Live. Listen on the Parish Radio Link 106.4fm

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Remembered in Masses

C Our Lady:	Carmel Devane	1st Anniv.	12th Dec.
C Our Lady:	Tommy Kearney		12th Dec.
C Our Lady:	Michael & Maureen McNamara		12th Dec.
Barefield:	Jimmy & Mary Whelan		13th Dec.
Barefield:	Joe Conlon		13th Dec.
Barefield:	Claire Curran		13th Dec.
Barefield:	Walter Roseingrave		13th Dec.
Barefield:	Nicola Davis O'Sullivan		13th Dec.

May they rest in peace

Kilbreckan Mine Action Group.

formed in 1995 to oppose a proposed mining application in the area, has been wound up. The funds raised by this Group have now been divided between the following charities, each receiving the sum of €348: *Cahercalla Hospice, Clarecastle District Daycare, Doora Parish - Covid Sanitising Expenses, Irish Cancer Society, Milford Care Centre, St. Vincent de Paul and Sláinte an Chláir, Doora Barefield parish thanks the member of this group for their generous donation. It is much appreciated.*



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This Week:

COurLady:	TBohannon/MO'Callaghan	Joe Dilleen
Barefield:	MDowling/RConlon	Maeve Fox
Doora:	Marie Considine	Sinead Kirby

Next Week:

COur Lady	TBohannon/MO'Callaghan	Catherine Purcell
Barefield;	John Devitt/Frances Devitt	Bernadette Murphy
Doora:	Seán Conlon	Orla Barry

Reaching Out This Christmas:

If you have a family member away from home this Christmas and would like them to receive a Christmas card from the parish, please place their name and full postal address in the box at the back of either of our churches on or before 15th Dec. Please note - emails or phone calls to the parish office will not be accepted.

Priests' Christmas Collection: This year, due to Pandemic, it is not possible to deliver Priests Christmas Envelopes to every household. 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 www.doorabarefieldparish.ie. **Mile Buiochas.**

Christmas Food Appeal: Due to Covid-19 the Christmas Giving Tree will not be in operation this year. In lieu of this you may if you wish donate food vouchers for local shops or cash in lieu. These can be given at Masses in parish or delivered to the parish office on or before Dec 21st. You can also donate on line via donate button **Christmas Food Appeal under Other Collections** on parish website www.doorabarefieldparish.ie. All funds received will go to Clarecare & St.Vincent DePaul. **Thank you.**

Christmas at Doora-Barefield Parish 2020 - It brings us all great joy to celebrate Eucharist together once again and we extend our gratitude to all those who enable us to worship in a safe environment - Sacristans, cleaners, and stewards. No need to remind you that Christmas 2020 will be different from previous Christmases. Presently Pastoral Councils at local level are making decisions on how best to celebrate Christmas in a safe manner. Every effort will be made to accommodate all those who wish to worship here in our Parish churches over Christmas. However, we must observe safety guidelines by wearing masks, hand sanitizing and maintaining social distancing. Numbers in churches will be limited.

Christmas Masses in the Parish are as follows:

Christmas Eve Masses

Barefield: 4.30pm; Church of Our Lady, Roslevan 6pm; Barefield: 8pm; Doora: 10pm

Christmas Day Masses

Doora: 9.45am; Barefield: 11.15am; Church of Our Lady, Roslevan: 12 noon.

We urge you to attend one or other of the masses but not both and to remind you that it may not be possible to accommodate everyone in the church building.

The Irish Bishops consider the most appropriate way for your family to celebrate the birth of Jesus this year as follows: "We wish to remind Catholics that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended during the pandemic. But Christmas is about more than just one day. Families are welcome to attend Mass at some point during the twelve days from Christmas Eve to Epiphany. Christmas Masses will also be widely available over webcam and we strongly encourage families to "tune in" from the "domestic churches" of their living rooms and join with those who are gathering in their local churches in welcoming the birth of the Christ-child."



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon
Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice
Indeed, the Lord is near.

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.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah **Is 61:1-2.10-11**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;
to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.
'I exult for joy in the Lord,
my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.'
'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of nations.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm **My soul rejoices in my God.**

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

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The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

R

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He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy.

R

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

1 Th 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly;
and for all things give thanks to God,
because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.
Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.
May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
God has called you and he will not fail you.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord
has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jn 1:6-8.19-28

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.
This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:
a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'
Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptizing if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you - unknown to you - the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.'
This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

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

Say to the faint of heart:
Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come,
and he will save us.