

**DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent - 20th December, 2020**

**Mass Times**  
**Church of Our Lady, Roslevan:**  
Saturday 6pm  
Daily Mass:  
Monday to Friday 9.30am

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**Deadline for Newsletter**

**Tuesday @ 3pm**

**Send items to**

**[info@doorabarefieldparish.ie](mailto:info@doorabarefieldparish.ie)**

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

**Doora Sacristans:**

20th Dec: Martha Neylon

24th Dec: Cora Burke

25th Dec: Owen O'Mahony

27th Dec: Anne Marie Custy.

**Doora Barefield GAA Lotto**

**Next weeks Jackpot: €10,400**

**Venue: Clubhouse, Winners of €50**

James Lafferty, Gurteen

Leanne Meany, Doora

Anne Clune, Ballymacahill

Margaret Burns, Doora

Your support is much appreciated.

*Let Every*

*Heart*

*Prepare Him*

*Room*



**RIP**

**Remember In Your Prayers**

**Sr. Eugene Lynch,**

St. Clare's Convent, Newry  
& Deerpark, Doora.

**John French,**

Kilmurry, Sixmilebridge,  
Father of Deirdre French,  
Gort na hAbhanna, Tulla Rd.

**Goodbyes are only for those  
who love with their eyes.**

**Because for those who love with  
their heart and soul  
there is no separation**

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES  
Remembered in Masses**

C Our Lady: Ellen & John Fitzgerald	19th Dec.
C Our Lady: Stephen Killeen	19th Dec.
Doora: Thomas & Josephine Heffernan & John McInerney.	20th Dec.
Doora: Vigil John & Theresa Carolan	24th Dec.
Gerry Cullinan	24th Dec.



**Ministers of Eucharist & Readers**



**This Week:**

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

**Next Week:**

COur Lady 24th	TBohannon/MO'Callaghan	Catherine Purcell
COur Lady: 25th	TBohannon/MO'Callaghan	Marie O'Driscoll
COur Lady: 26th	TBohannon/MO'Callaghan	Marie O'Driscoll
Barefield 24th 4.30pm	John/Frances Devitt	Nuala Galvin
Barefield 24th 8pm:	MWhyte/MRowland	Martina Deloughery
Barefield 25th:	Liam/Bernie Murphy	Danielle O'Brien
Barefield 27th	LCorcoran/LRowland	Kieran Thynne
Doora 24th	Mary Corry/Una Chandler	Berney Hallinan
Doora 25th	Owen O'Mahony	Kieran Bell
Doora 27th	Marie Flanagan	Brid Kennedy

**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](http://www.doorabarefieldparish.ie).

All funds received will go to Clarecare & St.Vincent dePaul.

**Thank you.**

**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 on our website [www.doorabarefieldparish.ie](http://www.doorabarefieldparish.ie)

**Mile Buiochas.**

**Parish Christmas Cards/Calendar** cannot be distributed to each household this year due to pandemic but are now available for collection in the porches of each of our Churches. Please take a Christmas Card for yourself and neighbours and friends who will be unable to collect—with very best wishes from the Parish.

**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. 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.

**Please note there will be no 9.30am Mass on St. Stephen's Day.**

**Bookings are now being taken for the 3 Christmas Masses at Barefield Church.** The 8pm Christmas Eve Mass is already fully booked and the 4.30 pm Christmas Eve Mass is almost fully booked. There are a limited number of seats available for the 11.15 am Christmas Day Mass. Capacity at all Masses is limited due to Covid-19 restrictions. Remaining bookings can be made via Liam Murphy 086 2749693.

**Prayer Around the Crib** - On Christmas Eve, at 5 pm, *Prayer Around the Crib* will be live streamed from the Church of Our Lady in Roslevan. Families are invited to gather around their crib at home and join Bishop Fintan and Team for a short, child friendly, interactive telling of the Christmas Story and the Blessing of the Crib. All families in the Doora - Barefield Parish and in the Abbey Pastoral Area are invited to participate.

**Sunday, December 20th at 7 pm - Christmas Miscellany, Reflections and Carols in Preparation**

**for Christmas.** This event, from St Columba's Church, Bindon Street, Ennis and other churches from around the Diocese, will go out on the Diocesan Website [www.killaloe-diocese.ie](http://www.killaloe-diocese.ie) and on all social media platforms - You Tube etc. this Sunday evening. Jointly sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Killaloe and the Church of Ireland Dioceses of Limerick, Killaloe and Clonfert, this promises to be a lovely evening of music, reflection and prayer.



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

**Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.**

### 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 second book of Samuel

**2Sm 7:1-5.8-12.14.16**

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people

Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies.

The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

**The word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

**Response:**

*I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.*

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all the ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heaven.

**R**

'I have made a covenant

with my chosen one;

I have sworn to David my servant:

I will establish your dynasty for ever

and set up your throne through all ages.'

**R**

He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.'

I will keep my love for him always;

for him my covenant shall endure.

**R**

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

**Rom 16:25-27**

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the handmaid of the Lord:**

**let what you have said be done to me.**

**Alleluia!**

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

**Lk 1:26-38**

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most

High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know

this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

## 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

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son'

And his name will be called Emmanuel.