

DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mass Times

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan	
Daily Mass	9.30am
Saturday Vigil Mass	6pm
St. Breacan's Church, Doora	
Sunday	9.45am
Immaculate Conception, Barefield	
Sunday	11.15am
www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam	



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C) 28th NOVEMBER, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Robert was in poor health for much of his life suffering serious bronchial trouble and was in the care of a nurse during his youth in Edinburgh. The story is told how one night his nurse found him with his nose pressed against the frosty pane of his bedroom window. Many of you can no doubt identify with that as a child. The nurse naturally tried to get him away from the window afraid he would catch his death of cold. Robert was staring our mesmerised as he watched the old lamp lighter slowly working his way through the black night lighting each gas street lamp along the way and pointing to the scene Robert said *"Look there's a man poking holes in the darkness"* a wonderful image of a cold dark foggy night in Edinburgh lit up over 150 years ago. And yet this is an image we can claim and adapt for ourselves as we make our own journey through the great season of Advent. We've just lit our own first Advent candle.

Advent is an enduring proclamation that in Christ and through Christ light overcomes the deepest darkness. We welcome Christ our light into the centre of our being and we are invited to share his light and his goodness with family,

friends and community wishing to receive it. One of the outstanding images of is that of the Advent wreath.

It's circular shape with no beginning and no end symbolises the eternity of God. In the midst of the winter bleakness, its evergreen reminds us of the everlasting life we have in Christ. While any pine cones in the wreath reminds us of new life and Resurrection. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent and purple is the colour of prayer and penance.

Like Robert Louis Stevenson looking out his frosty bedroom window all those years ago at the lamp-lighter as he said *"poking holes in the darkness"* so our wreath this Advent will also poke holes in the darkness as it's light builds over the course of the weeks while we make our Advent pilgrimage.

As winter leans deeper into darkness we are ever invited to lean deeper into the light, Christ the light of the world.



Priest on Duty 28th November 2021
Contact: Deacon Antun 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY
ROSLEVAN

Seán O'Donoghue, Ballaghboy.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

Jimmy Mungovan.Finanagh.

Joe & Nancy Byrnes, Finanagh.

Molly Lynch, Kilbrickan.

Eddie, Mae & Martin Slattery, Moyriesk.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

Patrice McNamara, Ballygrifey.

Frank & Patsy Flaherty, Dulick.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Finance Development Fund

21st November, 2021

Barefield: €24.90

Doora: €44.96

Church of Our Lady: €106.75

Development: €1879.35

Mile Buiochas

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €8400

Venue: Clubhouse.

Winners of €50

Bernie O'Driscoll, Ballaghboy

Tara Heneghan, Oakleigh Wood

Garrath Greene, Larch Hill

Marian Sheedy, Doora

Thank you for your support



St. Joseph's Doora Barefield GAA Club AGM

will take place on Friday December 3rd at

7:30pm online due to present Covid -19 situation.

Anyone wishing to attend please email

secretary.stjosephsdoorabarefield.clare@gaa.ie

for the link to the meeting. All welcome.



RIP

Mary Kierse,

Loughville, Lahinch Rd.

Mother of Maureen Guilfoyle, Drumconora, Barefield.



Seán Kerins,

Dublin, Brother of Paul Kerins, Ballyduff
& Gertie Mockler, Newpark.

May they rest in peace



**Ministers of Eucharist
& Readers**



This week:

COur Lady: BBurke/PMockler/MDilleen

Claire Cremin

Barefield: LMurphy/BMurphy

Bernadette Murphy

Doora: Patricia Hassett

Michael Cusack

Next week:

COur Lady: BBurke/PMockler/MDilleen

Claire Cremin

Barefield: MDowling/RConlon

Carmel McGovern

Doora: Marie Flanagan

Patricia Clune

Rosary Beads, Used Stamps and Brown Coins

required for the Missions. Please leave in box at Doora Church. Many thanks.

Doora Sacristan Rota

28th November:

Anne Marie Custy

5th December:

Seamus Enright



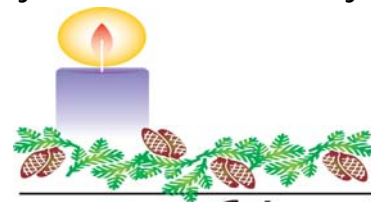
The Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles

are visiting our parish this weekend. The Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles were founded in 1876 as a group of international women religious dedicated to spread the Good News through service and witness of their lives. The OLA Sisters thank the people of the Irish Church for their contributions in so many ways, and they encourage you to continue in that support.

First Friday Call

If you or someone you know would like a First Friday call from Fr. Tom, please contact Fr. Tom or the Parish Office on 6822225 with details.

A Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Father, let your hope arise in our hearts!

Lift our eyes up to see that you alone
are where our hope comes from.

Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements,
and distractions that have filled this year.

May we pause to remember that we have hope in you.

You know the end of our stories,
and we give thanks because you have promised
that it will be a victorious ending.

Give us the grace we need to wrap up this year joyfully.

We invite your Spirit into this beautiful Advent season.

Renew our sense of holy anticipation!

Let us be those who are waiting eagerly
for Jesus to come again.

More than anything, we ask that you be glorified in this
season of expectation. **Amen.**

Winter Prayer



In the Midst of Winter

Lord, in the midst of Winter,
when the days are cold and wind can pierce
remind us of the warmth of your love.

In the midst of Winter, when days are short,
dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early
remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring
still lie hidden in the earth,
when leaves are off the trees,
and the world can seem bleak
remind us that Easter is but a short time away.

And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing
a season of winter,
reach out to us with the power of your resurrection
so that we may feel the warmth of your love
and see your light
that alone can take away the darkness of our soul. Amen



Christmas Triduum Mass Bouquets

(€3 each) with image of each of our three churches will be available in Parish Office from Wednesday 1st December during office hours.

Doora Tractor Charity Run was a huge success this year raising €9,050 which has been divided equally between Sláinte an Chláir and Clarecastle Day Care Centre. Thanks to all for their continued support and generosity.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April to Oct

2022: 7 Nights Apartment B&B and return Airport transfer from Dubrovnik or Split from €315 per person sharing. Guaranteed Airport transfer price for any flight. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Advent by Candlelight

At Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul, Ennis on Sunday 5th December at 7pm for a selection of Advent hymns, poetry & music, performed by familiar faces & voices. This candlelit evening concert will see Ennis Cathedral musicians & singers tell the story of advent through music & song. Free entry — donations if desired to Cathedral Renovation Appeal



Bereaved by Suicide. Are you finding it difficult to cope with the death by suicide of a family member, relative or friend? It may help to talk to a Clare Suicide Bereavement Support Volunteer. We offer confidential and free support to people who have experienced a death by suicide. Please phone or text 086 0565373 or 087 3698315. www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com

Clare Crusaders Christmas Fair, Auburn Lodge Sunday 28th November 12pm - 4pm.



Clare Crusaders Christmas Cards, Books. Hampers, Jewellery, Toys, Fashion accessories & cosmetics, And Many More Stands. Visit Santa.

All Welcome. Covid Guidelines will be strictly followed. Also Clare Crusaders Children's Clinic Charity Christmas Cards are now on Sale. Beautifully designed cards by local artist Rachel McManus are available for sale at the Clare Crusaders Clinic in Barefield or Call 0656896015 to arrange postage. All proceeds to the Charity.

Barefield Tidy Town Needs your Help!!

Help Barefield name the new community biodiversity field! This site is a small field that was leftover from the Ennis bypass and has been recently handed over to the Barefield community. We encourage everyone to get involved in the naming of this community space, inputting into the biodiversity plan and helping to maintain the space. Get some inspiration for your naming suggestions by taking a stroll to have a look in the field! Closing date for entries - 30th November. Details of how to enter on Barefield Tidy Town Facebook page



Tax Back Scheme for Eligible Charities

We sincerely thank all of you our Parishioners for your continued generous donations to our Parish and diligent completion of the necessary forms to enable us reclaim this Tax which now forms a very important part of our annual income. We urge those who have not yet returned their form to do so by the **30th November deadline.**

Your co-operation is much appreciated.

Ennis National Council for the Blind (NCBI) Charity Shop, Woodquay, Ennis, welcomes donations of household items, clothes, ladies & gents shoes, jewellery and handbags

The extraordinary thing that is about to happen is matched only by the extraordinary moment just before it happens.

ADVENT
is the name
of that moment.



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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 Jeremiah Jr 33:14-16

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth,
and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. R.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path;
He teaches his ways to the poor. R.

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant

and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. R.

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

1 Thess 3:12 - 4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lk 21:25-28.34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and

that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.