

# DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Mass Times

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| <b>Church of Our Lady, Roslevan</b>  |         |
| Daily Mass   | 9.30am  |
| Saturday Vigil Mass  | 6pm     |
| <b>St. Breacan's Church, Doora</b>   |         |
| Sunday   | 9.45am  |
| <b>Immaculate Conception, Barefield</b>  |         |
| Sunday   | 11.15am |
| <a href="http://www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam">www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam</a> |         |



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Gaudete Sunday (Year C) 12th December, 2021

## LEST WE FORGET

The Poet Kipling wrote:

***'Lord God of Hosts  
be with us yet, lest we forget'***

Our journey through the Advent season is in preparation for the Christmas Feast, the coming of Christ on earth. Historically this is a most sacred event and challenges us to reflect on our inner life of faith and the true meaning of the event.

The past year was marked by the great challenge of Covid and while we are still battling with this, a statement from a rural farmer recently said *'we have battled worse than this and it will not beat us as we approach Christmas. We will still kill the turkey and light a candle in the window'*.

Advent is still all that it promotes commercially but more so because it assures us that we are again preparing to welcome Christ into our lives and our communities.

Culturally things may have changed from our former traditions. There was a time when the Christmas season dictated what we should do and how we should celebrate but today's society is permeated by secularism and individualism that

discourages social participation in every form including religious and social values. That's the world that we live in and struggle with but still Christmas is more than a passive feast. It celebrates the coming of Christ to renew a broken world. It is also a time for personal reflection on where we are going ourselves in relation to God and our own spirituality. With all the complexities of living today overshadowed by Covid we can easily lose track of the fundamentals of our human existence.

Our thoughts and prayers are especially needed for the safety of medical people at the front line in the face of the epidemic.

This Sunday is also Gaudete Sunday when we are invited to rejoice as a Christian community anticipating with hope that this Christmas will be one of meaning and prudent responsibility that we share with one another.



**Priest on Duty 12th December, 2021**  
**Contact: Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick 065 6869098**

**Remembered in Masses**

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY  
ROSLEVAN**

**SATURDAY 11th December**

Carmel Devane, The Lane, Newpark.  
Tommy Kearney, Roslevan.

**SATURDAY 18th December**

No intentions booked.

**ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA**

**SUNDAY 12th December.**

Christy Reddan, Cappahard & his sister  
Patricia Sagar, Ballyortla & UK.

**SUNDAY 19th December**

Margaret McMahon, Ballyglass **1st Anniv.**  
Thomas & Josephine Heffernan &  
John McInerney, Noughaval.

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD**

**SUNDAY 12th December**

Jimmy & Mary Whelan, Barefield.  
Joe Conlon, Ballymacon.  
Claire Curran, Drumgrannagh.  
Nicola Davis O'Sullivan, Ballyalla.  
Walter Roseingrave, Barefield.

**SUNDAY 19th December**

No intentions booked

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

**Finance Development Fund**

**5th December 2021**

Barefield: €88.39

Doora: €41

Church of Our Lady: €34.29

Development: €798.32

**Mile Buiochas**



**RIP**

**Peter Cullinan,**

Coopers' Place, Ennis,  
brother of the late Sally McNamara, Barefield.

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

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



**Ministers of Eucharist  
& Readers**



**This week:**

|            |                               |                |
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| COur Lady: | TBohannon/MOCallaghan/KMorris | James O'Connor |
| Barefield: | BGalvin/MOLOughlin            | Maeve Fox      |
| Doora:     | Seán Colan                    | Mary Corry     |

**Next week:**

|            |                               |                    |
|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| COur Lady: | TBohannon/MOCallaghan/KMorris | James O'Connor     |
| Barefield: | JDevitt/MRowland              | Bermadette Murphy  |
| Doora:     | Maria Considine               | Anne Marie C usty. |

**Doora Sacristan Rota**

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 12th December: | Margaret Liddy. |
| 19th December  | Mary Corry      |



**SACRISTAN**

**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. These can be given at Masses in parish or delivered to the parish office on or before Dec 22nd You can also donate on line via donate button/ **Christmas Food Appeal under Other Collections** on our parish website [www.doorabarefieldparish.ie](http://www.doorabarefieldparish.ie). All funds received will go to Clarecare & St. Vincent dePaul. **Mile Buiochas.**

**Distribution of Annual Collection Boxes**

Due to continued Covid restrictions we are unable to distribute the annual parish donation boxes directly to your home. We ask you to collect your box and Priests Christmas Collection envelope at the back of each Church from Saturday 4th December onwards. If you wish you can use your own envelope marked with your name and address. You can also donate by using the online donate button on the parish website. This is a safe and secure way of donating. We had to change **some** box numbers for next year. From 1st January onwards please use the number on your 2022 box. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated. In anticipation of your generosity we thank you very much.



**QR Code Scan with your phone.**

You can also scan this code with the camera of your phone and it will bring you to the donate button of our parish website and makes it easier for you to donate to the Parish.

**Gaudete Sunday  
A Prayer of Hope**



Lord God, we are determined  
to be people of faith, to share with all,  
your gospel of hope, love and grace.

Yet, it is hard to remain hopeful in a world  
that is broken and failing.  
It is hard to be filled with love for the other  
when loss and fear suffocates us and them.  
And how can there be grace  
when hate buries love?

And yet, you call us to rejoice.  
And so, we remember  
that no matter how dark the present hour, you are with us.  
Your mighty arm protects us, your spirit fills us.  
You will never forget or forsake us.  
This we know: even in the absence of all other hope or love,  
you are with us. Emmanuel.

And so, rejoice we shall,  
no matter what rages around or against or within us.  
Our souls shall magnify you O Lord,  
for you are with us,  
even when all else that we trust is gone.

Lord, we gather here  
so that the fire you have planted in each of us  
will strengthen and grow:  
becoming a mighty flame that brings hope  
where there is none, encouraging love to grow  
where it has too long been gone,  
and extinguishing fear in the hearts of all.

We rejoice in each other.  
We rejoice in our faith.  
And, we rejoice in your presence  
here this morning.  
In all things we shall rejoice, **Amen.**

**Adoration, Benediction, Prayer,  
Short talk on Eucharist and  
Spirit filled Music inspired by Medjugorje**

You are invited to spend about an hour at St. Breacan's Church, Doora, this 3rd Sunday of Advent December 12th from **6pm to 7pm** in preparation for Christmas. Adoration, Benediction, prayer and Spirit filled music inspired by Medjugorje.



**Christmas Triduum  
Mass Bouquets**

(€3 each) with image of each of  
our three churches, & signed by  
Fr. Tom now available in Parish  
Office during office hours.



**Sympathy Mass Bouquets** with images of our  
three churches & signed by Fr. Tom now available in  
Parish Office during office hours.



**Doora National School  
Parents Council** wish to  
express their thanks to all who  
supported their recent fundraiser "  
Shindig at the Shibeen ". Over  
€2000 was raised on the night and  
these funds will be used for the development of a school  
garden and transport to Gurteen for student activities. A  
special note of thanks to our sponsors for your incredible  
generosity of raffle prizes on the night. Your support is  
gratefully appreciated.

**Join our Big Family Christmas!**

By setting your place at the Mary's Meals Big Family  
Christmas table, you'll help to feed a hungry child for a whole  
school year for less than €20.

You'll get a beautiful digital placemat, featuring the name of  
your friend or loved one, to email or print out and pass on. Go  
to [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) to set your place or call Patricia on  
086 314 0814. Mary's Meals feeds over 2 Million children  
each school day in 19 of the worlds poorest countries. At least  
93% of all donations go directly to their charitable activities.  
Food changes the story, with your help they can make a  
difference.

**Clare Haven Candlelight Walk**

Candlelight Walk to remember women who have  
died through violence. Clare Haven invites you to  
walk with them from Ennis Garda Station to Ennis  
Courthouse on Friday, December 10th.  
Assembly at 5.15pm.



**Doora Barefield GAA Lotto**

Next weeks Jackpot:€8,900

Venue: Clubhouse - Winners of €50

Emma Coffey, Dublin

Michael McNamara, Ballyogan

Cian, Newpark

Orla Hurley, Doora

**Thank you for your support**



**IRISH RED CROSS CHURCH COLLECTION**

The Irish Red Cross Clare will hold a church gate collection  
on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> at the three churches in  
Doora Barefield Parish. We need your support at this time to  
keep the community vehicles rolling.

**Irish Red Cross Clare  
Supporting the people of Co. Clare**



# 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 Zephaniah Zp 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your  
midst; you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to  
Jerusalem;

Zion, have no fear,

do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you,

he will renew you by his love;

he will dance with shouts of joy for you

As on a day of festival.

### The word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

**Response: Sing and shout for joy  
For great in your midst is the Holy One  
of Israel**

Truly, God is my salvation,

I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,

He became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water

From the wells of salvation.

R

Give thanks to the Lord,

give praise to his name!

Make his mighty deeds known

to the peoples!

Declare the greatness of his name.

R

Sing a psalm to the Lord

For He has done glorious deeds,

Make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy

For great in your midst

is the Holy One of Israel.

R

### A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians Ph 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy  
in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your  
happiness. Let your tolerance be evi-  
dent to everyone: the Lord is very near.  
There is no need to worry; but if there  
is anything you need, pray for it, asking  
God for it with prayer and thanksgiving,  
and that peace of God, which is so  
much greater than we can understand,  
will guard your hearts and your  
thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

### 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 Luke

**Lk 3:10-18**

When all the people asked John, 'What  
must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone  
has two tunics he must share with the  
man who has none, and the one with  
something to eat must do the same.'  
There were tax collectors too who  
came for baptism, and these said to  
him, 'Master, what must we do?' He  
said to them, 'Exact no more than your  
rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their  
turn, 'What must we do?' He said to  
them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be  
content with your pay!' A feeling of ex-  
pectancy had grown among the people,  
who were beginning to think that John  
might be the Christ, so John declared  
before them all, 'I baptize you with wa-  
ter, but someone is coming, someone  
who is more powerful than I am. and

I am not fit to undo the strap of  
his sandals; he will baptise you with the  
Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan  
is in his hand to clear his threshing floor  
and to gather the wheat into his  
barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire  
that will never go out.' As well as this,  
there were many other things he said  
to exhort the people and to announce  
the Good News to them.

### 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.**