DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mass Times Contacts Church of Our Lady, Roslevan Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick, P.P. **Daily Mass** 9.30am Tel. 087 272 0187 Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm Doora Barefield Parish Office, St. Brecan's Church, Doora 3 The Woods, Cappahard, Sunday 9.45am Tulla Rd., Ennis Immaculate Conception, Barefield Cora, Parish Office - Tel. 065 6822225; Sundav 11.15am **Opening Hours:** www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam Mon & Tues: 9am-5pm; Wed: 9am-1pm Email: info@doorabarefieldparish.ie www.doorabarefieldparish.ie Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/doorabarefieldparish.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C) 19th December, 2021

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD

It is still Advent but who is listening to the call of the prophet to prepare a way for the Lord these days?

The reality for most is that this time of year brings so many contrasts in life. Much ado about preparations and celebrations to come. But also perhaps there is a fear in many of disappointment, of dissatisfaction, stress in relationships that cloud the season, the sadness of sickness or death has touched your lives and so Christmas is a remote island to you.

Whatever your situation, Jesus speaks to you today. God speaks to you today through scriptures. In that glorious first reading from Micah, the promise of the Christ-child is laid before you.

He is to be the good shepherd who looks after his flock caring for them, caring for you. He will be peace says Micah; who can refuse such a great gift and who among us does not ultimately want that gift? This is the sign that we offer one another, not my peace but that of the Good Shepherd, that of Jesus the Christ.

Because what Jesus offers on coming into the world is God's desire. As we hear in the letter to the Hebrews, God takes pleasure not in sacrifice or blood offerings but peace and unity. It is why the child leaps in Elizabeth's womb. It is a symbol of how our hearts lift when you get a promise that it will be alright. Life may be dark or uncertain but it will be alright.

Peace will come and that promise of God is made real through our belief in the Christ-child. And even if we find it difficult to believe then do nothing this week except hear God's word spoken and made real.



The birth we celebrate next weekend is that of Him who is Peace. Join us for our celebrations; join us for hope, for joy to be re-kindled, join us just for your own peace. And know that God's desire for you is that you will live secure.

Priest on Duty 19th December, 2021 **Contact:** Fr. David Carroll 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week **CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ROSLEVAN** 18th December

Ellen & John Fitzgerald, Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick. Christmas Eve Vigil: Vincent Gardner, Roslevan. Ist Anniv. 25th December Christmas Day 26th December: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA 19th December

.Margaret McMahon, Ballyglass 1st Anniv. Thomas & Josephine Heffernan & John McInerney, Noughaval Stephen Killeen, Knockanean. Christmas Eve: John & Teresa Carolan, Kilfilum, Gerry Cullinan, Creggaun, Doora. 25th December: Christmas Day. 26th December: No intention booked

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

19th December

Teresa Hurley, Cappahard Nursing Home & Larchill. MM. Christmas Eve Vigil: Peggy & Dan Murray. 25th December: Christmas Day. 26th December: No intention booked.

Finance Development Fund

12th December. 2021 Barefield: €117.20 Doora: €25.60 Church of Our Lady: €76.68 Development: €521.84 Míle Buiochas

Christmas Greetings—Parish Christmas Cards/

Calendar cannot be distributed to each household this year due to pandemic but are now available for collection in M 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.

Doora Sacristan Rota

19th Dec: Mary Corry; 25th Dec: Mary Hallinan; 24th Dec: Teresa Hallinan 26th Dec: Margaret Hosty.

Parish Office closes Wed 23rd at 1pm & re-opens Monday 3rd January at 9am. If urgent please phone the priest on duty 065 6869098

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Nuala Teasdale (nee Fitzgerald),

Leeds & Clonkerry, Barefield. Funeral arrangements later.

Solas na bhflaitheas uirthi







TBohannon/MOCallaghan/KMorris James O'Connor COurLady Maria O'Driscoll 24th TBohannon/MOCallaghan/KMorris 25th Joan O'Connor Joe Dilleen 26th Joan O'Connor Maria O'Driscoll Barefield: JDevitt/MRowland Bernadette Murphy 4.30pm Carmel McGovern 24th LMurphy/BGalvin LCorcoran/MDowling 7.30pm Nuala Molan 25th MWhyte/LMurphy Maeve O'Donnell MOLoughlin/BGalvin 26th Bernadette Murphy Maria Considine Anne Marie Custy Doora: 24th BHalinan/PHassett Eamon O'Halloran 25th MNeylon/AMCusty Nuala Conlan 26th Owen O'Mahony Marie Flanagan





Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas at Doora-Barefield Parish

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. We must observe safety guidelines by wearing masks, hand sanitizing and maintaining social distancing.

Christmas Masses in the Parish are as follows:

Christmas Eve Masses

Barefield: 4.30pm; Church of Our Lady, Roslevan 6pm; Barefield: 7.30pm: Doora: 9pm

Christmas Day Masses Church of Our Lady, Roslevan: 9am

Doora: 10am: Barefield: 11am;

Feast of the Holy Family—26th December Sunday Morning Masses are the same as Christmas Day.

Mass will NOT be celebrated at Church of Our Lady, Roslevan on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 29th to 31st December inclusive.

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 Wednesday Dec 22nd 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.

Priests Christmas Collection

Christmas Collection for the Priests of our Parish at all Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. 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/ donate



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 **Mile Buiochas**.

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.

Adventus



With expectant waiting we anticipate your coming. Come close to us, Lord, come very close.

Come, Alpha and Omega, who is from before the ages. Come, Son of Joseph and Son of Mary, who went down to Nazareth to be obedient to them.

> Come, Morning Star, who named the stars. Come, carpenter from Nazareth, who knows the smell of planed wood.

Come, Beloved Son of God, who knows the heart of God. Come, Son of Man, who knows the hearts of God's people.

Come, Lord of Life and Prince of Peace. Come, Dayspring and Rising Sun. Come, Wonderful Counsellor. Come Emmanuel, God with us; God very close to us. Amen.

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto Next weeks Jackpot: € 9000; Venue: Clubhouse. Winners of €50 Donal Tarrant, Gort Road; Ben Conroy, Dublin Pat Frawley, Knockanean, Orla Moloney, Tulla Road Thank you for your support

Goal mile Ennis will take place in the Fairgreen on Christmas Day from 11-1



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Christmas Eve			Christmas Day				Sunday 26 th December Feast of the Holy Family		
4.00pm	Cathedral	8.0	Dam	Cath	edral	8.0	00am	Cathedral	
4.30pm	Barefield	9.00	Dam	Ros	evan	9.0	00am	Roslevan	
5.00pm	Quin			Clarecastle				Clarecastle	
	St. Joseph's			Clou	ghleigh	9.3	30am	Cathedral	
5.30pm	Cloughleigh	9.30	9.30am		edral		10.00am	Maghera	
6.00pm	Roslevan				hera	10		Doora	
6.30pm	Cathedral	10.0	10.00am		ra			St. Joseph's	
7.00pm	Clooney			St. Jo	oseph's	10	10.30am	Ballyea	
	St. Joseph's	10.3	30am	Ballyea				Friary	
7.30pm	Barefield			Friary		11	11.00am	Barefield	
8.00pm	Ballyea	11.0	00am	n Barefield				Cloughleigh	
	Clarecastle			Cloughleigh				Quin	
	Friary			Quin		11	30am	Cathedral	
8.30pm	Cloughleigh	11.3	30am	Cathedral		11	.45am	St. Joseph's	
9.00pm	Cathedral	11.4	45am	St. Joseph's		12	noon	Clarecastle	
	Doora	12 1	noon	Clarecastle					
	Quin			Friary					
	C	onfe	ssions	for (Christmas Week				
Monday to Thursday			Christmas Eve						
Friary	11.00am to 12.30pm		Cathedral		10.00am to 4.00pm		Friary	11.00am to 12.30pm	
	3.00pm to 5.00pm							3.00pm to 5.00pm	
Cathedral	7.00pm to 7.20pm		1						

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon	God of hosts, turn again, we implore,	She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of
Drop down dew from above,	Look down from heaven and see.	all women you are the most blessed, and
you heavens, and let the clouds rain	Visit this vine and protect it,	blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why
down the Just One;	The vine Your right hand has planted.	should I be honoured with a visit from the
Let the earth be opened	R	mother of my Lord? For the moment your
And bring forth a Saviour.	May your hand be on the man	greeting reached my ears, the child in
	you have chosen,	my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is
PENITENTIAL RITE	The man you have given your strength.	she who believed that the promise made
P. Have mercy on us, O Lord	And we shall never forsake you again:	her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'
C. For we have sinned against you.	Give us life that we may	
P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.	call upon your name. R	The Gospel of the Lord
C. And grant us your salvation.	A waading from the letter to the	
P. May almighty God have mercy on us,	A reading from the letter to the	PROFESSION OF FAITH
forgive us our sins, and bring us to	Hebrews Heb 10:5-10	I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
everlasting life.	This is what Christ said, on coming into	maker of heaven and earth, of all things
C. Amen.	the world:	visible and invisible.
	You who wanted no sacrifice or	I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
A reading from the prophet Micah.	oblation,	the Only Begotten Son of God,
Mi 5:1-4	prepared a body for me.	born of the Father before all ages.
The Lord says this:	You took no pleasure in holocausts	God from God, Light from Light,
You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,	or sacrifices for sin;	true God from true God, begotten, not
the least of the clans of Judah,	then I said,	made, consubstantial with the Father;
out of you will be born for me	just as I was commanded in the	through him all things were made.
the one who is to rule over Israel;	scroll of the book,	For us men and for our salvation
his origin goes back to the distant	'God, here I am! I am coming to do	he came down from heaven, and by the
past,	your will.'	Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
to the days of old.	Notice that he says first: You did not	Mary, and became man.
The Lord is therefore going to	want what the Law lays down as the	For our sake he was crucified under
abandon them till the time when	things to be offered, that is: the	Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and
she who is to give birth gives birth.	sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts	was buried, and rose again on the third
Then the remnant of his brothers	and the sacrifices for sin, and you took	day In accordance with the Scriptures.
will come back to the sons of	no pleasure in them; and then he says:	He ascended into heaven and is seated
Israel.	Here I am! I am coming to obey your	at the right hand of the Father.
He will stand and feed his flock	will. He is abolishing the first sort to	He will come again in glory to judge the
with the power of the Lord,	replace it with the second. And this will	living and the dead and his kingdom will
with the majesty of the name of his	was for us to be made holy by the offer-	have no end.
God.	ing of his body made once and for all	
They will live secure, for from then	by Jesus Christ.	giver of life, who proceeds from the
on he will extend his power	The word of the Lord	Father and the Son, who with the Father
to the ends of the land.	Cooncl Acclemation	and the Son is adored and glorified, who
He himself will be peace.	Gospel Acclamation	has spoken through the prophets.
The word of the Lord	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord:	I believe in one, holy, catholic and
The word of the Lord		apostolic Church.
Responsorial Psalm	Let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!	I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the
Response: God of hosts,		resurrection of the dead and the life of
bring us back;	A reading from the holy Gospel	the world to come. Amen.
Let Your face shine on us and we shall	according to Luke Lk 1:39-45	the world to come. Amen.
be saved.	Mary set out and went as quickly as	Communion Antiphon
	she could to a town in the hill country of	-
O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,	Judah. She went into Zechariah's	
Shine forth from Your cherubim throne.	house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as	•
O Lord, rouse up Your might,	soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greet-	
O Lord, come to our help. R	ing, the child leapt in her womb and	
	Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.	