



## Mass Times

<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



No Daily Masses On Wed, Thurs & Friday

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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Year C) 26th December, 2021

The world famous South African Anglican bishop, Desmond Tutu once said: **"You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them."**

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Holy Family. What do you think of when you hear the word "family?" Family means people we love and those who love us; those we are connected to through a shared history and experience.

All families have challenges, strengths and areas where they can grow. Family is not about who is in your family or who you consider family as much as it is about how your family functions - how the relationships are. Is there relationship between husband and wife, between parents and children, between siblings and in laws and with God? Our families should function as that of the holy Family. Today's readings give us some essential elements to build up any relationship and thus to mould our families in the line of the Holy Family.

### MUTUAL LOVE

We become members of a family not by our choice but by God. Love between husband and wife, parents and children, brothers and sisters are not based on our likes and dislikes, but is a decision. It is a decision by one to love the other even if the other does not. The promise husbands and wives make at marriage is, "I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honour you all the days of my life." It is a life commitment based not on feelings but

on love. Each member of the family should regard one another as God's gift to each other.

### MUTUAL TRUST AND HELP

For any successful marriage, it is important to trust one's partner and be faithful to that partner. Trust is the basis of any genuine relationship. Family is a team work. Each member of the family is responsible to keep the family intact.

If all the burdens are carried by one person soon that person will break down. **"The strength of a family, like the strength of an army, is in its loyalty to each other."** - Mario Puzo

### MUTUAL RESPECT AND PRAYER

Everyone deserves respect. Respect is seen in the way we address one another, behave towards one another and help one another. Our families can be holy only if the members build up their relationship with God through prayer. It is said, **"A family that prays**

**together stays together."** At the marriage of Cana, the presence of Jesus and Mary helped the family to overcome the shortage the family faced. The challenges our families face, the shortages that may occur, can be overcome by the help of Jesus and Mary. If all our families live like the Holy Family of Nazareth what a wonderful world our world would be!

**"The union of family lies in love; and love is the only reconciliation of authority and liberty" – R.H. Benson**



**Priest on Duty 26th December, 2021**  
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**Remembered in Masses this week**

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY  
ROSLEVAN**

Christmas Eve: Vincent Gardner, Roslevan. 1st Anniv  
Earnan Barron, Newpark

**25th December** Christmas Day

**26th December:** No intention booked.

**1st January**

Mary **1st Anniv.** & Noel Murphy, Ballyalla & Dublin.

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

Christmas Eve: John & Teresa Carolan, Kilfilum.

Gerry Cullinan, Creggaun, Doora.

**25th December:** Christmas Day.

**26th December:** No intention booked

**2nd January**

No intention booked.

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD**

Christmas Eve: Peggy & Dan Murray.

**25th December:** Christmas Day.

**26th December:** No intention booked.

**27th December 7pm:** Úna Quinlivan, Ballymaley (M.M.)

**2nd January:** Buddy Purcell, Ballyduff, Barefield.

Maua & Joe Cullinan, Barefield.

**Finance Development Fund**

**19th December, 2021**

Barefield: €67.50

Doora: €41.60

Church of Our Lady: €51.65

Development: €1379.25

**Doora Barefield GAA Lotto**

Next weeks Jackpot: € 9,200. Venue: Clubhouse.

**Winners of €50**

Kathleen Jones, Orla Hoey, Gerry Clarke, John Garvey  
Joe Keary, Maria Bogue, Eoin Kane & Lynda Courtney

**Thank you for your support**

**Nollaig**  
**Shona**  
**Buit**



**Ministers of Eucharist  
& Readers**



**COur Lady**

25th TBohannon/MOCallaghan/KMorris Joe Dilleen

26th TBohannon/MOCallaghan/KMorris Maria O'Driscoll

2nd Jan

**Barefield:**

25th MWhyte/LMurphy Maeve O'Donnell

26th MOLoughlin/BGalvin Bernadette Murphy

2nd Jan

**Doora:**

25th Martha Neylon Nuala Conlan

26th Owen O'Mahony Marie Flanagan

2nd Jan

**Doora Sacristan Rota**

26th December Margaret Hosty

2nd January: Seamus Enright



**A Prayer to The Holy Family for Protection of Family**



O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer!

You came to enlighten the world  
with Your teaching and example,

and to live the greater part of Your life with Mary and Joseph  
in their home at Nazareth.

Thus You sanctified the family that was to be an example to  
all Christian families.

Graciously receive our family,  
which is dedicated and consecrated to You this day.  
Protect it; guard it and establish it in holy fear, in peace,  
and in the harmony of Christian charity.

By conforming ourselves to the model of Your family,  
may we all without exception attain to eternal happiness.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother!

By your intercession make this, our humble offering,  
acceptable to Jesus and obtain for us  
His grace and blessings.

O St. Joseph, most holy guardian of Jesus and Mary!

Assist us by your prayers I  
n all our spiritual and temporal needs,  
so that we may be able to praise our Divine Saviour, Jesus,  
together with Mary and you for all eternity. **Amen.**

*Challenging times - Hope filled times!*



Christmas 2021 comes to us as we still try to navigate our way through the Covid 19 pandemic. Hopefully you are managing to do it without much difficulty. As people of faith, we have prayed for all who, through the past almost two years, have taken their place in the front line of protection and provision of healing in this time of upheaval. While we may not feel much joy as this virus continues to bring sickness and death, when fear and darkness threatens to overcome the light – we, as followers of Jesus Christ, must bear joy to this aching world.

Once again we are invited at the darkest time of the year to step out of the shadows and reach into the light. It is a time of reappraisal of personal, family and community values in the light of the One who came as the Christ Child of Bethlehem to bring us Good News.

Every Christmas is a reliving of that event which changed human history. Each Christmas is an invitation to walk in the light of Christ and to view our neighbours in that light. It is essentially a family feast, an occasion for exchanging gifts and sharing the warmth of our homes in the company of our dear ones. It is important that we take time to celebrate what we have and to give thanks for those near and dear to us. It is also essential that we do so with some restraint again this year.

To those who day after day, week after week, serve our parish community as members of the Pastoral Council, School Boards of Management, Parish Finance Committee, Sacristans, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Distributors of Envelopes, Choirs, Soloists and Organists, Church Cleaners, Cemetery Supervisors, Parish CES Scheme, Caretaker Myles and Cora, our Parish Secretary we say a sincere “thank you”. Your dedication and devotion are greatly appreciated!

This Christmas, may we discover the surprises of God’s love, the depth of His compassion, and the warmth of His welcome. The message of Christmas is one of hope and a better way. The One who lay in the crib also knows the pain of the cross. He is Emmanuel, God with us. He welcomes us. May we welcome Him!

In the words of one traditional seasonal blessing, we wish you and yours the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Mary and Joseph, and most especially, the peace of the Christ-child for this Christmas 2021 and for the New Year.



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph  
and the Infant lying in a manger.

## 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.**

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to  
people of good will. We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks  
for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,  
God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with  
the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## A reading from the first book of Samuel.

**1 Sm 1:20-22.24-28**

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and  
called him Samuel, 'since' she said, 'I asked the  
Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah  
went up again with all his family to offer the annual  
sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah,  
however, did not go up, having said to her  
husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I  
will bring him and present him before the Lord and  
he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with  
her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah  
of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to  
the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was  
with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the  
child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you  
please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the  
woman who stood here beside you, praying to the  
Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord  
granted me what I asked him. Now I make him  
over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is  
made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the  
Lord.

**The word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

**Response: They are happy who dwell in  
your house, O Lord.**

How lovely is Your dwelling place,  
Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,

Is yearning for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my soul ring out their joy

To God, the living God.

**R**

They are happy, who dwell in Your house,  
For ever singing Your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in You;

They walk with ever growing strength.

**R**

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,  
Give ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,

Look on the face of your anointed.

**R**

## A reading from the first letter of St. John.

**1 Jn 3:1-2.21-24**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished  
on us, by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge  
him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of  
God but what we are to be in the future  
has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that  
when it is revealed we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned  
by our own conscience, we need not be afraid  
in God's presence, and whatever we ask him  
we shall receive, because we keep his com-  
mandments and live the kind of life that he  
wants. His commandments are these:  
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus  
Christ and that we love one another  
as he told us to do.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in  
God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he  
has given us.

**The word of the Lord**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Open our heart, O Lord,**

**To accept the words of your Son.**

**Alleluia!**

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

**Lk 2:41-52**

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to  
Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When  
he was twelve years old, they went up for the  
feast as usual. When they were on their way  
home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed  
behind in Jerusalem without his parents

knowing it. They assumed he was with the  
caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that  
they went to look for him among their relations  
and acquaintances. When they failed to find him  
they went back to Jerusalem looking for him  
everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple,  
sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and  
asking them questions; and all those who heard  
him were astounded at his intelligence and his  
replies. They were overcome when they saw him,  
and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have  
you done this to us? See how worried your father  
and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you  
looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know  
that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But  
they did not understand what he meant.  
He then went down with them and came to  
Nazareth and lived under their authority. His  
mother stored up all these things in her heart.  
And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in  
favour with God and men

## 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 be-  
came 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

**Our God has appeared on the earth,  
and lived among us.**