

# 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
<a href="http://www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam">www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam</a>	



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C) 5th December, 2021

## Anticipation and Preparation

***Each year Christmas seems to come and go and often we are left wondering what it is all about?***

It often seems that Christmas can be more of a headache than a gift. In a culture that is increasingly more secular, materialistic and driven by consumerism.

*Can Christmas offer us something deeper, something richer, something that will touch us at the very depths of our being and make us new?*

The Church's Liturgical year actually begins by preparing for this great feast of the birth of Jesus Christ with the season of Advent.

**The season of Advent therefore is about anticipation and preparation.**

By anticipation we are waiting, waiting for the light of Christ to come into our darkness.

*Can Christmas really be a source of renewal and hope?*

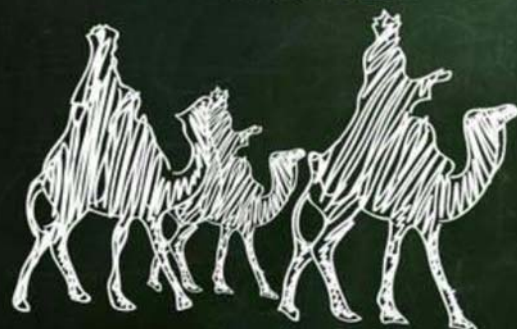
*Can it be a well from which we can*

But this depends very much on our commitment to making our anticipation with preparation.

***Could we prepare for and celebrate this Christmas as if it were our first and last? Would that change the way we approach Christmas this year?***

Look for Christ  
and you will find Him.  
And with Him,  
everything else.

- C. S. Lewis



**Priest on Duty 5th December 2021**  
**Contact: Fr. Pat Malone 065 6869098**

**Remembered in Masses this week**

CHURCH OF OUR LADY  
ROSLEVAN  
No intentions booked.



ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA  
Tony Mangan, Kilbrickan.  
Frank O'Connor, Kilbrickan.  
Brendan Molloy, Moyriesk.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD  
Pat Bogue, Ballymacuiggin. MM.  
Johnny Perrill, Barefield.  
Martin & Margaret McNamara, Ballyogan.  
Hanrahan Family, Larchill

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

Finance Development Fund  
28th November, 2021  
Barefield: €11.82  
Doora: €7.90  
Church of Our Lady: €13.50  
Development: €819.78  
*Míle Buiochas!*

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
**Wednesday 8th December 2021**

**Masses times:**

**Roslevan: Wednesday 9.30 am**  
**Barefield: Wednesday 7.00 pm**  
**Doora: Wednesday 8.00 pm**

**Months Mind Mass for Canon Caimin O' Carroll**  
**on this Wednesday 8th December in the Church of**  
**the Immaculate Conception, Barefield at 7.00 pm.**



**RIP**

Remember in your prayers

**Una Quinlivan (née Carkill),**  
Ballymaley, Barefield.

**Patricia Rynne,**  
Doonogan, Mullagh  
Sister of Michael Dinan, Knockanean.

*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:**

COur Lady:	TBohannon/MOCallaghan/KMorris	Claire Cremin
Barefield:	MDowling/RConlon	Carmel McGovern
Doora:	Marie Flanagan	Patricia Clune

**Next week:**

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

**Doora Sacristan Rota**

5th December: Seamus Enright  
12th December: Margaret Liddy.



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

**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. **Míle 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.



*Second Sunday of Advent*



Today we light the second candle  
of the Advent wreath.  
With this candle we pray that the light of Christ  
will shine through us to everyone we meet.  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
Make straight his path.

## A Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent



O holy, patient, and loving God,  
In this season of grace-filled longing,  
we await the coming of your Son and our Saviour.  
It is difficult for us to remember that this is a holy time.  
There are many distractions:  
commitments seem to pile up,  
and expectations are high.  
In the midst of our busy world, our busy lives,  
we need your help to remind us  
of what is important and necessary.  
While many of those things that we do not need  
will come to us in packages gleaming and bright,  
the one gift that will last comes from you alone,  
gracious God, as we grow in our awareness of your  
love. Bless us, our family and friends,  
and the food and the company that we share.  
Increase in us a growing urgency to celebrate  
the birth of your Son,  
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

### Tax Back Scheme for Eligible Charities

We have extended the date for return of Tax forms to  
**Monday 13th December.** We urge those who have not yet  
returned their form to do so by this new deadline.  
**Your co-operation is much appreciated.**

### Thank you from Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles

The Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles thank  
you for your generous donations and warm welcome  
on their recent visit to our Parish. The sum of  
**€817.85** was donated and will be of great help in  
their projects in Tanzania. Míle buiochas.



### Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €8,600

Venue: Clubhouse.

Winners of €50

Kitty Byrnes, Doora

Peggy Duggan, Gort Road

David Morrissey, Roslevan

Kevin Dilleen, Roslevan

**Thank you for your support**

## 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.

Those donating on line are not assigned a box. However if you would like a box please contact the Parish Office.

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

### Twelve Days of Christmas Candle Event

This coming festive season, the entrance to the Clare 250 Cancer Centre in Ballygriffey will be lit up by 150 votive candles, each one a kind prayer for a loved one who is ill or has sadly passed away.

Weather permitting, the candles will be lit from 6pm to 9pm from the 25th of December to the 5th of January. The name and homeplace of those who are to be remembered will be displayed on the plinth in front of the statue of Our Lady each night.

One candle will cost €5 (with one name per candle) & you may purchase as many as you wish. For further details call 0656841600 or go to [www.clare250cancercentre.ie](http://www.clare250cancercentre.ie).



**“Advent is a journey towards  
Bethlehem.**

**May we let ourselves be drawn  
by the light of God made man.”**

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

O People of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his  
voice heard in the joy of your heart.

## 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 Baruch

Ba 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow  
and distress,  
put on the beauty of the glory of God for  
ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God  
around you, put the diadem of the glory of  
the Eternal on your head:  
since God means to show your splendour to  
every nation under heaven,  
since the name God gives you  
for ever will be,  
'Peace through integrity, and honour  
through devotedness.'  
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights  
and turn your eyes to the east:  
see your sons reassembled from west and  
east at the command of the Holy One,  
jubilant that God has remembered them.  
Though they left you on foot,  
with enemies for an escort,  
now God brings them back to you  
like royal princes carried back in glory.  
For God has decreed the flattening  
of each high mountain, of the everlasting  
hills,  
the filling of the valleys to make the ground  
level so that Israel can walk in safety under  
the glory of God.  
And the forests and every fragrant tree will  
provide shade  
for Israel at the command of God;  
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of  
his glory with his mercy  
and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response:

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

When the Lord delivered Zion from  
bondage, It seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
On our lips there were songs. R

The heathens themselves said:  
'What marvels The Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. R

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
As streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
Will sing when they reap. R

They go out, they go out, full of tears  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back,  
full of song, carrying their sheaves. R.

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

Ph 1:4-6.8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with  
joy, remembering how you have helped to  
spread the Good News from the day you  
first heard it right up to the present. I am  
quite certain that the One who began this  
good work in you will see that it is finished  
when the Day of Christ Jesus comes.  
God knows how much I miss you all,  
loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My  
prayer is that your love for each other  
may increase more and more and never  
stop improving your knowledge and  
deepening your perception so that you  
can always recognise what is best. This  
will help you to become pure and  
blameless, and prepare you for the Day of  
Christ, when you will reach the perfect  
goodness which Jesus Christ produces in  
us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord,

Make his paths straight,

And all mankind shall see the salvation  
of God.

Alleluia!

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

Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's  
reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor  
of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his  
brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of  
Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch

of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas  
and Caiaphas, the word of God came to  
John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness.  
He went through the whole Jordan district  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the  
forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the  
book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:  
A voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.  
And all mankind shall see the salvation of  
God.

## 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 for-  
giveness of sins and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead and the life of the  
world to come. Amen.

## Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the  
heights, and behold the joy which  
comes to you from God.