

# DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 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
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## Second Sunday of Christmas (Year C) 2nd January, 2022.

The Word, Jesus, became flesh, and dwelt among us, and made the Father known to us. The last line of our Gospel today says, no one has ever seen God, it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

St. John is saying the reason why the Word became flesh was so that we would get to know the Father. Jesus is the Father's Word to us. Jesus is the revelation of God the Father. How do we get to know the Father? By getting to know Jesus. Jesus says I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

When Philip asked, Lord, show us the Father -- and then we shall be satisfied, Jesus answered - "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. Do you not believe that I'm in the Father and the Father is in me?" He himself, the Word made flesh, is the way to the Father.

If we want to know the Father, we must get to know Jesus. How do we get to know Jesus? By spending time together with him, when we pray to him and think about him, and when we read the Gospels. We cannot say that it is too difficult to get to know God. He has revealed himself to us in his Son Jesus.

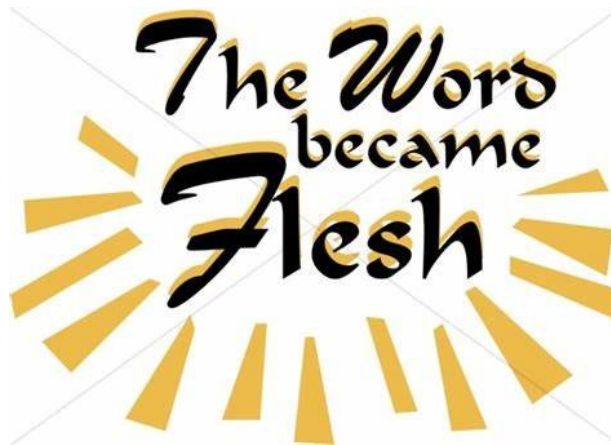
When people ask at various times in their lives "Where is God? Does God really care about me? How could God possibly know what we have to suffer? The answer which the Christian faith gives to these questions is, "God really does care, God is closer than your own heart and God does indeed understand your suffering."

God had absolutely no need to become one of us but did so to convince us how much we mean to him. Think about how much we mean to God! God knows through lived experience what it is to be human.

We mean so much to God that God became a human, to live among us to reveal himself to us and to save us from our sins. When we say the word became flesh, we mean that God is with us. God knows what life is like, God has lived among us.

So the challenge we are presented with is how do we respond to the birth of Jesus. To the fact that God is with us, that he has lived a human life. Do we acknowledge the fact that God came into the world so that we would welcome him into our lives.

On the first Christmas The Word became flesh. But the Word wants to become flesh everyday in our lives if we are willing to let him.



**Priest on Duty 2nd January 2022.**  
**Contact: Fr. Joy Njarakattuvely 065 6869098**

**Remembered in Masses this week**

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY  
ROSLEVAN**

1st January

Mary 1st Anniv & Noel Murphy, Ballyalla & Dublin

Friday 7th January - Joan and Seamus Lyons

8th January - No intention booked.

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

2nd January: No intention booked.

9th January: No intention booked.

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD**

2nd January

Michael (Buddy) Purcell, Ballyduff, Barefield.

Maura & Joe Cullinan, Barefield.

9th January - No intention booked.



**Ministers of Eucharist  
& Readers**



**This week:**

COur Lady: JOConnor/MMcGuire/NBecker

Barefield: MOLoughlin/BGalvin

Doora: Mary Barry

Joe Dilleen

Carmel McGovern

Owen O'Mahony

**Next week:**

COur Lady: JOConnor/MMcGuire/NBecker

Barefield: MWhyte/JDevitt

Doora: Patricia Hassett

Deirdre Rafferty

Nuala Molan

Cillian Foley

**Doora Sacristan Rota**

2nd Jan: Seamus Enright

9th Jan: Anne Marie Custy



**SACRISTAN**

***Beannacht: A Blessing for the New Year***

*John O'Donohue*

**Feast of the Epiphany Masses  
Thursday 6th January**

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan 9.30am

Church of the immaculate Conception, Barefield 7pm

St. Brecan's Church, Doora 8pm



**RIP**

**Mary Cabey,**  
Lios Ard,  
Tulla Road  
and formerly of Kilmaley

**Micheal Forde,**  
Headford, Co. Galway,  
Father of Marian O'Dwyer,  
The Hazels, Tulla Road.

*Goodbyes are only for those  
who love with their eyes.  
Because for those who love with their heart and soul  
there is no separation*

“On the day when  
The weight deadens  
On your shoulders  
And you stumble,  
May the clay dance  
To balance you.

And when your eyes  
Freeze behind  
The grey window  
And the ghost of loss  
Gets in to you,  
May a flock of colours,  
Indigo, red, green,  
And azure blue,  
Come to awaken in you  
A meadow of delight.

When the canvas frays  
In the currach of thought  
And a stain of ocean  
Blackens beneath you,  
May there come across the waters  
A path of yellow moonlight  
To bring you safely home.

May the nourishment of the earth be yours,  
May the clarity of light be yours,  
May the fluency of the ocean be yours,  
May the protection of the ancestors be yours.

And so may a slow  
Wind work these words  
Of love around you,  
An invisible cloak  
To mind your life.

# Journey of the Magi

TS Eliot



A cold coming we had of it, just the worst time of the year  
for a journey, and such a long journey:  
The ways deep and the weather sharp,  
The very dead of winter.'

And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,  
Lying down in the melting snow.

There were times we regretted  
The Summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,  
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.

Then the camel men cursing and grumbling  
And running away, and wanting their liquor and women,  
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,  
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly  
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:  
A hard time we had of it.

At the end we preferred to travel all night,  
Sleeping in snatches,  
With the voices singing in our ears,  
saying That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,  
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;  
With a running stream and a watermill beating the darkness,  
And three trees on the low sky,

And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.  
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,  
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,  
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.

But there was no information,  
and so we continued

And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon  
Finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember,  
And I would do it again, but set down  
This set down

This: were we led all that way for  
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,  
We had evidence and no doubt.

I had seen birth and death,  
But had thought they were different; this Birth was  
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.  
We returned to our places these Kingdoms,  
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,  
With an alien people clutching their gods.  
I should be glad of another death.

## A Prayer for the New Year



May you awake each morning  
with 'thank you' on your lips  
and in your heart,  
recognizing that all is gift,  
that all is blessing.

May your friendship with God  
be strong and healthy.  
May that love be both a comfort  
and a challenge  
as you struggle to find your way  
in the New Year.

May you be the one  
with welcome in your smile  
and hello etched upon your hand,  
the hand you extend to everyone  
who blesses you with presence.

**Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.  
Happy New Year.**



## Knockanean National School Enrolment.

Knockanean National School will commence accepting applications for Junior Infants for the coming school year, on January 10 2022. Application forms can be obtained by contacting Madge in the school office on 065 6840088 or by sending an email to [cnocanein@gmail.com](mailto:cnocanein@gmail.com) requesting an application form. Closing date for completed application forms is 2.40 p.m. on **January 28th 2022.**

## CES Scheme - Thank You.

A word of thanks to everyone involved with the **CES Scheme** for their continued dedication to our parish. It is an invaluable resource to the parish and we are very grateful for all the good works undertaken. **Míle buíochas.**



**Clare Library upcoming online events for adults 18+ throughout Co. Clare - Chair Yoga** classes with Trish Cleary taking place through Zoom on Thursdays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> January 11am – 12 noon.. **Tai Chi** classes with Kevin Copeland will be taking place through zoom on Tuesdays 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am – 11.30am. Classes are Free. Participants will need access to zoom. Classes are funded by Healthy Ireland at Your Library. To book your place, contact Kilrush Library on 065 9051504 or email [kilrush@clarelibrary.ie](mailto:kilrush@clarelibrary.ie)

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

When a profound silence covered all things  
And night was in the middle of its course,  
Your all-powerful Word, O Lord,  
Bounded from heaven's royal throne.

## 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 book of Ecclesiastics (Eccles (Sir) 24:1-2.8-12)

Wisdom speaks her own praises,  
in the midst of her people she glories in  
herself. She opens her mouth in the assembly  
of the Most High,  
she glories in herself in the presence of the  
Mighty One.  
"Then the creator of all things instructed  
me, and he who created me fixed a place  
for my tent.

He said, Pitch your tent in Jacob,  
make Israel your inheritance.  
From eternity, in the beginning, he created  
me, and for eternity I shall remain.  
I ministered before him in the holy  
tabernacle,  
and thus was I established on Zion.  
In the beloved city he has given me rest,  
and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.  
I have taken root in a privileged people,  
in the Lords property, in his inheritance."

**The word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

### Response:

**The Word was made flesh,  
and lived among us.**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem.  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
He has blessed the children within you. **R.**

He established peace on your borders,  
He feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
And swiftly runs his command. **R.**

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
To Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
He has not taught them his decrees **R.**

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

**Eph: 1:3-6. 15-18**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord  
Jesus, Christ, who has blessed us with all  
the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.  
Before the world was made, he chose us,  
chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless,  
and to live through love in his presence,  
determining that we should become his  
adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, for his  
own kind purposes, to make us praise the  
glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the  
Beloved.  
That will explain why I, having once heard  
about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the  
love that you show towards all the saints,  
have never failed to remember you in my  
prayers and to thank God for you. May the  
God of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Father of glory, give you a spirit of  
wisdom and perception of what is revealed,  
to bring you to full knowledge of him. May  
he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that  
you can see what hope his call holds for  
you, what rich glories he has promised the  
saints will inherit.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Glory be to you, O Christ,  
proclaimed to the pagans;  
Glory be to you, O Christ,  
believed in by the world.  
Alleluia!**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**John 1: 1-18**

In the beginning was the Word:  
the Word was with God  
and the Word was God.  
He was with God in the beginning.  
Through him all things came to be,  
not one thing had its being but through  
him.  
All that came to be had life in him  
and that life was the light of men,  
a light that shines in the dark,  
a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light  
that enlightens all men;  
and he was coming into the world.  
He was in the world  
that had its being through him,  
and the world did not know him.  
He came to his own domain  
and his own people did not accept him.  
But to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of  
God, to all who believe in the name of him  
who was born not out of human stock  
or urge of the flesh or will of man  
but of God himself.  
The Word was made flesh, he lived  
among us, and we saw his glory,  
the glory that is his as the only Son of the  
Father, full of grace and truth.

## 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

**To all who would accept him,  
He gave the power to become  
children of God.**