

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



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## Baptism of the Lord (Year C) 9th January, 2022.

### OUR BAPTISMAL CALLING

It is only weeks since the start of the Christmas story. It is still fresh in our minds as we abruptly come to the Feast of Jesus' Baptism.

The Magi have just come and gone and our Christmas decorations are put away for another year. This weekend we jump from the Child Jesus to the mature Jesus setting out on his mission which is publicly inaugurated by his Baptism by John in the River Jordan. By accepting baptism, Jesus was committing himself to the work of taking away the sins of the world.

The start of the new year provides us with an opportunity to review our commitment to Christ and reflect on our calling as a member of God's family. Our special role is to announce Jesus to the world. The ways of doing this are many and varied.

We are called to witness to Christ in our own sphere of living and to make the world a better place by our presence. The lighted candle at the end of the Baptism Ceremony means we are to show forth Christ by word and deed wherever we go.



### Prayer Before Birth

Lord, Jesus, we have seen the baby scan,  
and are amazed to see life growing within me.  
We were like the apostle Thomas,  
we did not realise until we saw.

Now it hits us we are to share with your Father  
in bringing new life to birth.  
We hope that our child may be healthy  
and strong.

We know that this is how you came to  
life so we trust you will be there  
to support us.  
Since our child will have to learn from us,  
help us to be more loving.

Mary, Mother of Jesus,  
how much greater your worry  
might have been.  
You knew nothing of scans,  
but you teach us to trust in God.

Help us to relax in the knowledge  
that the Father's love surrounds  
and enfolds us in this new life  
to which He has called us.

**Priest on Duty 9th January 2022.**  
**Contact: Fr. Ger Jones 065 6869098**

**Remembered in Masses this week**

CHURCH OF OUR LADY  
ROSLEVAN

8th January: Pat Moloney, Gaurus. 1st Anniv.

15th January: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

9th January: No intention booked.

16th January: No intention booked.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

9th January: No intention booked.

15th January 11am: Tony Cassidy, Girroga Heights. 1st Anniv

16th January: Tommy & Ann Kelly, Ballycarroll

**Finance Development Fund**

**Christmas 2021**

Barefield: €150.19

Doora €266.35

C Our Lady: €223.92

Development: €2,921.54

**2nd January, 2022**

Barefield: €86.40

Doora: €14.50

Church of Our Lady: €25.90

Development: €3,833.70

**Thank you for your generosity to our Parish  
& Priests Collections at Christmas  
and throughout the year.**  
**Mile buiochas.**



**RIP**



*Remember in your prayers*

**Rose Culligan**, Bunnaw, Doora.

**Albert Noonan**, Cappahard, Tulla Rd.

**Tony Perrill**, Inchaboy, Gort,  
brother of Paddy Perrill, Ballymacahill.

**Mona Kruskopfs**, New York,  
sister of Teresa Grogan, Corebeg, Doora.

*Now in God's hands,  
forever in our hearts.*



**Ministers of Eucharist  
& Readers**



**This week:**

COur Lady: JOConnor/MMcGuire/NBecker

Barefield: MHassett/LMurphy

Doora: Patricia hassett

Deirdre Rafferty

Nuala Molan

Cillian Foley

**Next week:**

COur Lady: JOConnor/MMcGuire/NBecker

Barefield: CDeloughery/MO'Loughlin

Doora: Marie Flanagan

Deirdre Rafferty

Maeve Fox

Tom Meade

**Doora Sacristan Rota**

9th Jan: Anne Marie Custy

16th Jan: Owen O'Mahony



**Prayer for Hope after a Hard Year.**



God, thank you for helping us to make it through this difficult year.  
Thank you that you've carried us through the uncertainty of deep  
waters, through the flames of trials,  
and through the pain of hard losses.

We are constantly aware of how much we need you, your grace,  
your strength, your power  
working through even the toughest days.  
Help us to keep our focus first on you this season.  
Please forgive us for giving too much time  
and attention to other things,  
for looking to other people before coming to you first.

Help us to reflect again, on what Christmas is really all about.  
Thank you that you came to give new life, peace, hope, and joy.  
Thank you that your power is made perfect in our weakness.  
Help us to remember that the gift of Christ, Emmanuel, is our  
greatest treasure,  
not just at Christmas, but for the whole year through.

Fill us with your joy and the peace of your Spirit.  
Direct our hearts and minds towards you.  
Thank you for your reminder that both in seasons of celebration and  
in seasons of brokenness,  
you're still with us, for you never leave us.

Thank you for your daily powerful Presence in our lives,  
that we can be assured your heart is towards us,  
your eyes are over us,  
and your ears are open to our prayers.

Thank you that you surround us with favour as with a shield,  
and we are safe in your care.  
We choose to press in close to you today,  
and keep you first in our hearts and lives.

Without you we would surely fail, but with you, there is great hope.  
Thank you for your healing power,  
thank you for bringing us into this new season up ahead.  
We look forward to all that You still have in store in Jesus' name,  
Amen.

## Snowdrops (Plúiríní Sneachta)



They're to be seen across the land  
From frozen ground they will sprout forth,  
Of nature we see a rebirth,  
Seeds of life hid within the earth,  
At last winter is to depart,  
For the spring months are soon to start,  
Flowers that are the most pure white,  
Shall always be a pleasing sight,  
Undeterred should there still be frost,  
Flowers will open at all cost,  
The snowdrop's beauty shines the most,  
In a month that's a bitter host,  
In woods darts about the place,  
Bringing smiles to many a face,  
For our countryside they do bless,  
bringing about scenes that impress.

*Christian Lacdael*

**Shannon Doc** Out of surgery hours only,  
their new number is: 0818 123500



**Second Collection**  
at Masses next weekend  
15th/16th January  
for Bishops' Conference & Commissions.

Rosary Beads in purse  
found in Church of Our Lady.

Enquire from Sacristan Michelle  
for details.



## 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.

**Clare Library upcoming online events for adults 18+ throughout Co. Clare - Chair Yoga** classes with Trish Cleary taking place through Zoom on Thursdays 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 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)

### Doora Barefield GAA Lotto



Next weeks Jackpot: €9,600  
Venue: Clubhouse, Winners of €50  
Stephen Cunningham c/o MI McMahon  
Ned Ryan, Tulla Rd.  
Eilis Noonan, Barefield  
Marie Flanagan, Doora  
**Thank you for your support.**



## *The Baptism of the Lord*

*Spirit of God,  
descending on Jesus,  
make us your people, in Baptism and now,  
Beloved sons and daughters,  
with whom God can be well pleased.  
May we never take our Baptism for granted,  
And may we look for new life  
in every baptized person.*

*Amen.*

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

## 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 prophet Isaiah.

Is 40:1-5.9-11

'Console my people, console them,' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast

and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

*Response:*

*Bless the Lord, my soul!*

*Lord God, how great you are.*

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe!

You stretch out the heavens like a tent. R.

Above the rains you build your dwellings.

You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. R.

How many are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your riches.

There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. R.

All of these look to you, to give them their food in due season.

You give it, they gather it up; You open your hand, they have their fill. R.

You take back your spirit, they die,

Returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created; And you renew the face of the earth. R.

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

Tt 2:11-14;3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus.

He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I.*

*He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 3:15-16.21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, 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.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

## 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

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.