

Mass Times

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan	
Daily Mass Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri	9.30am
Saturday Vigil Mass	6pm
St. Breacan's Church, Doora	
Sunday	9.45am
Immaculate Conception, Barefield	
Sunday	11.15am
Tuesday	9.30am
www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam	



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DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Advent (Year C) 27th November, 2022

"ARE WE THERE YET?"

This is a question we have probably heard, many times throughout our lives. It is a question that often comes up on a journey by the kids in the car wondering when they would finally arrive at the seaside or some other destination. And it is a question that we may be tempted to ask during the Advent season.

This season of Advent, this beginning of the Church's new liturgical year, is an opportunity for us to take the time to enjoy the journey. To proceed a little more slowly and intentionally towards Christmas – to notice what God is doing in our lives, and in the world around us, to help us be better prepared to welcome Jesus anew.

One liturgical year has just closed, and another lies open before us. The readings for this Sunday begin with the prophet Isaiah and the Psalmist both describing the desire to journey toward the dwelling place of God. It speaks to a worldview that has God firmly at the centre – a time when the entire earth desires to "stream toward" this mountain of the Lord.

As Christians, we wait in joyful anticipation as we slowly move to this great celebration of Christ's Nativity. Once we're there, we take time to be

enveloped by the mystery of God's own Son coming to us in the fullness of time. Then we set off anew into the rest of our year: travelling through Judea, walking after the Cross, and eventually celebrating Jesus' universal kingship again before the cycle repeats.

As Christians we recognise that this entire life is a pilgrimage to our heavenly home. We use the rhythm of the year to show us how to anticipate, prepare, and walk this journey. Perhaps we can take this Advent to truly place ourselves in the mindset of the traveller. Let us walk the way to Bethlehem with our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. As we travel, let us see that mountain of the Lord draw ever closer and feel rejoicing well up in our hearts to return to the House of the Lord.



Priest on Duty 27th November, 2022.
Contact Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY
26th Nov: Sean O'Donoghue, Ballaghboy.
 Baby Aaron O'Brien, Tulla Road.
3rd Dec: Mary Hannon, Ardsolus.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

27th Nov: Shaun Meates, Roslevan. MM.
 Ann, Molly, Patrick & Nora Lynch, Kilbrickan House.
 Mae, Eddie & Martin Slattery, Molyriesk, Quin.
4th Dec: Joe & Nancy Byrnes, Finanagh.
 Frank O'Connor, Kilbricken.

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE
 CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD**

27th Nov: Una Quinlivan, Ballymaley. 1st Anniv.
 Bridget & John Malone, Ballymaley.
Mon 28th Nov 7.30pm: Caroline Walsh, Curraderra.
Fri 2nd Dec 7pm: Johnny Perrill, Barefield.
4th Dec: Martin & Margaret McNamara, Ballyogan.
 Deceased Hanrahan Family, Larchill.

9.30am Mass each Tuesday in Barefield Church.
 Novena Mass in Church of Our Lady each Monday 9.30am

Finance Development Fund
20th November
Barefield: €150
Doora: €44
Church of Our Lady: €115
Development: €460
Míle buíochas

Christmas Triduum Mass Bouquet Cards
 with images of our churches now available in the porches of
 our three churches and also in Parish Office during office hours.
 €3 per Mass Bouquet.

Also Sympathy Cards, Mass Bouquet and Get Well
 Cards Novena and Individual Masses similarly



RIP

Remember in your prayers

Frank Kerins
 Loughrea, Co. Galway
 Brother of Gertie Mockler,
 Newpark, Roslevan
 & Paul Kerins, Ballymaley

Goodbyes are 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:	BBurke/PMockler/MDilleen	Ciarán Redmond
Barefield:	LMurphy/MHassett	Teresa Nash
Doora:	Patricia Hassett	Orla Barry

Next week:

COur Lady:	BBurke/PMockler/MDilleen	Ciaran Redmond
Barefield:	CDeloughery/MClohessy	Margaret Carden
Doora:	Marie Flanagan	Sean Conlan

Doora Sacristan

27th Nov: Mary Enright
4th Dec: Margaret Hosty

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

26th Nov & 3rd Dec: Michael Williams & Paul Mockler



**FIRST
 FRIDAY**

First Friday Mass at Church of the
 Immaculate Conception, Barefield on Friday
 2nd December at 7pm.

If you or someone you know would like a
 First Friday call please contact Fr. Tom or
 the Parish Office with details.

A Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent



Father, let your hope arise in our hearts!
 Lift our eyes up to see that you alone
 are where our hope comes from.

Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements,
 and distractions that have filled this year.
 May we pause to remember that we have hope in you.

You know the end of our stories,
 and we give thanks because you have promised
 that it will be a victorious ending.

Give us the grace we need to wrap up this year joyfully.
 We invite your Spirit into this beautiful Advent season.
 Renew our sense of holy anticipation!

Let us be those who are waiting eagerly
 for Jesus to come again.
 More than anything, we ask that you be glorified in this
 season of expectation. **Amen.**

Please Note:

Parish donation boxes for 2023 are now available for collection in our three churches from this weekend onwards. Please collect your donation box as soon as possible.

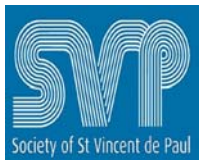
We appeal for your co-operation in distributing the boxes. There may be parishioners who are still not attending mass and we would ask you to deliver their boxes where possible.

If any parishioner would like an annual box please contact Cora in the Parish Office during office hours and a box will be issued to you. Thank you for your co-operation.

Charity Dance

Liam Ashe is holding a fund-raising dance for his school in Calcutta on Saturday, December 3rd in Treacy's West County Hotel from 9pm - 12 midnight.

Music: Michael Sexton. Tickets: €10 each, available at the door. Spot prizes. Your support would be greatly appreciated.



SVP Annual Remembrance Mass Annual Remembrance Mass for deceased members, benefactors beneficiaries of St. Vincent de Paul in Clare at Ennis Cathedral on Wednesday 30th November at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Advent Reconciliation



This Sunday we begin the Season of Advent.

Four weeks of spiritual preparation for the coming of the Christ Child.

Reconciliation Service in the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul, Ennis on Monday 12th December. All are welcome.

GETTING MARRIED IN 2023!

Accord Pre Marriage Courses available face to face in Ennis. Courses on 20th January 2023 & 17th February 2023. Bookings on www.courses.accord.ie

Winter Prayer



In the Midst of Winter

Lord, in the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce remind us of the warmth of your love. In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth, when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak remind us that Easter is but a short time away.

And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter, reach out to us with the power of your resurrection so that we may feel the warmth of your love and see your light that alone can take away the darkness of our soul. Amen

Giving the Gift of Love This Christmas



Could you give a gift of love to help lift families in Malawi out of hunger? Trocaire have launched Christmas "Gifts of Love". This year's gift of winter essentials is for Syrian Children living in harsh conditions in Lebanese Camps.

The Irish public have brought more than one million life changing Trocaire gifts since the year 2000 to support some of the world's more vulnerable families. The gifts can be purchased online at www.trocaire.org/gifts

Seisiún Cois Tine Trad for Trocaire Fundraiser
Sunday November 27th at 6pm at Cois na hAbhna, Ennis., Admission €3



Doora Barefield GAA Lotto



Next weeks Jackpot €15,000
Winners of €50.00



Mary Kerin c/o Hassetts
Dermot Hynes, Quin Rd.
Martin Barry, Newpark
John Garvey, Spencilhill

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.

In you, I have trusted;

let me not be put to shame.

Nor let my enemies exult over me;

and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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 Isaiah

Is 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem."

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into plough shares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

R

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,

there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of

Judgement of the house of David.

R

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

'Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,

in your palaces, peace!'

R

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: "Peace upon you!"

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good.

R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Rm 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted.

The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light.

Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy.

Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy

And give us your saving help.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes.

Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.