

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
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DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Advent (Year C) 11th December, 2022

A Place of Dreams

I don't know where life may be defeating you this Advent. I don't know how Jesus may be disappointing you this Advent. But I would suggest to you this Advent that any disillusionment you feel may not necessarily be a bad thing. For what is disillusionment if not, literally, the loss of an illusion? And, in the long run, it is never a bad thing to lose the lies we have mistaken for the truth.

There was once a woman who was disappointed, who was disillusioned, who was depressed. She wanted a good world, a peaceful world, and she wanted to be a good person. But the newspaper and television showed her how far we were from such a reality. So she decided to go shopping. She went to the shopping centre and wandered into a new shop - where the person behind the counter looked strangely like Jesus.

Gathering up her courage she went up to the counter and asked, "Are you Jesus?" "Well, yes, I am," the man answered. "Do you work here?" "Actually," Jesus responded, "I own the shop. You are free to wander up and down the aisles, see what it is I sell, and then make a list of what you want. When you are finished, come back here, and we'll see what we can do for you."

So, the woman did just that. And what she saw thrilled her. There was peace on earth, no more war, no hunger or poverty, peace in families, no more drugs, harmony, clean air. She wrote furiously and finally approached the counter, handing a long list to Jesus. He skimmed the paper, and then smiling at her said, "No problem."

Reaching under the counter, he grabbed some packets and laid them out on the counter. Confused, she asked, "What are these?" Jesus replied: "These are seed packets." Surprised the woman blurted out, "You mean I don't get the finished product?" "No," Jesus gently responded. "This is a place of dreams. You come and see what it looks like, and I give you the seeds. Then you plant the seeds. You go home and nurture them and help them to grow and someone else reaps the benefits." "Oh," she said, deeply disappointed in Jesus. Then she turned around and left the shop without buying anything.



**Priest on Duty 11th December 2022.
Contact Fr. Joy Tel. 065 6869098**

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

10th Dec: Vincent Gardner, Millbank, Roslevan.
Carmel Devane, The Lane, Newpark.
Tommy Kearney, Roslevan.

17th Dec: Stephen Killeen, Knockanean.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

11th Dec: Christy 'Buddy' Reddan, Cappahard.
Tony Mangan, Kilbreckan.
Brendan Molloy, Moyriesk.

Thomas & Josephine Heffernan
& John McInerney, Noughaville.

18th Dec: Margaret McMahon, Ballyglass.

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD**

11th Dec: Nuala Teasdale (nee Fitzgerald),
UK & Clonkerry. **1st Anniv.**

Mary & Jimmy Whelan, Barefield.
Joe Conlon, Ballymacon.

Walter Roseingrave, Curraderra.
Nicola Davis O'Sullivan, Ballyalla.

18th Dec: Claire Curran, Drumgrannagh.

Margaret Hassett & Aoife Loughnane, Ballycarroll.

9.30am Mass each Tuesday in Barefield Church.

Novena Mass in Church of Our Lady each Monday 9.30am

Finance Development Fund

4th December

Barefield: €95

Doora: €66

Church of Our Lady: €203

Development: €1,578

Mile buíochas

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

10th & 17th Dec: Joan O'Connor & James Reynolds

Doora Sacristan

11th Dec: Mary Hallinan. **18th Dec:** Seamus Enright

RIP

Mary Rutherford,

Claureen Drive, Ennis,

Mother of Seán Rutherford, Larchill.

Ann Wall,

Ballymaley.

Funeral Mass on Thursday next 15th December
at Cathedral, Ennis. Burial in Templemaley Cemetery.

Solas na bhflaitheas daoibh



**Ministers of Eucharist
& Readers**



This week:

COur Lady:	TBohannon/MO'Callaghan/KMorris	Olive Harvey
Barefield:	JDevitt/MWhyte	David Culligan
Doora:	Maria Considine	Kieran Bell

Next week:

COurLady:	TBohannon/MO'Callaghan/KMorris	Olive Harvey
Barefield:	MDowlingh/CLeamy	Bernard Casey
Doora:	Martha Neylon	Bernard Hallinan

Gaudete Sunday A Prayer of Hope



Lord God, we are determined
to be people of faith, to share with all,
your gospel of hope, love and grace.
Yet, it is hard to remain hopeful in a world
that is broken and failing.
It is hard to be filled with love for the other
when loss and fear suffocates us and them.
And how can there be grace
when hate buries love?

And yet, you call us to rejoice.
And so, we remember
that no matter how dark the present hour, you are with us.
Your mighty arm protects us, your spirit fills us.
You will never forget or forsake us.
This we know: even in the absence of all other hope or love,
you are with us. Emmanuel.
And so, rejoice we shall,
no matter what rages around or against or within us.
Our souls shall magnify you O Lord,
for you are with us,
even when all else that we trust is gone.

Lord, we gather here
so that the fire you have planted in each of us
will strengthen and grow:
becoming a mighty flame that brings hope
where there is none, encouraging love to grow
where it has too long been gone,
and extinguishing fear in the hearts of all.
We rejoice in each other.
We rejoice in our faith.
And, we rejoice in your presence
here this morning.
In all things we shall rejoice, **Amen.**

Advent Travelling Crib



From the Third Sunday of Advent, Joseph and Mary and our miniature Nativity will travel throughout Doora-Barefield and beyond, being received by a new host each day until Christmas.

Should you decide to receive this Travelling miniature Nativity into your midst, please call to your Church on next Saturday evening for Church of Our Lady, Roslevan and on Sundays for Doora and Barefield as we do the "handover" in our churches.

Please fill in your details on the form. Included will be prayers for your use.

Joseph and Mary's journey through the parish reminds us that we need to make room for Jesus in our lives, homes and communities.

This gives each 'host' the chance to create their own celebration in their home or place in the community, worshipping and reaching out to their communities with the real message of Christmas, waiting for the arrival of and making room for Jesus in their lives.

All you need to do is add your name and contact details to the 'Lodging Journey Rota' which you will find in our three churches.

Then choose a night that will suit you to 'host' the miniature nativity, with the time you are available to receive them.

On the day you receive St. Joseph, Our Lady, Jesus and the set you can do whatever you like. Some people just have a coffee with the previous night's host; others arrange a party, small or large, and invite friends from within and beyond the church to join them to celebrate the arrival of the Holy Family in their home.

Perhaps invite a neighbour that you don't know too well and would love the opportunity to reach out to. Maybe you know someone recently bereaved that could do with some light?

The next day you need to take Joseph, Mary and the Nativity pack to the next host on the 'Lodging Journey Rota' at a mutually convenient time.

On Sundays we do the "handover" in your local church so pack can be loaded up so other members of the congregation can join in and see the Nativity basket. It's as simple as that!

Doora Barefield Parent & Toddler Group Christmas Holidays

The Parent and Toddler meets next Tuesday 13th Dec for last day of this year.

Group re-opens again on 10th January, 2023.

Happy Christmas to all.



Doora Charity Tractor Run

was a huge success this year raising €8,200. This has been divided equally and handed over to Slainte an Chlair and Clarcastle Day Care Centre. Thanks to everyone who made this such a successful and enjoyable event.

**GO RAIBH
MAITH AGAT**

Getting Married in 2023! Accord Pre Marriage Courses available face to face in Ennis. Courses on 20th January 2023 and 17th February 2023. Bookings: www.courses.accord.ie

Des Ryan requests old rosary beads, brown coin, spectacles, used stamps to be left in the receptacle in Doora Church. These items are used for the mission in Tanzania where Des volunteers. Des acknowledges the kindness of people who continue to assist his charity.

Barefield National School is now accepting enrolment of new pupils for September 2023. The closing date for receipt of applications is Tuesday 31/01/2023. If you require an application form please contact the school by phone (065) 5820303 or email to info@barefieldns.com with your name, address and contact no. Also, for your information, Application Forms, Admission Policy and Admission Notice can be downloaded from our website : <https://www.barefieldns.com/documents/enrolment/>.

Clare 250 Mile Centre — Christmas Candle.

Remember a loved one this festive season by purchasing a candle for €5, that will light for the Twelve Days of Christmas at the entrance to the Clare 250 Cancer Centre. Contact 0656841600 or www.clare250cancercentre.ie for details.

**Advent
Reconciliation**



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

**Annual Carol Service & Nativity Play
at Church of the Immaculate Conception,
Barefield on Sunday 18th December at 4pm.
All welcome to this lovely event.**



**Doora Barefield GAA Lotto
Next weeks Jackpot €15,000**

Winners of €50.00
Tom Duggan, Barefield
Christine Lambe, Tullamore
M & P Curtin, Ballyalla
Carmel Duggan, Cahercalla

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon
Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

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 35:1-6.10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands
exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.
The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.
Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid'.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you'.
Then the eyes of the blind shall be
opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for
joy;
for those the Lord has ransomed shall
return.
They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Come, Lord and save us.
It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
The Lord, who sets prisoners free. *R*

It is the Lord who gives sight to the
blind,
who raises up those who are bowed
down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. *R*

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign forever,
Zion's God, from age to age. *R*

A reading from the letter of St. James Jm 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's
coming. Think of a farmer: how
patiently he waits for the precious fruit
of the ground until it has had the
autumn rains and the spring rains!
You too have to be patient; do not
lose heart, because the Lord's
coming will be soon. Do not make
complaints against one another,
brothers, so as not to be brought to
judgement yourselves; the Judge is
already to be seen waiting at the
gates. For your example, brothers, in
submitting with patience, take the
prophets who spoke in the name of
the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
*The spirit of the Lord has been given
to me.*
*He has sent me to bring good news
to the poor.*
Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mathew Mt 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what
Christ was doing and he sent his
disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one
who is to come, or have we got to
wait for someone else?' Jesus
answered, 'Go back and tell John
what you hear and see; the blind see
again, and the lame walk, lepers are
cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the
dead are raised to life and the Good
News is proclaimed to the poor; and
happy is the man who does not lose
faith in me.'
As the messengers were leaving,

Jesus began to talk to the people
about John: 'What did you go out into the
wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the
breeze? No? Then what did you go out to
see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no,
those who wear fine clothes are to be
found in palaces. Then what did you go
out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you,
and much more than a prophet: he is the
one of whom scripture says: Look, I am
going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way before you. I tell
you solemnly, of all the children born of
women, a greater than John the Baptist
has never been seen; yet the least in the
kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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

**Say to the faint of heart:
Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come,
and he will save us**