

Mass Times

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan	
Daily Mass Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri	9.30am
Saturday Vigil Mass	6pm
St. Brecan'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

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C) 18th December, 2022

Christmas Draws Near

Today we light the fourth candle on our advent wreath. All that remains now is the final white one which we will light on Christmas night. Light overcomes the darkness.

The Gospel passage read at Mass this morning focuses on St Joseph. The words quoted from the prophet Isaiah summarise the whole Christmas message

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel
a name which means God is with us.

Christmas is totally unlike every other historical event. Some people see little that is remarkable about the birth of a baby to a poor family in winter. It is an event that has been repeated over and over again. But Christmas is not a single event trapped in time. It is the coming of Christ which continues forever. The miracle of new life is made even wonderful by God becoming human. The birth of the baby Jesus changed the relationship between God and humanity forever.

No more can we envisage God as being distant from us. He became flesh and blood like us. God is with us. He is one of us. He delights in the joys of human companionship and suffered the pain that living brings. He became human and so that we might share in his divinity. The glory of God is humanity fully alive.

The words addressed by the angel to Mary in today's Gospel reading are spoken to all of us. We all rejoice for we are all highly favoured. The Lord is with each and everyone of us.



Priest on Duty 18th December 2022.
Contact Fr. Martin Blake Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week
CHURCH OF OUR LADY

17th Dec: Stephen Killeen, Knockanean.
Ellen & John Fitzgerald, Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick.

24th December: No intention.

Christmas Day: No intentions

27th Dec: 11am: Mary Cabey, Lios Ard, Tulla Rd. 1st Annv.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

18th Dec: Margaret McMahon, Ballyglass.

24th Dec: Gerry Cullinan, Creggaun, Knockanean, Doora.

Christmas Day: No intentions.

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD**

18th Dec: Claire Curran, Drumgrannagh.

Margaret Hassett & Aoife Loughnane, Ballycarroll.

Megan Malone, Ballyduff.

24th Dec: Peggy & Daniel Murray, Killarney

Christmas Day: No intentions.

9.30am Mass each Tuesday in Barefield Church.

Novena Mass in Church of Our Lady each Monday 9.30am

Finance Development Fund

11th December

Barefield: €148

Doora: €95

Church of Our Lady: €171

Development: €1037

Míle buíochas

The first Christmas was simple
it's okay if yours is too!



RIP

Remember in your prayers

Anne Wall (nee Gilleran),
Ballymaley House,
Ballymaley.

Denis (Denny) Vaughan,
Knockanean.

Charlie Dineen,
Douglas, Cork,
Father of Anne Marie Guilfoyle,
Cappamore, Barefield.

*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**



Church of Our Lady

18th TBohannon/MOCallaghan/KMorris

Olive Harvey

24th TBohannon/MOCallaghan/KMorris

James O'Connor

25th Joan O'Connor

Claire Cremin

Immaculate Conception, Barefield

18th: MDowling/CLeamy

Bernard Casey

24th MO'Loughlin/BGalvin

Michael Clohessy

25th LMurphy/MHassett

Seamus Leamy

St. Brecan's, Doora

18th Martha Neylon

Bernard Hallinan

24th Owen O'Mahony

Seamus Enright

25th Bernard Hallinan

Michael Cusack

Doora Sacristan

18th Dec: Seamus Enright

24th Dec: Mary Corry.

25th Dec: Anne Marie Custy

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

17th Dec: Joan O'Connor & James Reynolds

24th Dec: Paddy Perrill & Harold Herlihy



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

Priests Christmas Collection

Christmas Collection for the Priests of our Parish at all Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. Envelopes are now available in the porches of our three churches or you can use your own envelope, with your name and address on it or donate on line on our website www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/donate



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 **Mile Buiochas.**



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan: 6pm;
Barefield: 7.30pm;
Doora: 9pm.

Christmas Day Masses

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan: 9am;
St. Breacan's Church, Doora: 10am;
Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield: 11am.

Christmas Confessions

Tues 20th Dec Church of Our Lady, Roslevan 7pm—8pm
Thurs 22nd Dec Barefield Church 7pm—8pm
Fri 23rd Dec Doora Church 7pm—8pm

Christmas Greetings

Parish Christmas Cards/Calendar are available this weekend for collection in the porches of each of our Churches. Please take a Christmas Card for yourself and neighbours and friends who may be unable to collect with very best wishes from Fr. Tom.



This year's Christmas appeal welcomes vouchers for local shops for food, fuel, meat etc. Cash donations can be left into the Parish Office using the blue donation envelopes which have been delivered to homes. Online donations can be made on:

www.svp.ie/fundraiseer/clare-area-council-appeal

Parish Office Christmas Holidays



The Parish Office will close on Tuesday 20th Dec. at 5pm and will re-open on Tues. 3rd January at 9am. If urgent, kindly contact the Priest on duty Tel. 065 686 9098.



Adventus



With expectant waiting we anticipate your coming.
Come close to us, Lord, come very close.

Come, Alpha and Omega, who is from before the ages.
Come, Son of Joseph and Son of Mary,
who went down to Nazareth to be obedient to them.

Come, Morning Star, who named the stars.
Come, carpenter from Nazareth,
who knows the smell of planed wood.

Come, Beloved Son of God, who knows the heart of God.
Come, Son of Man, who knows the hearts of God's people.

Come, Lord of Life and Prince of Peace.
Come, Dayspring and Rising Sun.
Come, Wonderful Counsellor. Come Emmanuel,
God with us;
God very close to us. Amen.



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@barefielddns.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.barefielddns.com/documents/enrolment/>.

Mary's Meals – Big Family Christmas - International school feeding charity, Mary's Meals, are inviting you to join their Big Family Christmas celebrations. A range of gifts are available, which will not only provide you with a wonderful Christmas gift for a loved one, but will also provide life changing school meals for a child living in poverty. For just €18.30 a place can be set at their virtual Big Family Christmas dinner table, which will feed a child for an entire school year! This place setting can then be printed or emailed to someone as a special gift. A range of other gift cards are also available; from providing 100 meals for €9, to funding a cooking pot and stove for €250, and everything in between! Gift cards are available to download at www.marysmeals.ie or can be sent via post by calling 01 853 5163

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto
Next weeks Jackpot €15,000
Winners of €50.00



Margaret Kelly, Tullamore
Siobhain Clune, Barefield
Sinead O'Connell, Barefield
Mary Carey, Oakleigh Woods

Thank you for your support

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

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 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above'. 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test'.

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us" '.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Let the Lord enter!
He is the king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. R

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. R

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans Rm 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead.

Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name.

You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.
Alleluia!

A reading from holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally.

He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take

Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit.

She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.'

Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.
When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

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, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.