

## 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  
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## DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER

**Feast of Mary the Holy Mother of God (Year C) 1st January, 2023**

### A God of Great Reversals

When it came to delivering the greatest message on earth, God chose amateurs and nobodies instead of professionals and VIPs. The priests and religious classes were not the first to learn about the Messiah's birth. One would think that they would be the ones with all the appropriate knowledge and social clout to interpret the message to the people.

But God chose to share this message with, a young unwed woman first, then with shepherds, members of an outcast and untrustworthy caste. And when he finally started his ministry he doubled down and enlisted farmers, fisherman and others from the margins of mainstream society.

God wants an important thing done in this world, or a wrong righted, he goes about it in a very singular way.

He does not release his thunderbolts or stir up his earthquake. He simply has a tiny, helpless baby born, perhaps in an obscure home, perhaps of a very humble mother. Then he puts the idea or purpose into the mother's heart, she puts it into the baby's mind and then God waits.



Mary's song sings of a God of great reversals. This God has high regard for a lowly maiden. This God scatters the proud and puts down the mighty from their thrones.

This God, furthermore, fills the hungry with good things and sends the rich away empty-handed. That's the kind of God that Mary sings about it. A God of great reversals.

**Priest on Duty 1st January, 2023.**  
**Contact Fr. Pat Malone Tel. 065 6869098**

**Remembered in Masses this week**

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY**

31st Dec: No intention booked.  
7th Jan: No intention booked.

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

1st Jan: No intention booked.  
8th Jan: No intention booked.

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD**

1st Jan: Maura & Joe Cullinan, Barefield.  
Michael (Buddy) Purcell, Ballyduff.

6th Jan: James, Bridget & Seamus Cahir  
& deceased Cahir & Lynch families, Barefield.

8th Jan: No intention booked.

9.30am Mass each Tuesday in Barefield Church.

Novena Mass in Church of Our Lady each Monday 9.30am

*Finance Development Fund*

*18th December*

*Barefield: €174*

*Doora: €218*

*Church of Our Lady: €86*

*Development: €1,228*

*Míle buíochas*



**Doora Barefield Ladies Football Club  
Fun Run, Walk & Buggy Push**

around Gurteen on New Years Day starting at 12 noon  
with Refreshments after.

Family Friendly event.

All welcome to this fun event.

**RIP**

*Remember in your prayers*

**Lilian O'Donoghue (nee Heffernan),**

Raheen, Limerick  
& Noughaval, Doora,  
sister of Mary Barry,  
Noughaval.

***Solas na bhflaitheas uirthi***



**Ministers of Eucharist  
& Readers**



**This week:**

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| COur Lady: | JO'Connor/MMcGuire/NBecker | James O'Connor  |
| Doora:     | Mary Barry                 | Patricia Clune  |
| Barefield: | LCorcoran/MRowland         | Maeve O'Donnell |

**Next week:**

|            |                            |                  |
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| COurLady:  | JO'Connor/MMcGuire/NBecker | Joe Dilleen      |
| Doora:     | Patricia Hassett           | Anne Marie Custy |
| Barefield: | MClohessy/CDeloughery      | Nuala Molan      |

**Doora Sacristan**

1st Jan: Owen O'Mahony

8th Jan: Martha Neylon

**Church of Our Lady Basket Collector**

31st Dec: Paddy Perrill & Harold Herlihy

7th Jan: Dan Lenihan & Tom Heath

**A Prayer for the New Year**

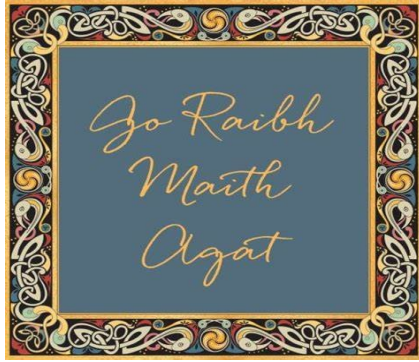


May you awake each morning  
with 'thank you' on your lips  
and in your heart,  
recognizing that all is gift,  
that all is blessing.

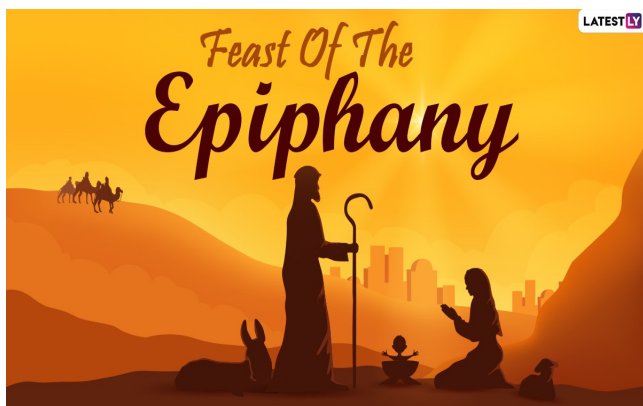
May your friendship with God  
be strong and healthy.  
May that love be both a comfort  
and a challenge  
as you struggle to find your way  
in the New Year.

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.

## 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**




### Feast of the Epiphany Masses Friday 6th January

This feast as part of our Christmas celebrations recalls the wise men guided by a star arriving to adore the new born baby.

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| Church of Our Lady, Roslevan                   | 9.30am |
| Church of the immaculate Conception, Barefield | 7pm    |
| St. Breacan's Church, Doora                    | 8pm    |

**Priests' Christmas Collection** Thank you for your generosity to all who contributed to the Priests Christmas Collection. If you were away or forgot your contribution, it would still be much appreciated. You can also donate on line on our website: [www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/donate](http://www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/donate).

 **First Friday Mass 6th January** If you or someone you know would like a First Friday call please contact Fr. Tom or the Parish Office with details.

**Many thanks** to all who attended the Carol Service in Barefield Church on the 18th Dec. A great evening was had. Thanks to all who donated to the Franciscan Lourdes Invalid fund.

A total of 470.00 was raised.



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

John O'Donohue



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.

*Athbhliain faoi Mhaise Daoibh*

# Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever.

## 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 Book of Numbers Nb 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord let his face shine on you  
be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you  
and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

## The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

O God, be gracious and bless us.

God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

**R**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.

With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

**R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing til the ends of the earth revere him. **R**

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

**Gal 4:4-7**

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

## The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

## A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Lk 2:16-21**

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say.

As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

## 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

**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.**

