

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

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Year C) 25th December, 2022

GOD DOWN TO EARTH

In the year 1223, three years before his death, Francis of Assisi was invited by a good friend, John; to come celebrate midnight mass with the poor people of Greccio, a small town not far from Assisi. Francis agreed and fifteen days beforehand, he sent word that he wanted, "to recall the memory of the child of Bethlehem" in a most special way. He sent word to the peasants of Greccio to have ready, a manger with hay, an ox and an ass standing near.

All was prepared when Francis arrived. The crowds came with their torches at midnight from the village to the little Hermitage of Francis and his brother Friars. We are told that the priest celebrant was over awed and consoled at the sight of the humanness and simplicity of the worlds first crib.

Francis dressed in Deacon's Vestments sang the Gospel and preached a homily on "the child of Bethlehem". Francis saw the Jesus of Christmas as "someone to love and care for." God was surely like us now, a child in a manger, vulnerable, needing our love.

So Greccio on December 24th 1223 became Bethlehem and the poor simple people of that remote village passed on word about how Francis had made their Christmas so alive, so simple, so joyous, by having the manger, the ox, the ass, and hay; word went round.

And so, the crib that you see today here in our church and the crib that you too will have in your home, is all because a young man in Assisi, all those years ago decided that Christmas should be real, simple, down to earth and of course that's exactly what the crib does, it brings God down to earth, to us.

This Christmas with the crib in your home, it is not an ornament but an opportunity to bring Christ down to earth in your home.

Happy Christmas.



Priest on Duty 25th December 2022.
Contact Fr. Tom Ryan Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

24th December: No intention
Christmas Day: No intentions.
27th December: 11am: Mary Cabey, Lios Ard, Tulla Rd.
1st Anniv.
31st Dec: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

24th December: Gerry Cullinan, Creggaun, Knockanean, Doora
Christmas Day: No intentions.
1st January: No intention booked.

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD**

24th December: Peggy & Daniel Murray, Killarney.
Christmas Day: No intentions.
1st January: Maura & Joe Cullinan, Barefield.
Michael (Buddy) Purcell, Ballyduff.

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



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan: 6pm;
The Immaculate Conception, Barefield: 7.30pm;
St. Brecan's Church Doora: 9pm.

Christmas Day Masses

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



**Ministers of Eucharist
& Readers**



Church of Our Lady

24th	TBohannon/MOCallaghan/KMorris	James O'Connor
25th	Joan O'Connor	Claire Cremin
31st	TBohannon/MOCallaghan/KMorris	James O'Connor

Immaculate Conception, Barefield

24th	MO'Loughlin/BGalvin	Michael Clohessy
25th	LMurphy/MHassett	Seamus Leamy
1st Jan	LCorcoran/MRowland	Maeve O'Donnell

St. Brecan's, Doora

24th	Owen O'Mahony	Seamus Enright
25th	Bernard Hallinan	Michael Cusack
1st Jan	Mary Barry	Patricia Clune

Doora Sacristan

24th Dec: Mary Corry.
25th Dec: Anne Marie Custy
1st Jan: Owen O'Mahony

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

24th Dec & 31st Dec: Paddy Perrill & Harold Herlihy

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 Greetings

Parish Christmas Cards/Calendar are available 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.



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.

Emmanuel - a name which means "God is with us."



Christmas 2022 is upon us. In these difficult economic times, it is important that we take time out to celebrate what we have and to give thanks for those who are dear to us. We live in the sure and certain hope that when we gaze on the light of Christ, the Son of God, the star of Bethlehem, all our dreams will come true.

The announcement of the Christmas message brought its own uncertainty to a young couple: Mary and Joseph. Saint Luke tells us that the shepherds on the hillside were terrified. There was a world of political instability and economic uncertainty: they were looking for a deliverer. The message of the angels to them was 'Do not be afraid.' In our difficult times this year the Gospel message endures and crosses the centuries to us in our day - "Do not be afraid ... I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord." The Christmas message of hope tells us that God is with us. We are each asked, in turn, to bring that message of hope in practical ways to each other, particularly those who are worst off in these times, and for whom life is most overwhelming.

This Christmas may we rediscover the surprises of God's love, the depth of His compassion, and the width of His welcome. These may be harsh times economically for many, but the message of Christmas is a message of hope and a better way. The One who lay in the crib knows the pain of the Cross. He knows all about suffering. He is Emmanuel, God with us. He welcomes us. May we welcome Him!

May this Christmas be truly a season of peace and goodwill for all of us. May these blessed days allow us to see the love of God shining through the windowed hearts of all of God's people. And may we hold each other in our prayer and celebration over the coming weeks.

May every family in the parish of Doora Barefield have a joyful celebration of the birthday of Jesus Christ. Happy Christmas!

*Nollaig shona daoibh go léir
agus
Athbhliain faoi mhaise*



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

A child is born for us and a son is given to us,
His scepter of power rests upon his shoulder
And his name will be called Messenger of
great counsel.

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

Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of one who bring good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation, and tells Zion,
"Your God is king!"
Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices;
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.
Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.
The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

All the ends of the earth have seen

The salvation of our God.

Sing a new song to the Lord

For he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
Have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
Has shown his justice to the nations.
The Lord has remembered his truth and
love For the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
The salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
Ring out your joy. **R.**

Sign psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the
horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews Hebrews 1:1-6

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, the Son that he has appointed to
inherit everything and through whom he
made everything there is. He is the radiant
light of God's glory and the perfect copy of
his nature, sustaining the universe by his
powerful command;
and now that he has destroyed the
defilement of sin, he has gone to take his
place in heaven at the right hand of
divine Majesty. So he is now as far above
the angels as the title which he has
inherited is higher than their own
name.

God has never said to any angel: 'You are
my Son, today I have become your father';
or: 'I will be a father to him and
he a son to me.' Again, when he brings
the First-born into the world, he says: 'Let
all the angels of God worship him.'

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia

A hallowed day has dawned upon us
Come, you nations, worship the Lord,
for today a great light has shone down
upon the earth .
Alleluia.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Today a saviour has been born to you.
Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a
census of the whole world to be taken.
This census - the first - took place while
Quirinius was governor of Syria, and
everyone went to his own town to be
registered. So Joseph set out from the
town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled

up to Judaea, to the town of David called
Bethlehem, since he was of David's House
and line, in order to be registered together with
Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While
they were there the time came for her to have
her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-
born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes,
and laid him in a manger because there was no
room for them at the inn. In the countryside
close by there were shepherds who lived in
the fields and took it in turns to watch their
flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord
appeared to them and the glory of the Lord
shone round them. They were terrified, but the
angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you
news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the
whole people. Today in the town of David a
saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the
Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a
baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in
a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there
was a great throng of the heavenly host,
praising God and singing:

**"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and
peace to men who enjoy his favour".**

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

**All the ends of the earth have seen the
Salvation of our God.**