

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

Second Sunday of Advent (Year C) 4th December, 2022

The Advent Wreath – A Christmas Tradition

Christmas is near. It is a time of preparation and shopping for most. Children are writing letters to Santa. People are sending Christmas cards, buying gifts for loved ones and preparing their homes for visitors and family reunions.

It is very different to the last two years when we had lockdowns. We need to make spiritual preparation also, people are awaiting the coming of the Saviour.

The Advent Wreath is an essential and important symbol of Christmas and takes a central part in our Churches and in our homes during this season.

The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition which we use as part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas. The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season.

The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life.

The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

It goes on forever, just like God's love for us.

- **The 1st purple candle** was lit last Sunday, November 27th, the 1st Sunday in Advent, and is the candle of **HOPE**.
- **The 2nd purple candle** is lit today December 4th, 2nd Sunday in Advent, and is the candle of **PEACE**.
- **The 3rd pink candle** is lit on the 3rd Sunday in Advent, December 11th, also known as Gaudete Sunday, and is the candle of **JOY**.
- **The 4th purple candle** is lit on the 4th Sunday in Advent, December 18th, and is the candle of **LOVE**.

The central white candle is lit on Christmas Day December 25th as the Light of Christ enters the world when Jesus is born.

As we look to our celebration of Christmas, we pray that we will remember that, in Jesus, God's Son, we have received the most wonderful gift of all!



**Priest on Duty 4th December 2022.
Contact Fr. David Carroll Tel. 065 6869098**

**Remembered in Masses this week
CHURCH OF OUR LADY**

3rd Dec: Mary Hannon, Ardsolus.
8th Dec: Michael & Maureen McNamara, Co. Roscommon.
10th Dec: Vincent Gardner, Millbank, Roslevan.
Carmel Devane, The Lane, Newpark.
Tommy Kearney, Roslevan.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

4th Dec: Joe & Nancy Byrnes, Finanagh.
Frank O'Connor, Kilbricken.
11th Dec: Christy 'Buddy' Reddan, Cappahard.
Tony Mangan, Kilbreckan.
Brendan Molloy, Moyriesk.
Thomas & Josephine Heffernan
& John McInerney, Noughaville.

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD**

4th Dec: Martin & Margaret McNamara, Ballyogan.
Deceased Hanrahan Family, Larchill.
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.

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

*Finance Development Fund
27th November
Barefield: €111
Doora: €128
Church of Our Lady: €169
Development: €622*



RIP

Remember in your prayers



Mary Conlon,
Newtownforbes, Co. Longford,
Sister of **Pat Slattery,**
Moyriesk.

*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**



This week:

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

Next week:

COur Lady:	TBohannon/MO'Callaghan/KMorris	Olive Harvey
Barefield:	JDevitt/MWhyte	David Culligan
Doora:	Seán Conlan	Laura Burke

Doora Sacristan

4th Dec: Margaret Hosty
11th Dec: Cora Burke

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

3rd Dec: Michael Williams & Paul Mockler
10th Dec: Joan O'Connor & James Reynolds

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 available.

*Advent is a journey
towards Bethlehem.
May we let ourselves be drawn
by the light of God made man.*



Pope Francis.

**Advent
Reconciliation**



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

**Today we light the second candle
of the Advent wreath.
With this candle we pray that the light of Christ
will shine through us to everyone we meet.
Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight his path.**



**MASSES FOR FEAST OF
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER**

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

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.

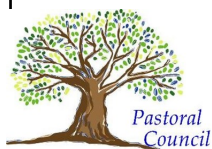
If any parishioner would like an annual box please contact Cora in the Parish Office during office hours and a box will be issued to you.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Giving the Gift of Love This Christmas

TROCAIRE
Working for a Just World

Could you give a gift of love to help lift families in Malawi out of hunger? Trócaire 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 Trócaire 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



Barefield Pastoral Council Meeting

**A meeting of Barefield Pastoral Council
will take place in Barefield Church on
Tuesday 6th December @ 7pm.**

Bimis an caint

Cuireann Caint agus Comhrá fáilte roimh chách le bheith páirteach leo ina gciorcail comhrá Dé Céadaoin / Dé Satharn i gCaife Glór ar 11:00; nó ar an Déardaoin san Temple Gate 8.00pm. Speakers of all ages, nationalities and levels of knowledge of Irish, are welcome to take part in Caint agus Comhrá informal convos. Eolas: caintaguscomhrá@outlook.com

A Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent



O holy, patient, and loving God,
In this season of grace-filled longing,
we await the coming of your Son and our Saviour.
It is difficult for us to remember that this is a holy time.

There are many distractions:
commitments seem to pile up,
and expectations are high.

In the midst of our busy world, our busy lives,
we need your help to remind us
of what is important and necessary.

While many of those things that we do not need
will come to us in packages gleaming and bright,
the one gift that will last comes from you alone,
gracious God, as we grow in our awareness of your
love, bless us, our family and friends,
and the food and the company that we share.

Increase in us a growing urgency to celebrate
the birth of your Son,
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**



Flower and Garden Club present Ann Marie Keffe at Treacys West County Hotel Ennis on Tuesday December 6th, admission euro 10 non members, all are welcome, doors open at 7.30 pm, demonstrators arrangements raffled on the night, also Christmas sales table. Contact 0857743398, Secretary.

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



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



Tommy Hehir c/o O'Connors
Michelle O'Brien, Knockanean
Tom O'Brien, Ballyalla
Stephen & Patricia Kane, Roslevan



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**O People of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his
voice
heard in the joy of your heart.**

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 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the
Lord.

(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)

He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict of hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of
the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together
with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.

The lion eats straw like the ox.

The infant plays over the cobras hole;
into the vipers lair

the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,

for the country is filled with the knowledge of
the

Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.

It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: In his days justice shall flourish
And peace till the moon fails.**

O God, give your judgement to the King,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

R.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R**

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May his name be blessed forever
and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **R.**

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to
the Romans Rm 15:4-9**

Everything that was written long ago in
the scriptures was meant to teach us
something about hope from the examples
scripture gives of how people who
did not give up were helped by God. And
may he who helps us when we refuse to
give up, help you all to be tolerant with
each other, following the example of
Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and
voice you may give glory to the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for
you to treat each other in the same
friendly way as Christ treated you. The
reason Christ became the servant of
circumcised Jews was not only so that
God could faithfully carry out the
promises made to the patriarchs, it was
also to get the pagans to give glory to
God for his mercy, as scripture says in
one place: For this I shall praise you
among the pagans and sing your name.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord,

Make his paths straight

**And all mankind shall see the
salvation of God.**

Alleluia!

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew.**

Mt 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared;
he preached in the wilderness of Judaea
and this was his message: 'Repent, for
the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.

This was the man the prophet Isaiah
spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of
camel-hair with a leather belt round his
waist, and his food was locusts

and wild honey.

Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the
whole Jordan district made their way to him,
and as they were baptised by him in the
river Jordan they confessed their sins. But
when he saw a number of Pharisees and
Sadducees coming for baptism he said to
them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to
fly from the retribution that is coming? But if
you are repentant, produce the appropriate
fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves,
"We have Abraham for our father," be-
cause, I tell you, God can raise children for
Abraham from these stones. Even now the
axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that
any tree which fails to produce good fruit
will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I
baptise you in water for repentance, but the
one who follows me is more powerful than I
am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he
will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will
clear his threshing-floor and gather his
wheat into the barn;
but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will
never go out.'

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 be-
fore 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 for-
giveness of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the
heights, and behold the joy which comes
to you from God.**