

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 15th January, 2023

Created for a Purpose

Andrei Bitov, a Russian novelist discovered that for years, he had been living in despair. Identifying as an atheist, he saw life as completely meaningless. There was no other way to look at it. But one ordinary day when Bitov was riding the metro, a phrase, popped into his head: "Without God, life makes no sense". Bitov describes how suddenly at that very moment everything became clear. Walking out of the metro and into the light, he was astonished. His misery melted away and he made the decision to dedicate himself to God. Bitov is among many who serve God each day by believing in Him. Bitov found the meaning and purpose of his existence.

The meaning of life is one of the toughest questions faced by mankind. Why, after all, are we here? We know that we are no accident, we were created by God deliberately and purposefully to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him.

HOW TO FIND GOD'S PURPOSE IN OUR LIFE?

The answer to finding and living God's purpose in our life is in John's proclamation in today's gospel passage, "Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world". It's a command to look to Jesus. John doesn't say, "Look at me! I'm a great prophet!" He doesn't say, "Look at your good works; they will save you." He doesn't say, "Look at your religious rituals; they will put you in good stead on judgment day." He says, "Look to the Lamb of God!" Jesus saves sinners who look in faith to Him. To "behold" Christ means living a life worthy of his sacrifice on the cross, making conscious effort every day to live a life free of sin.

Often, we think of sin as breaking God's commandments, but sin is much more than just breaking a commandment, it is a failure to love, a failure to care. God has loved us so much and every time we sin, we turn our back on Him. For if sin is a sin against the love of God, Jesus redeems us by his great love, not only for God his Father, but for all of us. And it is in the loving of Jesus that we are forgiven, because he never held it against us. For there was no sin that Jesus himself did not immediately forgive because his love was so great. Our purpose and mission in life is to be witnesses of Christ's redeeming love.

Many are striving to cleanse their soul from stains. They wash it with tears of sorrow; they scrub it with soap of good resolves; they rub it with the chamois of morality; but still the consciousness of it is not removed.

The trouble is, **"It's on the inside. Nothing but the blood of Jesus, applied by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, can cleanse the inside."**

Rod and Staff, Breaking the Word



Priest on Duty 15th January, 2023.
Contact Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick — Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

14th Jan: John & Margaret McTernan & Family, Scarriff.
21st Jan: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

15th Jan: Denny Vaughan, Knockanean. MM.
22nd Jan: Eileen Canny, Ballyglass.
Terence Torpey, Kilfenora.
Tom & Nora Mangan, Ballaghboy.

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD**

15th Jan: Charlie Dineen, Douglas, Cork. MM.
Michael Duggan, Ballymacuiggan. **1st Anniv.**
Michael & Maurice Fitzgerald, Barefield.
Anthony Tony Cassidy, Girroga Heights.
Bridget Johnson (nee Hurley),
Reading, England & Larchill.
22nd Jan: Maura & Jimmy Carmody, Carhudotia.

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

Finance Development Fund

8th January

Barefield: €73

Doora: €66

Church of Our Lady: €110

Development € 1,754

Míle buíochas



RIP



Remember in your prayers:

Michael (Mick) Conway,
Dublin

& formerly of Larchill, Barefield

*Goodbyes are 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:

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| COur Lady: | JOConnor/MMcGuire/NBecker | Joe Dilleen |
| Doora: | Marie Flanagan | Marie Flanagan |
| Barefield: | MWhyte/JDevitt | Tommy Duggan |

Next week:

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| COurLady: | JOConnor/MMcGuire/NBecker | Bridget Hoey |
| Doora: | Seán Conlan | Eamon O'Halloran |
| Barefield: | CLeamy/MDowlihg | Carmel McGovern |

Doora Sacristan

15th Jan: Teresa Hallinan
22nd Jan: Margaret Liddy

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

14th Jan: Dan Lenihan & Tom Heath.
21st Jan: Michael Williams & Paul Mockler

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.



Divine Mercy Conference

Day return bus to Divine Mercy conference Saturday 18th February. Fantastic international speakers, great day of spiritual inspiration and refreshment. €80 for bus and entry ticket. Contact 087-2752578 for enquiries and booking.

Des Ryan requests that brown coin, old spectacles, rosary beads and used Christmas Cards be left in the receptacle in the porch of Doora Church. These items help Des's work in Tanzania. Thanks to all who have donated these items.

A New Year is God's Gift.



In the joyful moments – thank Him.

In the busy moments – bless Him.

In the trying moments – trust Him.

In the quiet moments - praise Him.

Roy Lessin



Doora N.S. is now accepting applications for enrolment of Junior Infants for the school year 2023/2024. Please email doorans1@gmail.com or call the office on 065-6829636 if you require an application form. The closing date for applications is: 03/02/2023.

Knockanean National School will commence accepting applications for Junior Infants for the coming school year, on January 9, 2023. Application forms can be obtained by contacting Madge in the school office on 065 6840088 or by sending an email to cnocanein@gmail.com requesting an application form. **Closing date for completed application forms is 2.40 p.m. on January 27th 2023.**

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/>.

Annual Toonagh Charity Walk Sunday 15th January
Registration at Toonagh Hall at 11am.
Suitable for families with various fitness levels.
Three walk routes around the roads of Toonagh 2km, 6km or 10km in aid of Midwestern Cancer Foundation.
All welcome.

St. Joseph's Doora Barefield Victory Social

St. Joseph's Doora Barefield Victory Social on Saturday 4th February next at The Inn at Dromoland. Dinner at 7pm. Music by Switch. €50 per tick.



Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



Eucharistic Adoration at St. Breacan's Church, Doora every Wednesday 6pm to 10pm.

Leave all your worries, cares and desires with Jesus. Take this time to leave the busy world outside and relax in silence with Jesus. It will benefit the mind and soul. All welcome.

Winter in all of Our Lives

There is a winter in all of our lives,
a chill and darkness that makes us yearn
for days that have gone
or put our hope in days yet to be.
Father God, you created seasons for a purpose.

Spring is full of expectation
buds breaking
frosts abating and an awakening
of creation before the first days of summer.
Now the sun gives warmth
and comfort to our lives
reviving aching joints
bringing colour, new life
and crops to fruiting.



Autumn gives nature space
to lean back, relax and enjoy the fruits of its labour
mellow colours in sky and landscape
as the earth prepares to rest.

Then winter, cold and bare as nature takes stock
rests, unwinds, sleeps until the time is right.
An endless cycle and yet a perfect model.

We need a winter in our lives
a time of rest, a time to stand still
a time to reacquaint ourselves
with the faith in which we live.
It is only then that we can draw strength
from the one in whom we are rooted,
take time to grow and rise through the darkness
into the warm glow of your springtime
to blossom and flourish
bring colour and vitality into this world
your garden.

Thank you Father for the seasons of our lives.

Author Unknown

Getting Married in 2023!

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

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot €15,000
Venue: Clubhouse: Winners of €50



Anthony Halpin, Shanaway Rd.
Ken Kennedy, Doora.
Madeline Flynn, Quin.
Winnie Hassett, Barefield

Thank you for your support

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you,
O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing
to your name, O Most High!

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

Is 49:3.5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel,

in whom I shall be glorified';

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his
servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my
servant, to restore the tribes of
Jacob and bring back the survivors
of Israel; I will make you the
light of the nations so that my
salvation may reach to the ends of
the earth'.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth
praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice
and offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will. My God,
I delight in your law in the depth of my
heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed
In the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

1 Cor 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an
apostle, together with brother Sosthenes,
send greetings to the church of God in
Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus
Christ, who are called to take their place
among all the saints everywhere who
pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is
their Lord no less than ours. May God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send
you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven

And glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John **Jn 1:29-34**

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John
said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that
takes away the sin of the world. This is
the one I spoke of when I said: A man is

coming after me who ranks before me
because he existed before me. I did not
know him myself, and yet it was to reveal
him to Israel that I came baptising with
water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spir-
it coming down on him from heaven like a
dove and resting on him. I did not know
him myself, but he who sent me to baptise
with water had said to me, "The man on
whom you see the Spirit come down and
rest is the one who is going to baptise with
the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am
the witness that he is the Chosen One of
God.'

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 Pon-
tius 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 resurrec-
tion of the dead and the life of the world to
come. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

**Your have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that
quenches my thirst.**