

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

The Baptism of the Lord (Year A) 8th January, 2023

The Baptism of the Lord is celebrated today; it seems to make sense having it on this Sunday shortly after Christmas. And in the liturgical year, which can often seem a strange cycle of time compared to our calendar year, this Sunday is the end of the season of Christmas. We might think that it is a natural link between birth and baptism.

Yet here is Jesus, a grown man, coming to John for baptism and John doesn't even want to do it. How to make sense of this moment when our daily living has moved on and moved away from Christmas, when our own baptismal celebrations are, for the most part, are about welcoming babies into the family of the Church?

Maybe the framing of the liturgical year in this way is something that we need. It might even make us stop and reflect for a moment, reminding us that something different happens with Jesus and that his actions and words caused many to stop and think about what they were doing.

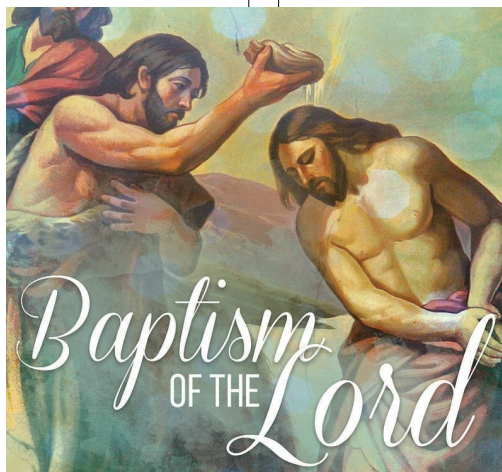
John the Baptist had that name for a very good reason but he is confused about why Jesus would seek baptism from him.

Jesus wants to show that he is human, that he is walking in the footsteps of many, so that others will follow his footsteps. But the voice from heaven calls out and marks him apart.

This celebration is about baptism as a beginning, as a new way of life. It is better to see it as the beginning of something rather than the conclusion of Christmas.

The excitements and excesses of that season have passed but this moment calls us to a belief in Jesus as the Son of God; it calls us to a belief in the Spirit of God coming down on newly-baptised; it calls us to belief in God's favour resting on all the baptised. This is a profound teaching that comes to us from the Gospel and while there have been many thousands of words written about the Trinity, here it is in the most simple and yet most powerful presentation.

God, Father, Son & Spirit, with us through our baptism, means that we can face each and every day with hope for as Pope Francis says, "Faith is a gift that keeps alive a profound and beautiful certainty: that we are God's beloved children."



Priest on Duty 8th January, 2023.
Contact Fr. Ger Jones— Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

7th Jan: No intention booked.

14th Jan: John & Margaret McTernan & Family, Scarriff.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

8th Jan: No intention booked.

15th Jan: Denny Vaughan, Knockanean. MM.

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD**

8th Jan: Patrick & Maura Doolaghty, Barefield.

15th Jan: Charlie Dineen, Douglas, Cork. MM.

Michael & Maurice Fitzgerald, Barefield.

9.30am Mass each Tuesday in Barefield Church.

Novena Mass in Church of Our Lady each Monday 9.30am

Finance Development Fund

Christmas Collections:

Barefield: €835

Doora: €545

Church of Our Lady: €578

Development €4,427

1st January

Barefield: €131

Doora: €58

Church of Our Lady: €166

Development: €1,567 nm

Míle buíochas



RIP

Remember in your prayers:

Kamil Mankos,
Cluainn Ros Leaham,

Kieran O'Connor,
Cloverhill, Tulla Rd.

Michael Slattery,
Moyriesk, Quin and London.

Paddy Lofuts,
Buttermarket St., Ennis,
Brother of Vincent, Roslevan

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.



**Ministers of Eucharist
& Readers**



This week:

COur Lady: JOConnor/MMcGuire/NBecker

Joe Dilleen

Doora: Patricia Hassett

Anne Marie Custy

Barefield: MClohessy/CDeloughery

Nuala Molan

Next week:

COurLady: JOConnor/MMcGuire/NBecker

Joe Dilleen

Doora: Marie Flanagan

Marie Flanagan

Barefield: MWhyte/JDevitt

Tommy Duggan

Doora Sacristan

8th Jan: Martha Neylon

15th Jan: Teresa Hallinan

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

7th & 14th Jan: Dan Lenihan & Tom Heath.

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.



Are you or someone you know living with a long term health condition? If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a Free ONLINE, 6 week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few.

The Living Well Programme supports people to develop the skills and confidence to live with their health condition.

There are spaces available on our January Programmes. To book your place please contact Aine (041) 6850676 / (087) 1140371 or Joanne (041) 6860710 / (087) 4308735 or www.hse.ie/livingwell

Bereaved by Suicide

This time of year can be a difficult time for people bereaved by suicide. Clare Suicide Bereavement Support volunteers are available to help you. Support and help are only a phone call away.



You could phone us at one of our numbers given below and we will take it from there. We promise complete confidentiality. 086 0565373. 087 3698315.

www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com

Dementia Friendly Social Club every Monday at Cuan an Chláir, Cahercalla from 11pm to 1pm. To book contact Hadley 087 1898 711 / hadley.fitzpatrick@alzheimer.ie.



**Alcoholics Anonymous
Ireland**

Clare Area Alcoholics Anonymous Are you concerned about your own or a loved ones drinking? Open public meeting on 14th January in the Maria Assumpta Hall 11am—1pm Speakers from Alcoholics Anonymous & AI Anon. Further information from 085 2071474

Clare COPD Ireland group resume exercise classes in Maria Assumpta Hall, Ennis on Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 12:15 with James Ferrans. Those with respiration problems feel welcome to attend; just €1 charge for tea.

COUNSELLING available for single or married couples at Accord Ennis. Contact: 065 6824297 Email: accordenni@8tzs1@gmail.com



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, 2023
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.

*“January is the quietest month in the garden.
But just because it looks quiet,
doesn't mean that nothing
is happening.”*



Snowdrops (Plúiríní Sneachta)



They're to be seen across the land
From frozen ground they will sprout forth,
Of nature we see a rebirth,
Seeds of life hid within the earth,
At last winter is to depart,
For the spring months are soon to start,
Flowers that are the most pure white,
Shall always be a pleasing sight,
Undeterred should there still be frost,
Flowers will open at all cost,
The snowdrop's beauty shines the most,
In a month that's a bitter host,
In woods darts about the place,
Bringing smiles to many a face,
For our countryside they do bless,
bringing about scenes that impress.

Christian Lacdael

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



CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE SERVICE

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

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



Bebhinn Moloney, Gort Rd
Michael Neylon, Quin Rd
Bridget Hoey, Roslevan
Eugene Foudy, Tulla Rd

Thank you for your support

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the

of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Response:

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court **R.**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R.**

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: "Glory!" The Lord sat enthroned over the flood: the Lord sits as king for ever. **R.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Act. 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men.

You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:

"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him". Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Mt 3:13-17**

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said, 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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 the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.