

Mass Times

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| 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

First Sunday of Lent (Year A) 26th February, 2023

Who is your God?

The God of Deuteronomy is - 30:19-20

A God of freedom,
A God who says, "Choose!"
A God who asks for decisions-
You can't have me and death!
You can't have me and be deaf to
my people!
You can't love me and kill what I love!

The God of Joel is - 2:1-2, 12-17

Full of grace-goodness
Full of mercy
Rich in kindness
Slow to anger
Easily forgiving.

The God of Paul is - 2 Cor.:20b:-6-10

One who knows Paul thoroughly
One who draws him out in ecstasy
One who gives him a reason for action
One who calls him to a new creation
One who reconciles
One who shows us Jesus.

The God of Jesus described by Matthew - 6:1-6, 16-21

Is for honesty
Is not impressed by show
Is accessible to all
Can tell genuine holiness
from pious veneer
Has no favourites
Asks us to take risks with trust
Recognises that our faith is weak
Recognises that our courage is minimal
but still calls us to serve the kingdom.

So, who is your God?

Is your God someone you are afraid of?
Does your God allow you to excuse yourself
from care of the world because you are busy
with spiritual things?
Is your God satisfied with an immature Christianity?



Priest on Duty 26th February, 2023.
Contact Fr. Ger Jones — Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

25th February: Judy Fawl, Knockanean. MM.

Mary Fanning, Newpark. MM.

4th March: Maureen O'Donoghue, Ballaghboy.
Patricia & John Leahy.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

26th February: Patrick Meere, Wellpark, Quin.

Margaret Cullinan, Creggaun.

5th March: Ita Cleary, Tulla Rd. 1st Anniv.

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD**

26th February: Michael & Joseph Carmody, Barefield.

Kitty, Vincent & James Conroy, Barefield.

5th March: 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

19th February

Barefield: €244

Doora: €89

Church of Our Lady: €185

Development €678

Mile buíochas

RIP

Remember in your prayers

Roger Forde,
Millbank, Roslevan.

Paddy McMahon,
Spencilhill.

Tommy O'Keeffe,
Nenagh, brother of Flor Coffey,
Hillcrest, Tulla Road.

Teresa Carey,
Cooraclare,
mother of John Carey, The Hazels,
Oakleigh Woods.

The Light of Heaven to Them.



**Ministers of Eucharist
& Readers**



This week:

COur Lady: NCollins/HHerlihy/BBurke Maria O'Driscoll

Doora: Mary Barry Noreen O'Connor

Barefield: JDevitt/MWhyte Bernard Casey

Next week:

COur Lady: SGarvey/PMockler/MDilleen Jimmy O'Driscoll

Doora: Anne Marie Custy Orla Barry

Barefield: MDowling/CLeamy Tara Donnellan

Doora Sacristan Rota

26th February: Mary Corry.

5th March: Seamus Enright.

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

25th Feb: Paddy Perrill & Harold Herlihy

4th Mar: Dan Lenihan & Tom Heath

Lenten Stations of the Cross - Reflection on the Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday during Lent in Doora Church at 7.30pm. All welcome.



Assumpta Community Hall,

LENTEN SERIES – Killaloe Diocese invite you to An Adult Faith Formation Lenten series. The dates are March the 13, 20th and 27th @ 8pm -9.15 pm sharp in the Maria Cathedral of St. Peter & Paul, Ennis.

Thought for Lent



LENT

Keep me, O God, from pettiness.
Let us be large in thought, word and deed.
Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretence
and meet each other face to face
without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.
Let us take time for all things.
Make us grow calm, serene, gentle.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses,
and make us straight-forward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize that
it is the little things in life that create differences;
that in the big things we are all as one.
And, O Lord God, Let us not forget to be kind.

MARKING 50 YEARS OF TRÓCAIRE
'Hold Fast to Love and Justice'

TRÓCAIRE

Working for a Just World

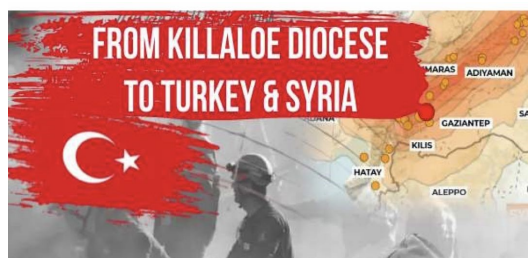
As we mark 50 years of Trócaire, we mark 50 years of perseverance, courage, participation, accountability and solidarity. From supporting human rights defenders in Central America, to leading the relief effort in Vietnam following the war, to providing essential emergency assistance in the midst of crisis, Trócaire has been proud to work on behalf of the people of the island of Ireland in fighting injustice across the world.

We thank God for our supporters and partners who empower us to do this vital work. We pray that the next fifty years will see all the people of the world working together for a more just world, and that the fruits of this work will be clear to see.

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on **Wednesday 1st March at 7pm** in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr Michael Collins, former Chaplain to St Joseph's Secondary School will lead us in prayer. On the night we welcome choir / musicians from St Joseph's Secondary School. Attending this Novena could be your Lenten resolution.



Emergency Appeal



The earthquake in Syria and Turkey on 5th February had a devastating impact on millions of people in both countries.

There will be an opportunity as you leave Mass next weekend 4th and 5th March to contribute to an emergency appeal organized by Trócaire. Thanking you for responding to the cry of the poor.

'The Triest Community Employment Scheme (sponsored by Brothers of Charity Clare Services) are currently recruiting the following positions in the Clare Services: Support Workers, Cleaners, General Maintenance Assistants, Sports & Recreational Roles and Art & Craft Assistants. Please contact the local Department of Social Protection Employment Services/Intreo Office to check your eligibility and to apply for this vacancy or contact - Thomas Gilligan at 065-6823123.



Information on the Pioneer Pledge for Lent, Calendar and quarterly Newsletter is available at www.pioneers.ie. Parishioners who wish to offer prayerful support to a person along the road to recovery from addiction

are invited to contact Fr Robert via www.pioneers.ie/pray or by post to PTAA, PO Box 13492, Dublin 7

Pilgrimage to Poland. Flight from Shannon October 4th—11th Spiritual leader Fr. Brendan Quinlivan. Booking and further information, contact 057 9355050

Seisiún Cois Tine at Cois na hAbhna Sunday February 26th at 6pm. Admission €3, children free.

St. Joseph's Doora Barefield GAA Club Annual Church Gate Collection.



St. Joseph's Doora Barefield GAA Club annual Church Gate Collection takes place this Saturday & Sunday at all Masses in the Parish. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Men's Rosary will take place this Saturday, 4th March and every First Saturday of the month at The Square, Ennis at 1pm. Although led by men, all are welcome. This is one of many Men's Rosaries taking place across Ireland and the world praying, as Our Lady asked us in Fatima for reparation, repentance and conversion of our nation. 'Then my Immaculate Heart will triumph!'



We would be delighted to hear from you if you're interested in becoming an **Accord Marriage Preparation facilitator**. For information on recruitment and training contact marriagepreparation@accord.ie

Diocesan Nurse—The Diocese of Killaloe is looking to appoint a Diocesan Nurse (2 days per week) to work with clergy in the Killaloe Diocese, providing an advocacy and support service to priests in the community. For more information, contact Colette Ryan at Carebright on email at cryan@carebrighft.ie

Doora Crib Collection €93 for Help us Dry the Tears Divine Mercy Charity. Many thanks to all who donated.

"Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to shake us from our lethargy"

Pope Francis

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto
Next weeks Jackpot €15,000
Venue: Clubhouse



Winners of €50

Michelle Duggan, Ballymacuiggan
Stephen Cunningham c/o M. McMahon, Doora
Michael Kelleher, Knockanean
Laura Quinn, Gort Rd.

Thank you for your support

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.**

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 book of Genesis.

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden, which is in the east; and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, "Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?"

The woman answered the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death." Then the serpent said to the woman,

"No! you will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like Gods, knowing good and evil." The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give.

So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we have sinned.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
Put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
Nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

*Give me again the joy of your help;
With a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
And my mouth shall declare your praise. R*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Rm 5.12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, O Christ,
king of eternal glory!**

**Man does not live on bread alone,
But on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.**

**Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory!**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 4.1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.'

But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, the angels appeared and looked after 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

**One does not live by bread alone,
But by every word that comes forth
From the mouth of God.**