

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

Third Sunday of Lent (Year A) 12th March, 2023

Hail Glorious St. Patrick

St. Patrick's Day is the day when millions of people, even those without a drop of Irish blood become honorary Irish for the day. The day itself has become traditionally associated with parades and the wearing of the green. Globally the 17th March is pencilled in as a day for everyone to celebrate the impact that our ancestors have made on both the religious and social development of our world.

Following St. Patrick's footsteps the early monks brought the light of Christian Faith to a Europe of that time that had fallen into darkness of pagan worship. Even to this day Irish Missionaries, both religious and lay are to be found in every corner of the world, bringing dignity, hope and love to people who are suffering and poor.

The early ideas I had of St. Patrick was that in his youth he had a hard time as a slave in Ireland but that after his return as a missionary he found success came very easy. Later in life I read documents called his "Confessions" and "Letters to Criticus" and I realised that his life as a missionary here in Ireland was anything but an easy one. Despite all his success he had to cope with many disappointments and setbacks and would certainly not have achieved so much if he did not have great faith in God and had not turned to him for help in his difficulties.



We all know about the first big crisis in Patrick's life, when at the age of sixteen he was snatched from his secure home to a life of slavery in Ireland and yet when he looked back on his time he saw it as a blessing.

From being a lukewarm Christian he turned to God for help and as he himself wrote "I used to get up for prayer before daylight".

He escaped after six years, eventually making his way home and later he was ordained as a priest, hoping one day to return to Ireland. When he did return he met with great success but at a price. In his old age some people, envious of his success, began to gossip about him, others who were his helpers were more educated than he was and looked down on him as they felt that he was not qualified to lead them.

The experience of St. Patrick shows us that the path to God is never smooth, even for a great saint. When troubles and disappointments came and he had more than his fair share of them St. Patrick put his trust in God, reached out to him in prayer and gave an example from which we can all learn.

As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day this week it is an invitation to reflect on our Spiritual values which is the hallmark of what we pride in ourselves as Christians.

Priest on Duty 12th March, 2023.
Contact Fr. David Carroll — Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

11th March: No intention booked.

18th March: Joseph Conroy, Ballaghboy. MM.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

12th March: Anselm Brooks & Brooks Family, Creggaun.

19th March: Paddy & John Torpey, Kilfenora.

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD**

12th March: Oonagh Hogan, Faunrusk.

19th 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

5th March

Barefield: €132

Doora: €113

Church of Our Lady: €185

Development €1,156

Míle buíochas

**“Lent is a time of renewal for the whole
Church, for each community
and every believer.**

Above all it is a “time of grace”.

**God does not ask of us anything that he
himself has not first given us.**

‘We love because he first has loved us’ ”



RIP



Remember in your prayers

Michael O'Dwyer

Ballysimon, Limerick,
brother of **Carmel Keane**,
Cappalawn, Roslevan,

Michael O'Gorman,

St. Senan's Road, Ennis,
father of **Dermot**, Kilbrickan, Doora

*Goodbyes are for those who love with their eyes.
Because for those who love with their heart & soul
there is no separation*



**Ministers of Eucharist
& Readers**



This week:

COur Lady:	Jimmy O'Loughlin	Jimmy O'Loughlin
Doora:	Patricia Hassett	Seán Conlan
Barefield:	MOLoughlin/BGalvin	Maeve O'Donnell

Next week:

COur Lady:	SGarvey/PMockler/MDilleen	Marie Moore
Doora:	Seán Conlan	Seamus Enright
Barefield:	LMurphy/MHassett	Nuala Galvin

Doora Sacristan Rota

12th March: Anne Marie Custy

19th March: Patricia Hassett

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

11th Mar: Dan Lenihan & Tom Heath

18th Mar: Michael Williams & Paul Mockler



Last weekend, we held an Emergency Appeal to help victims of the earthquake in Syria/Turkey. Your wonderful generosity raised **€4,855**. Thank you for responding so generously.



**Aifinn do Lá Fhéile Pádraig
Masses for St. Patrick's Day
Friday 17th March**

**Vigil Mass: Thursday 16th March
Church of Our Lady, Roslevan : 6pm**

**St. Patrick's Day : Doora: 9.45am
Barefield 11.15 am**

Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Bishop Fintan will lead the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon Airport on Tuesday 27th June, returning Sunday 2nd July. €809 includes flight, airport transfers, full board with three meals a day, sanctuary levy. For more information and bookings, please contact Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800 or email joewalshstours.ie Franciscan Pilgrimage 22nd September. Autumn Diocesan Pilgrimage 2nd October. All from Shannon Airport in less than two hours from Shannon.

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

PLEASE NOTE: Eucharistic Adoration at Barefield Church will be held on Tuesday 14th March instead of Thursday 16th March.

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.



LENTEN SERIES – Killaloe Diocese invite you to An Adult Faith Formation Lenten series. **On March 13th** short talk by Bishop Fintan Monahan introducing the spirituality and prayer of Thomas Merton for our time followed by facilitated discussion at Maria Assumpta Hall, Parish Centre, Station Road, Ennis. Cathedral of St. Peter & Paul, Ennis. 8pm—9.15pm.



Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, 15th March at 7:00PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr Tom Ryan, from The Cathedral in Ennis will lead us on the vigil of the feast of our national patron, St. Patrick. We will remember in a special way our Faithful Departed, praying in a particular way for all the founding members of the Matt Talbot Novena. We would love if you joined us in this pilgrimage through Lent.



**ABBAY PASTORAL AREA
LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION**



**“Shepherd Us O God”
Monday 3rd April at 7.30pm
Cathedral, Ennis.**

A Warm Welcome To All.



*Conversations
about the
Future*

The Diocese of Killaloe is undertaking a series of conversations about the future. We are facing a different reality. Trends indicate that the numbers attending are fewer, the age profile of clergy and active laity is getting older, costs are increasing and contributions falling. We need to look at our structures and determine if they are still fit for purpose or if we can organise ourselves more effectively to have more viable communities and proclaim the gospel into the future. For more information, including dates and times for meeting in your local area, go to www.killaloe-diocese.ie/conversations-about-the-future-killaloe-diocese/

Doora NS Used Clothing Collection

Doora N.S. are having a used Clothes Collection on Friday, March 31st - bags to be dropped to the school at 9.00 a.m. on that day.

Bus Escorts Needed - Doora NS



Doora N.S. is seeking expressions of interest for Bus Escorts. Please email the school at doorans1@gmail.com or call 065-6929636.

Scéalaíocht le MacDara - Story time as Gaeilge with MacDara Bígí linn ag Leabharlann de Valera, Inis le haghaidh *Am Scéalaíochta le MacDara*. Oiriúnach do 3-9 bliana d'aois. Imeacht saor in aisce. Déan teagmháil le Leabharlann de Valera, Inis chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil.

Join us at de Valera Library, Ennis for **Story Time as Gaeilge with MacDara**. Suitable for 3-9 years old. Free event. Contact de Valera Library, Ennis for more information. DeValera Public Library, Ennis, **14th March** at 3.00pm Telephone DeValera Library on 065 6824207 or 065 6891317 or email: devalera@clarelibrary.ie

**Doora Barefield GAA Lotto
Next weeks Jackpot €15,000**



**Venue: Clubhouse
Winners of €50**

Brian Gillespie, Corofin
Joe McNamara, Hillcrest
Aine Brooks, Creggaun
Brian O'Connor, Tulla Road
Thank you for your support.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**My eyes are always on the Lord,
For he rescues my feet from the snare
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
For I am alone and poor.**

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 Exodus.

Ex 17.3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the people of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

**O that today you would listen to His voice:
'Harden not your hearts'.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
Hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before Him, giving thanks,
With songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
Let us kneel before the God who made us
For he is our God and we
The people who belong to his pasture,
The flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the desert,
when your fathers put me to the test;
When they tried me,
though they saw my work.' **R.**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. **Rm 5.1-2, 5-8**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given us. We were still helpless when at the appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Lord, you are really the Saviour of the world;
give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Jn 4.:5-42**

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

"If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:
Give me a drink,
you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you
living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again:
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.'

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

**For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life**