

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A - 30th April, 2023

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

On this Vocations Sunday the image of the Good Shepherd is placed before us for our consideration. In the gospel, Jesus declares himself to be the gate of the sheepfold. Through him all others enter the circle of God's life which provides shelter and spiritual nourishment beyond measure.

Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, devotedly and kindly takes care of his flock. The title "pastor" means shepherd. A shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects his flock. These are the responsibilities that belong to all Church leaders, parents, civil leaders, and all who are in charge of others.

One of my favourite quotes from Pope Francis on leadership comes from his reflections on being a shepherd like Jesus. He encourages us to imitate what Jesus does as he shepherds us. Sometimes Jesus walks ahead of the flock; sometimes he walks behind us; sometimes he walks alongside us. In one of his addresses to priests, he encourages them to "be shepherds with the smell of sheep." (Have you ever smelled a sheep? It is really bad. No wonder someone would want to avoid it.) Getting close to the sheep, smelling of sheep, is how the shepherd teaches them to recognize his voice. This reminds us that, in the depths of our hearts, we can recognize the voice of Jesus, whom we have been so close to all our lives.

While reflecting on the uniqueness of every vocation in life, religious and lay, we must recognise the amazing challenge today in the shepherding of parenthood. Parents are the first shepherds of their children protecting them, nourishing them and pointing them in the direction of "THE GOOD SHEPHERD". May they be truly blessed as they create a sheepfold that is safe from all dangers for their little flock.

Pray
for
Vocations



Today on Vocations Sunday we are asked to pray that the Lord will provide good shepherds to lead the flock of Christ. The late bishop of our diocese, Michael Harty, said many years ago that the real measure of the living Christian community was its ability to produce vocations to the priesthood and religious life. That is as true today as it ever was. God always provides shepherds according to the need so we shouldn't grow disheartened if the numbers do not seem to add up.

So let our prayer be:

*Jesus, Good Shepherd, as you called your disciples,
you call us now.
Open our ears to listen to you calling;
Open our eyes to see you;
Open our hearts to your love.
And loving you, our servant King, let us love and serve
one another. Amen*

Priest on Duty 30th April, 2023.
Contact Fr. David Carroll — Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week
CHURCH OF OUR LADY

29th April: Michael Reidy, The Willows, Oakleigh Wood.
Kathleen Egan, Roslevan.

6th May: Roibeard O'Ceallaigh, Roslevan

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

30th April: Mabel Bell, Ballyvonnaun.

7th May: Marion Keane, Cappalawn, Newpark

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD**

30th April: PJ Flannery, Ballymaley.

2nd May: Ian Davidson, Surrey, England.

7th : Tess & Danny Malone, Templemaley.

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

Finance Development Fund

23rd April

Barefield: €183

Doora: €188

Church of Our Lady: €293

Development €708

Mile Buiógchas



*Nature is painting for us,
day after day,
pictures of infinite beauty.*

John Ruskin

Remember in your prayers

Brid Kelly (nee Collins),
Lissycasey,
Sister of Jimmy Collins,
Ashfield Park.

*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: TBohannon/DLeahy/MOCallaghan Ciaran Redmond

Doora: Seán Conlan Cillian Foley

Barefield: MDowling/CLeamy Maeve O'Donnell

Next week:

COur Lady: KMorris/NBecker/.JO'Connor Ciaran Redmond

Doora: Maria Considine Tom Meade

Barefield: MRowland/LCorcoran Carmel McGovern

Doora Sacristan Rota

30th April: Mary Corry

7th May: Anne Marie Custy

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

29th April & 6th May Dan Lenihan & Tom Heath.

Franciscan Lourdes Invalid Fund Annual Church Gate

Collection on weekend of 6th & 7th May in parish.

We Thank Thee



For flowers that bloom about our feet,
Father, we thank Thee.

For tender grass so fresh, so sweet,
Father, we thank Thee.

For the song of bird and hum of bee,
for all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For blue of stream and blue of sky,
Father, we thank Thee.

For pleasant shade of branches high,
Father, we thank Thee.

For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
for beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For this new morning with its light,
Father, we thank Thee.

For rest and shelter of the night,
Father, we thank Thee.

For health and food,
for love and friends,
for everything Thy goodness sends,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

R.W. Emerson



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. €809.00 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 info@joewalshstours.ie

Supporting Brain Health & Wellbeing Tuesday 9th May 6.30 pm – 7.30pm DeValera Public Library, Ennis. Darragh Howley, Performance Psychologist & Fitness Specialist, will share his expertise with adults in DeValera Library, Ennis on the practical ways of supporting brain health and wellbeing through exercise and nutrition. This is a Healthy Ireland at Your Library event. Contact DeValera Library on 065 682 4207 or 065 689 1317 or devalera@clarelibrary.ie for more information or to book your place.

Clare Garden Festival 2023 Sunday, 30th April

Clare Garden Festival is a treat for Gardeners and a great day out for all the family and takes place this Sunday, 30th April at Ennis Showgrounds. The festival will see its first Fringe events also on the bank holiday. www.claregardenfestival.com

Clare War Memorial Memorial Lecture given by Dr. Tomás MacConmara will take place at 7am on the 2nd of May in Drumcliffe Cemetery to commemorate 3 Ennis Men who were executed at the end of the Civil War in Clare 1923. The lecture will commemorate Patrick O' Mahony from Market Street, executed at Ennis Gaol on the 26th of April 1923. Christopher Quinn from the Turnpike and William O'Shaughnessy from the Kilrush Road who were executed together on the 2nd May at Ennis Gaol. The lecture takes place at 7am the exact time of the execution on Tuesday Morning the 2nd of May at their graveside in Drumcliffe. All are very welcome to attend

Totus Tuus Women of Faith Conference 2023 will be LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland this coming Saturday May 6th from 2pm. You can follow the conference by: 1. Going online at www.radiomaria.ie. 2. Download the Radio Maria IRELAND App to your smartphone or tablet. 3. Listen live via Facebook. 4. Call 01 4373277 and listen live 5. Listen through your TV on SAORVIEW Channel 210

Mothers & Others Gaelic Football

is on every Tuesday Night at Gurteen at 7.30pm, for Fun & Fitness. More details from Claire 086 8949778.



Milford Care Centre will hold its Annual Service of

Remembrance on Sunday 14th May at 3pm in Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Milford Limerick V94DK44. We will remember all those who died under our care between 2019-2022. Further information on the service can be got from the Pastoral Care Team, Tel 061 485907 or 485908.



Prayer for Vocations



God, our Father,
in Baptism You called us by name
making us members of Your people,
the Church.
We praise You for Your goodness,
We thank You for Your gifts.
We ask You to strengthen us
to live in love and service to others
after the example of Your Son, Jesus.

Father, look upon Your Church with love
and bless Your people
with generous men and women,
with loving husbands and wives,
with understanding parents,
with trusting children
with dedicated priests, sisters,
deacons and brothers.

Help us to see our vocations
as a journey toward You.
You have called us,
not to set us apart,
but to bring us together
with others who need our love.

Make us faithful signs of Your
presence in their midst.
We ask You through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Cois na hAbhna Céilí with The Dal gCais Céilí Band,
Sunday April 30th at 3pm -Admission €10 Ennis Branch CCÉ
Monthly Seisiún Monday May 11st from 6pm at Cois na
hAbhna, Ennis. Admission €3, children free.
Cois na hAbhna, Galway Road, Ennis 065 6824276

Silent Retreat: Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..."
Preached by: Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charity at Mount St. Joseph's Abbey, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary May 29th to June 4th
€450 full board **Contact:** Helen : 086 1678027/
hellywilliams@gmail.com www.foyerofcharity.ie
A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God - Who is Love. Silence, prayer, teachings & liturgy of the Church.

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto Next weeks Jackpot €15,000

Venue: Clubhouse
Winners of €50



Aidan McDonagh, Barefield
Ivan Kerins, Gort Rd.
Martin Crowe, Hillcrest
Kitty Byrne, Doora
Thank you for your support.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
By the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, alleluia.**

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 Acts of the Apostles

Ac 2:14.36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the
Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud
voice: "The whole House of Israel can be
certain that God has made this Jesus whom you
crucified both Lord and Christ."

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said
to Peter and the apostles, "What must we do,
brothers?" "You must repent," Peter answered
"and every one of you must be baptised in the
name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins,
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The promise that was made is for you and your
children, and for all those who are far away, for
all those whom the Lord our God will call to
himself." He spoke to them for a long time
using many arguments, and he urged them,
"Save yourselves from this perverse genera-
tion." They were convinced by his arguments,
and they accepted what he said and were
baptised. That very day about three thousand
were added to their number.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

R

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff; with these you give me comfort.

R

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

R

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow
me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

R

A reading from the first letter of St.

Peter

1 Pt 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in
bearing punishment patiently when you are
punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to
do, because Christ suffered for you and left
an example for you to follow the way he
took.

He had not done anything wrong, and
there had been no perjury in his mouth. He
was insulted and did not retaliate with
insults; when he was tortured he made no
threats but he put his trust in the righteous
judge. He was bearing our faults in his own
body on the cross, so that we might die to
our faults and live for holiness; through his
wounds you have been healed. You had
gone astray like sheep but now you have
come back to the shepherd and guardian
of your souls.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

*I know my own sheep and my own know
me. Alleluia!*

Reading from the holy Gospel accord- ing to John. Jn 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, any-
one who does not enter the sheepfold
through the gate, but gets in some other
way is a thief and a brigand. The one who
enters through the

gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gate-
keeper lets him in, the sheep hear his
voice, one by one he calls his own sheep
and leads them out. When he has brought
out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and

the sheep follow because they know his
voice. They never follow a stranger but run
away from him: they do not recognise the
voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to
understand what he meant by telling it to
them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come

are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of
them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be

safe: he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

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 accord-
ance 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

**The Good Shepherd has risen,
Who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia**