

# DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Mass Times

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan	
Daily Mass	9.30am
Saturday Vigil Mass	6pm
St. Breacan's Church, Doora	
Sunday	9.45am
Immaculate Conception, Barefield	
Sunday	11.15am
<a href="http://www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam">www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam</a>	



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## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 20th August 2023

**"The key of Persistence opens all doors closed by resistance" John Di Lemme**



The Canaanite woman shouted to Jesus, *'take pity on me'* yet her Need was about her daughter not herself.

Initially, it seems as the story is told in St Matthews Gospel, Jesus ignores her pleading. His Disciples no doubt knew she was not 'of the house of Israel' but would be willing to ignore this fact just to stop her hassling them and Jesus.

The story speaks to conviction and perseverance. Nothing would prevent her begging for her daughter's well-being.

Jesus appears to begin a discourse with the unnamed woman in which she matched Jesus word for word. His argument and apparent insult, as to taking the children's food and throwing it to the house dogs ... gets her to respond that even the house dogs can eat the scraps that fall from the masters table. ... to which he has no answer, or maybe, the answer he already

knew he would be making ... 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.

The unnamed Canaanite woman, had done the unthinkable, approach Jesus even in desperation, not of the house of Israel, but having already had recognised Jesus in a way the Disciples had yet to have fully revealed to them .. She had addressed him as "Lord, son of David" and again as "Lord" when she asks for him to help her.

If there is a lesson for us in our prayer relationship with Jesus then it is surely to firstly recognize Jesus for who he really is to us, and for us. If there is good news for us, which there should be, as coming from a Gospel story, Persistence and faith filled recognition will win the day.

***"Faith is taking the first step  
even when you don't  
See the whole staircase"***

Martin Luther King Jr.

The lessons we can learn from the Canaanite woman, as we set about taking the first step of the staircase we might not be able to see points to being humble yet strong, putting away pride, persistent in faith no matter what others think and finally, that God is in the business of helping us grow in faith in a God who will respond.

**Priest on Duty: 20th August, 2023**  
**Contact Fr. Martin Blake - Tel. 065 6869098**

**Remembered in Masses this week**  
**CHURCH OF OUR LADY**  
**ROSLEVAN**

**19th August:** Mikey O'Looney, Kilfenora & Claregalway.  
**1st Anniv.**

**26th August: 11am:** Frances Cullinan, The Green, Ennis & Deerpark Doora. **MM.**

**6pm:** Maureen Reidy, The Willows, Oakleigh Wood.

**ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH DOORA**

(In Church of Our Lady temporari)

**20th August:** Teresa Torpey, Kilfenora.

Brian Byrnes, Finanagh.

**27th August:** No intention booked.

**Church of the Immaculate**  
**Conception, Barefield**

**20th August:** No intention booked

**27th Aug:** Pauline O'Grady, Larchill.

**9.30am Mass each Tuesday in Barefield Church.**

**Novena Mass in Church of Our Lady each Monday 9.30am**

**Finance Development Fund**

**6th August**

Barefield: €171

Doora: €55

Church of Our Lady: €182

Development: €1,032

**13th August**

Barefield: €197

Doora: €38

Church of Our Lady: €262

Development: €574

**Mile Buiochas**



**REST IN PEACE**

*Remember in your prayers*



**Mary O'Connor,**

Beechlawn,

Roslevan.

**Caroline Walsh (née Tobin)**

Elm Park, Ennis

Daughter of Jim & Maura Tobin,

Knockaderry.

**Raymond Casey,**

Collins Park, Ennis

Brother of Brian & Tom Casey, Ballyalla.



**Ministers of Eucharist**  
**& Readers**



**This week:**

COur Lady: DLeahy/MOCallaghan/KMorris Jimmy O'Loughlin

Doora: Marie Flanagan Noreen O'Connor

Barefield: JDevitt/MWhyte Michael Clohessy

**Next week:**

COur Lady: DLeahy/MOCallaghan/KMorris Jimmy O'Loughlin

Doora: Seán Conlon Orla Barry

Barefield: MOLoughlin/BGalvin Nuala Kennedy

**Doora Sacristan Rota**

**20th August:** Teresa Hallinan

**27th August:** Margaret Liddy

**Church of Our Lady Basket Collector**

**19th & 26th August::** Dan Lenihan/Tom Heath

**Adoration in Barefield Church** on Wednesday evenings  
from 6pm to 10pm. All are welcome.

**Prayer to Our Blessed Mother**



Take my hand, O Blessed Mother,  
hold me firmly lest I fall,  
I am nervous when I'm walking,  
and to Thee I humbly call.

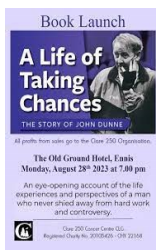
Guide me over every crossing,  
Watch me when I'm on the stairs,  
Let me know you are beside me,  
listen to my fervent prayer.

Bring me to my destination,  
safely every single day.  
Help me with each undertaking  
as the hours pass away.

And when evening falls upon me,  
and I fear to be alone,  
Take my hand O Blessed Mothe  
once again and lead me home.

The Clare 250 Organisation cordially invites you to the book launch of 'A Life of Taking Chances - The Story of John Dunne' at The Old Ground Hotel, Ennis on Monday, August 28th at 7pm.

All profits from the sale of the book will be donated to the Clare 250.



If you have an illness, disability or any extra support needs and would like some help to find work, **EmployAbility Clare** can assist you. For further information, contact Karen on (065) 6844007 or email [info@employabilityclare.ie](mailto:info@employabilityclare.ie) or log on to [www.employabilityclare.ie](http://www.employabilityclare.ie)

**Flute and Tin-Whistle Classes-** commencing in Ennis in September. Contact Brid for more information 0876217337.

### THE BURREN RAMBLE 2023



The waters and the wild of the Burren are calling to everyone to come on out on Sunday 3 September for the Burren Ramble in aid of the RNLI Lifeboats. Base camp is in the heart of the Caher Valley for parking at 11am. This route for parking is up by the Caher River and St Patrick's church in Fanore. The 8km ramble leaves at 12 noon. This year the ramble will be all on the road leading up into Caherbullog and Lismorahaun. The World famous Lismorahaun singers will sing in their own place for the ramblers. Bring suitable walking and weather gear. Info from 0876260301. All proceeds to the RNLI Lifeboats.

**Grow Mental Health**, Friendly Community based groups for anyone experiencing mental health issue through 12 Step Programme of connection, hope, identity by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth through education, peer support and self teaching. Ennis Meeting, Maria Assumpta Hall, Ennis. Monday 7- 9pm. Contact Ceilia 086 - 1526966 [www.grow.ie](http://www.grow.ie)

**Congratulations to local girl Caoimhe Flynn who was crowned Rose of Clare this week**



### Update re Doora Church



*Please note that St. Breacan's Church, Doora, remains closed for the present while internal works are completed. We thank you for your co-operation during this period.*

### Just for a Minute



I remember when I was only four,  
Mother would bring me round to the store,  
and just outside of the Church she's stand,  
and 'Come in' she'd say, reaching down for my hand  
- 'Just for a minute'.

And then I started going to school  
she'd bring me down every day as a rule  
But first the steps to the Church we would climb  
And she's say: 'We'll go in -  
you've always got time' - 'Just for a minute'.  
Then I got real big, I mean seven years old, and I went by myself,  
but was always told when you're passing the church,  
don't forget to call and tell the Lord  
about lessons and all - 'Just for a minute'  
Sometimes I run most of the way or meet some guys  
and we stop to play but I manage to squeeze out time enough  
to make the church where I pant and puff - 'Just for a minute'.

And now it's sort of a habit I've got in the evening  
coming from Casey's lot  
though it takes me out of my way a bit  
to slip into Church with my hat and mitt - 'Just for a minute'

But sometime I see the other fellows standing around  
and I just go yellow I pass by the door  
but a Voice within seems to say, real sad,  
'So you wouldn't come in' - 'Just for a minute'.

There are things inside of me bad and good  
that nobody knows and nobody could  
excepting our Lord and I like him to know and  
He helps when in for a visit I go - 'Just for a minute'.

He finds it lonesome when nobody comes  
(There are hours upon hours when nobody comes)  
and he's pleased when anybody passing by steps in  
(though it's only a little guy) - 'Just for a minute'.

I know what happens when people die,  
but I won't be scared and I'll tell you why:  
when Our Lord is judging my soul,  
I feel He'll remember the times I went to kneel -  
'Just for a minute'.

Author unknown

### Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €15,000

Venue: Clubhouse.

Winners of €50

Joe Keary, Gort Rd.

Fiach & Sadhbh Culligan, Barefield

Flan Reid, Hillcrest

Mairead O'Loughlin, Toureen

**Thank you for your support.**



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
And look on the face  
of your anointed one;  
One day within your courts  
Is better than a thousand elsewhere

## 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 Fa-  
ther.

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 Fa-  
ther, 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 56:1.6-7**

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice,  
act with integrity, for soon my salvation will  
come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to  
the Lord to serve him and to love his name  
and be his servants - all who observe the  
Sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my  
covenant - these I will bring to my holy  
mountain. I will make them joyful in my house  
of prayer.

Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be  
accepted on my altar, for my house will be  
called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. Let the peoples praise you,  
O God;**

Let all the peoples praise you.  
O God, be gracious and bless us  
And let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
And all nations learn your saving help. R

Let the nations be glad and exult  
For you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
You guide the nations on earth. R

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
Let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
Till the ends of the earth revere him. R

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans Rm 11:13-15.29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been  
sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I  
am proud of being sent, but the purpose  
of it is to make my own people envious  
of you, and in this way save some of  
them. Since their rejection meant the  
reconciliation of the world, do you know  
what their admission will mean?  
Nothing less than a resurrection from the  
dead! God never takes back his gifts or  
revokes his choice.  
Just as you changed from being  
disobedient to God, and now enjoy  
mercy because of their disobedience, so  
those who are disobedient now - and  
only because of the mercy shown to you  
- will also enjoy mercy eventually. God  
has imprisoned all men in their own  
disobedience only to show mercy to all  
mankind.

## The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**The sheep that belong to me listen to my  
voice, says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me.  
Alleluia!**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to  
the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out  
came a Canaanite woman from that

district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of  
David, take pity on me. My daughter is  
tormented by a devil.' But he answered her  
not a word. And his disciples went and  
pleaded with him. 'Give her what she  
wants,' they said 'because she is shouting  
after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to  
the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But  
the woman had come up and was kneeling  
at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He  
replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's  
food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She  
retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs  
can eat the scraps that fall from their  
master's table.' Then Jesus answered her,  
'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish  
be granted.' And from that moment her  
daughter was well again.

## 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 spo-  
ken 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

**With the Lord there is mercy;  
In him is plentiful redemption.**