

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
www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam	



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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 3rd September 2023

Sacrifice Yourself in Love for Others

An outstanding American Catholic lawyer named Carl Cleveland was also a permanent deacon. He was framed by the FBI in July 1979 and sentenced to imprisonment and fined \$3m. He was innocent. But he had to go to jail for 840 days before he was freed by the Supreme Court. It was only his faith in Jesus that sustained Cleveland throughout that ordeal. Carl came out of prison and became involved in full time ministry. He says: *"When all appeared lost, I was rescued and returned to my family and friends and to a life more abundant than the one I left behind. I experienced God's loving embrace in my powerlessness and despair, in a way I had never imagined possible"*. He invites those who face overwhelming difficulty to surrender their anxiety and fears to a loving God who will bless their faith abundantly.

PAIN AND SUFFERING

Faith in Christ does not shield us from suffering or pain. In fact, scripture assures us that our faith in Jesus will often bring suffering. In today's first reading we here prophet Jeremiah lamenting, *"I have become a laughing stock all the day; every one mocks me. For the word of the lord has become for me a insult, and derision, all day long"*.

Though our natural instinct is to avoid pain, yet when Jesus foretold his crucifixion, he linked his suffering directly to our discipleship. Jesus wants our idea of suffering and pain to be transformed to such an extent that we begin to see it as a positive way of life. Our human view of happiness as the absence of suffering, sorrow, and pain must give way to Christ's perspective. Following Jesus means denying ourselves and allowing Christ to work in both blessings and trials. It means choosing to desire whatever Christ desires. It means bearing suffering and persecution from the world like Jesus did.

While we cannot change some of the negative events that happen to us, we can change how we react to them. When we don't learn to deal with our negative setbacks properly, we get caught in a negative cycle which causes ourselves more damage. We waste

time harping on what has happened rather than moving on. By learning to deal with setbacks in a positive way, we can then deal with life's big challenges more effectively.

A NEW DIMENSION OF LIFE

To be a Christian is to take off your crown and take up your cross; to move from confession of faith to practice of faith. It is to realize how precious God's love is. It is, in a word, to trust in the promise of Jesus, that the Father "Will reward each person according to what they have done". All of us are invited to be followers of Jesus. A disciple is not greater than his master. He has to walk in the footsteps of the master. He has to embrace the cross in faithfully carrying out the mission entrusted to him every day. Jesus looks at our hearts and invites us with love, to surrender ourselves fully as he did on the cross.

*"Men think god is destroying them because He is turning them.
The violinist winds the key till the tense string sounds
the correct pitch, yet it is not to break it
but to use it tunelessly that he stretches the string
upon the musical rack."*

Henry Ward Beecher



Priest on Duty: 3rd September, 2023
Contact Fr. Ger Jones - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week
CHURCH OF OUR LADY
ROSLEVAN

3rd Sept: Martin & Delia Mangan, Ballaghboy.

10th Sept: John & Eileen McCormack, Gaurus.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH DOORA
(In Church of Our Lady temporarily)

3rd Sept: Nuala Moloney, Gaurus & Dublin. 1st Anniv.

10th Sept: No intention booked.

Church of the Immaculate
Conception, Barefield

3rd Sept: Tom Kelly, Barefield.

10th Sept: Tommy Droney, Ballyduff.

9.30am Mass each Tuesday in Barefield Church.

Novena Mass in Church of Our Lady each Monday 9.30am

Finance Development Fund

27th August

Barefield: €215

Doora: €42

Church of Our Lady: €162

Development: €803

Mile Buiochas

Blood Donation Clinic

Blood Donation Clinic at St. Josephs GAA Hall, Gurteen, Quin Road, Ennis, V95 PD36

Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th September 16:50 - 20:10

Please phone 1800 222 111 for appointment



REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers



Jackie Morris,
Newpark, Roslevan

Frank O'Malley,
Dublin,
Husband of Caroline McGuane,
Cappa, Barefield.

Anne Comerford,
Miltown Malbay,
sister of Helen Casey, Ballymacahill.

The light of heaven to them. May they rest in peace.



Ministers of Eucharist
& Readers



This week::

COur Lady: NBecker/JOConnor/MMcGuire Maria O'Driscoll

Doora: Maria Considine Seán Conlan

Barefield: MClohesy/CDeloughery Margaret Carden

Next week: NBecker/JOConnor/MMcGuire Maria O'Driscoll

Doora: Martha Neylon Kieran Bell

Barefield: LMurphy/MHassett Sinead Roseingrave

Doora Sacristan Rota

3rd Sept: Mary Enright

10th Sept: Margaret Hosty

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

2nd & 9th Sept: Michael Williams/Paul Mockler

Eucharistic



Adoration

Adoration in Barefield Church

on Wednesday evenings

from 6pm to 10pm. All are welcome.

Clare SVP launch Third Level Education
& Training Bursary for 2023/24



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) in Clare has launched its third level Education and Training Bursary for 2023/24. This fund aids Clare students of all ages who may

struggle financially to access or stay in third level education or training programmes.

Students must demonstrate that they have applied for all available state funding or other grants. Bursary awards are dependent on funding availability and interview.

For more information contact Clare SVP by phone at 065 682 4188 or by email at StJosephs.Ennis@Svp.ie

Doora Barefield Parent & Toddler Group Re-Opens.

The Parent & Toddler Group re-opens next Tuesday 5th September from 10am to 12 noon at Fahy Hall, Roslevan.

Welcoming babies, toddlers & pre-school children

together with their parents, grandparents and childminders. All welcome.



Irish Red Cross 5k Run, Walk or Jog in aid of Irish Red Cross Clare Community Services. Saturday 23rd September next at 11am start from Lee's Road, Ennis. Registration Fees: Adult €15; Family €25.

Prizes 1st, 2nd & 3rd for Male/Female.

To register visit www.eventbrite.com or arrive early on the day from 10.45am.

In memory of Bridget O'Leary.



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 by the Caher River & 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 rambles. Bring suitable walking and weather gear. Info from 0876260301. All proceeds to the RNLI Lifeboats.

Adult Education Opportunity

For adults interested in studying on a part-time basis for Single subject Leaving Certificate options (Maths, Geography, English, History), contact Mike at the College of Further Education And Training Ennis Campus in Clonroad or phone 065-6897644. Courses are fully funded with no fees. For further details log on to www.Collegeoffet.ie/Ennis-Campus.

Tour to Croatia now booking. Limited places available. For information and/or booking please contact Sr Annette Sexton at 087 9247025.

Employability Clare 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 or log on to www.employabilityclare.ie

Silent Retreat

Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..."

Preached by: Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charity

At St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock, Co. Mayo October 16th to 22nd; €495 full board

Contact: Helen : 00353 86 1678027/

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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.

New Clare Age Friendly Strategy 2023-2027—Survey The Clare Age Friendly Programme is in the process of developing a new Clare Age Friendly Strategy 2023 – 2027, that looks at the needs of all older people and what we can do to make County Clare more age friendly into the future. In this regard the Council has developed a survey. If you wish to complete this survey, please contact the Age Friendly Section on agefriendlyclare@clarecoco.ie

Ennis Active Retirement

Ennis Active Retirement meetings to resume on Tuesday 5th September, at 11am in the Scout Hall, Ennis. All welcome!



Bereavement Information Evening with Sharon Vard of Anam Cara on Wednesday 13th September 2023 in Milford Care Centre at 7pm.

To register contact us on 085 2888 888 or info@anamcara.ie



Dear Lord,

As our students begin a new school year,
I pray that you will keep them in your care.

Send your Spirit to open their minds
to all that is true and beautiful and good.

Help them to see the gifts and talents
you have given them and to use them well.
Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Help them to be kind to others
and lead others to be kind to them.
Give their teachers patience and understanding
and help them teach what is just and true.

Send your angels to guide and guard our
children and to keep them from all harm.
Open their young hearts to your presence
and enfold them in your peace and protection.

Hold them in the palm of your hand
and bring them home safely at day's end.
Amen.

Clare Roots Society

Title: Your Irish Ancestors: Getting Started on your Family Tree

By: Clara Hoyne

Date: Thursday 21st September at 7.30p.m.

Venue: Clare Education Centre, Kilrush Road, Ennis – V95F782

This is for beginners and there is no charge for this event.



Chair exercise for seniors/active retired

Suitable for those living with arthritis, Dementia, limited mobility. It's gentle and fun.

Restarting Tuesday 5th September 11-12noon in Kincora Park V95 WRW7

For more information contact Trish 0868507227

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €11,200.

Venue: Clubhouse.

Winners of €50

Kevin Meaney, Doora

Lucy Considine, Doora

John Cooney

Cathal O'Sullivan

Thank you for your support.



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

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, for
give 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 Be-
gotten 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 Jeremiah.

Jr 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord,
and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me:
you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my
heart, imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me
I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. For you my soul is thirsting,
O Lord my God. O God, you are my God,
for you I long;
For you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
Like a dry, weary land without water. R

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
To see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
My lips will speak your praise. R

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
My mouth shall praise you with joy. R

For you have been my help;
in the shadows of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
Your right hand holds me fast. R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans Rm 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and
worship him, I beg you, in a way that is
worthy of thinking beings, by offering your
living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleas-
ing to God. Do not model yourselves on the
behaviour of the world around you, but let
your behaviour change, modelled by your
new mind. This is the only way to discover
the will of God and know what is good,
what it is that God wants, what is the per-
fect thing to do.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
So that we can see what hope his call
holds for us.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel accord- ing to Matthew. Mt 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disci-
ples that he was destined to go to Jerusa-
lem and suffer grievously at the hands of
the elders and chief priests and scribes, to
be put to death and to be raised up on the
third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter
started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven
preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not
happen to you.' But he turned and said to
Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an
obstacle in my path, because the way you

think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone
wants to be a follower of mine, let him
renounce himself and take up his cross and
follow me. For anyone who wants to save
his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his
life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a
man gain if he wins the whole world and
ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in
exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the
glory of his Father with his angels, and,
when he does, he will reward each one
according to his behaviour.'

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 be-
came 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
forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted
For the sake of righteousness,
For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven