DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER

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| 9.30am 6pm 9.45am 11.15am 9.30am | Fr. Tom Fitzpatri Tel. 087 272 018 Doora Barefield Par 3 The Woods, Capp Tulla Rd., Ennis Cora, Parish Office Opening Hours: Mon & Tues: 9am- Email: info@doorab www.doorabarefield Facebook: http://www.facebook |
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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st October, 2023 (Year A) "SAYING AND DOING"



In the story that makes up this Sunday's gospel reading, a father asks his two sons to take part in his business, participate in his life. One refused to go, but then recanted and went to work; the second accepted to go, but never turned up!

Today's parable is telling us that it is better to obey without promising than it is to promise and not obey. Words mean nothing if there are no deeds or actions to back them up. It is easy for us to admit and agree the truth, but God also demands that we act out the truth as well. In other words, what we do is more important than what we say we will do. We cannot be "talk only but no action."

The first son represents those who may have initially strayed from the path of righteousness. They may have made mistakes and poor choices, but when they encounter the truth of God's love and grace, they repent and turn back to Him. This son reminds us that no matter how far we have wandered, it is never too late to return to God's loving embrace. His story is a testament to the power of repentance and conversion.

The second son, on the other hand, represents those who may outwardly appear righteous and obedient but fail to follow through with their commitments to God. Their faith may be superficial, and their actions do not align with their words. This son challenges us to examine our own lives and question whether we are truly living out our faith in a meaningful way or merely paying lip service to God.

Action does speak louder than words. We are, therefore, called to obedience not only in words, but also in our actions. Words without actions are useless.

It's easy to say, "I believe," but the real test of our faith is in how we live our lives. As Christians, we are called to be doers of the Word, not just hearers. Our faith should lead us to make choices that align with God's will, even if it means going against the cultural tide or sacrificing our own desires.

May we be inspired to live out our faith through our actions, always seeking God's forgiveness and grace when we falter, and may we find comfort in the knowledge that our Heavenly Father rejoices when we turn to Him with repentant hearts.

Priest on Duty: 1st October, 2023 Contact Fr. Martin Blake Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week CHURCH OF OUR LADY ROSLEVAN

30th Oct: Jackie Morris, Newpark, Roslevan. MM. 7th Oct: Mary Hopkins, The Hazels, Oakleigh Wood. 1st Anniv.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH DOORA

(In Church of Our Lady temporarily Ist Oct: Paddy & Pat Cullinan, Deerpark, Doora. 8th Oct: John Cleary, College Rd., Ennis.

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield

1st Oct: No intention booked. **Fri 6th Oct 7pm:** Niamh Collins, Ballymaconna **MM**. **8th Oct:** Mary McNamara, Ballymaley. **1st Anniv.**

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

> Finance Development Fund 1st October: Barefield: €96 Doora: €60 Church of Our Lady: €110 Development: €764 *Míle Buiochas*



Doora Barefield GAA Lotto Next weeks Jackpot: € Venue: Clubhouse. Winners of €50



Siofra Ni Chonaill, Barefield Ed Corry Barefield Jim Lyons Quin Road JOC O'Callaghan Roslevan Thank you for your support.



REST IN PEACE



Ciaran Scanlon Ballaghboy, Doora & Dingle, Co. Kerry

Annette Lynam, Roscommon, Mother of Gerry Lynam, Barefield.

May they rest in peace



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



<u>This week:</u> Cour Lady: S Doora: M Barefield: M

SGarvey/NCollins/HHerlihy Mary Barry MDowling/CLeamy

<u>Next week:</u> COur Lady: Doora: Barefield:

SGarvey/NCollins/HHerlihy Anne Marie Custy Mary Whyte/John Devitt Deirdre Rafferty Mary Corry Maeve O'Donnell

Deirdre Rafferty

Patricia Clune

David Culligan

Doora Sacristan Rota 1st Oct: Mary Corry 8th Oct: Seamus Enright

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector 30th Sept & 7th October: P.Perrill & H.Herlihy

PRIESTS' AUTUMN COLLECTION

Priests' Autumn Collection takes place next weekend of Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th October. This is one of four collections in the year for our priests. Envelope in parish donation box or now available in porches of our three churches.

You can also donate on line on www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/donate using the Priests' Collections tab or by scanning the QR code. Many thanks to all for your continued generosity to our parish.



Year of Prayer for Vocations



Loving & generous God, we are your people, the work of your hands, Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair and to rejoice in your steadfast love. Grant us faith filled leaders who will embrace Christ's mission of love and justice. Bless the Church of Killaloe Diocese by raising up dedicated leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as priests. Inspire us to know you better and open our hearts to hear your call. Amen. **Coláiste Muire Open** for Incoming First Years 2024 Saturday 7th October next. This is a ticketed event. Book your free tickets on w w w . c o l a i s t e m u i r e . i e . Application forms on the day of the event. Book early to avoid ment.

ment. Irish Girl Guides Ladybirds open to all girls aged 5 to 7 years. Scout Hall, Ennis. 6pm to 7pm on Wednesdays. The unit have a few

spaces available for this term. Please contact

Sarah-Kate 0857409943 if interested.



St Flannan's College Night Classes and Saturday Workshops for Adults will resume on Wednesday October 4th. Night Classes include Make-up, Ukulele, Sustainable Living Skills, Cross-stitching, Skin care, Creative Writing, Aromatherapy and Genealogy. We also offer Saturday Work shops in Yoga, Mosaic, Stained Glass and Aromatherapy. Text/phone 083 1090039 for further details and bookings.



World Mental Health Month

- You are welcome to join us at a FREE event as part of World Mental Health Month (Connect Café) on 6th October, between Station Road, Ennis, V95 A394.

10am to 1pm at Ennis Scout Hall, Station Road , Ennis, V95 A394.

We have some great Guest Speakers/ Information Stands to encourage and support you in your personal wellbeing. For more information , please contact EmployAbility Clare at 065-6844007

Irish Cancer Society Charity Shop needs

donations of Clothes, Bric a Brac & Books. Thank you to all our volunteers, customers and those who donate. Woodquay, Ennis. Open Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm.



Sustainable Gardening with Lynn O'Keeffe Lascar - Clare Libraries SDG Week 2023. Join Lynn, Head Gardener of Portumna Castle Gardens, for a free talk on organic gardening methods. All welcome, no booking required. Ennis Library Tuesday 3rd October. Tel. 065 6824207. ennislibrary@clarecoco.ie

SACRAMENTS 2024

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|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|
| Confirmation | Thursday | 23rd May | 1pm & 3pm |
| First Holy Communion | Saturday | 11th May | 11am |
| Doora National School - | St. Brecan's | s Church. | |
| Confirmation | Thursday | 23rd May | 11am |
| First Holy Communion | Saturday | 8th June | 11am |

Barefield National School- Church of the Immaculate ConceptionConfirmationFriday19th April11am &1.30pmFirst Holy CommunionSaturday18th May11am & 1pm

Prayer For Autumn Days

Joyce Rupp



God of the seasons, there is a time for everything; there is a time for dying and a time for rising. We need courage to enter into the transformation process.

> God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting go of what has been. We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk.

Help us to let go when we need to do so. God of fallen leaves lying in coloured patterns on the ground, our lives have their own patterns. As we see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives. We always need to recognize your power-filled presence. May we gain strength from this.

God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and vision.

God of flowers touched with frost and windows wearing white designs, may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to choose life. For all this, we are grateful. Amen



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgement, For we have sinned against you And not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name And deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

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 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 Ezekiel. Ezk 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die'.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Response Remember your mercy, Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: For you are God my saviour.

R

Remember your mercy, Lord, And the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, Because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul

to the Philippians. Ph 2:1-11 If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than your self, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds vou must be the same as Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, And my Father will love him, Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in 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 heav en 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 an 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

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low