

# DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Mass Times

<b>Church of Our Lady, Roslevan</b>	
Daily Mass Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri	9.30am
Saturday Vigil Mass	6pm
<b>St. Breacan's Church, Doora</b>	
Sunday	9.45am
<b>Immaculate Conception, Barefield</b>	
Sunday	11.15am
Tuesday	9.30am



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**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 24th September 2023**

## **Mercy Day—24th September**

Why be envious because I am generous? The first shall be last and the last shall be first.”

Jesus' story he tells in today's Gospel (Mt 20 1-16) enforces the sense of his version of justice, compassion and mercy. The looking over the shoulder of the workers depicted in the story as to what others got by comparison to themselves might just call into question for each one of us our desire that when Jesus finds us wanting, he too, will be generous in responding to the plight of our circumstance.

Mercy Day draws our attention to someone who, one might imagine, made this Gospel her own .....Catherine McAuley

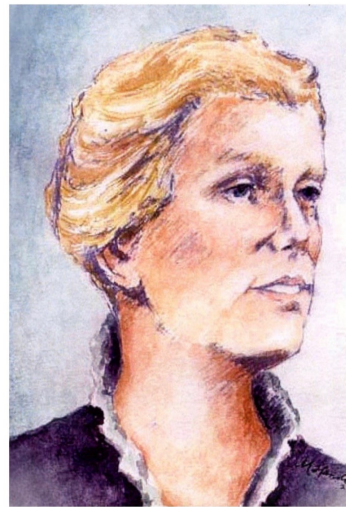
### **Life of Catherine McAuley**

In memory of Catherine McAuley, first Sister of Mercy, who died on November 11, 1841. Her life was one of serving others and founding the "House of Mercy" on Baggot Street in Dublin, dedicated to helping the poor, sick, and uneducated.

Catherine established independent foundations in Ireland and England whose communities would respond to the local needs of the poor in the areas the Sisters were invited to minister. Compassion for the needy and respect for the dignity of each person were the hallmarks of Mercy for Catherine and her followers. Today, the Sisters of Mercy and partners in ministry are in over 40 countries, continuing Catherine's spirit by responding to issues of poverty and injustice.

As she lay dying on November 11, fully aware of the fatigue and sorrow of those around her bed, she made one last request: she asked a sister to tell the community to "get a good cup of tea when I am gone...and comfort one another." She died that evening at ten minutes to eight, and was buried the following Monday, in the newly created cemetery at Baggot Street.

The spirit of this woman of mercy continues to burn bright throughout the world. Hospitality and community are part of her enduring legacy to us.



**Catherine McAuley**

*Mercy Day*  
*24th September*

*Giving thanks today for her heart  
prints reflected in those who followed  
her path. JC*

*My God, I am yours  
for all eternity.  
Teach me to cast my  
whole self into the  
arms of your providence  
with the most lively,  
unlimited, confidence in  
your compassionate,  
tender pity.  
Grant, O most merciful  
Redeemer,  
that whatever you ordain or  
permit may always  
be acceptable to me.  
Take from my heart all  
painful anxiety;  
suffer nothing to sadden  
me but sin,  
nothing to delight me,  
but the hope of coming  
to the possession of you  
my God, in your own  
everlasting kingdom.  
Amen*

**Priest on Duty: 24th September, 2023**  
**Contact Fr. Joy Tel. 065 6869098**

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

23rd Sept: No intention booked.  
30th Oct: Jackie Morris, Newpark, Roslevan.

**ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH DOORA**

(In Church of Our Lady temporarily)  
24th Sept: No intention booked.  
1st Oct: Paddy & Pat Cullinan, Deerpark, Doora.

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

24th Sept: Rose Conlon, Ballymaconna.  
1st Oct: 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**

17th September  
Barefield: €145  
Doora: €64  
Church of Our Lady: €207  
Development: €1,467  
**Mile Buiochas**

*Prayer is the place of  
refuge for every worry,  
a foundation  
for cheerfulness,  
a source of constant  
happiness, a protection against sadness.*  
*St. John Chrysostom*

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

**Holy Hour in Church of Our Lady, Roslevan**  
every Thursday 10am to 11am  
starting Thursday 21st September

**REST IN PEACE**

**Luke O'Malley,**  
Cross, Mayo,  
Brother of Sheila Collins,  
Gaurus.

*Solas na bhflaitheas ar a anam uasal.*



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



**This week:**

**Cour Lady:** NBecker/JOConnor/MMcGuire Michael Guilfoyle  
**Doora:** Bernard Hallinan Michael Cusack  
**Barefield:** MRowland/MClohessy Sinead Roseingrave

**Next week:**

**Cour Lady:** SGarvey/NCollins/HHerlihy Deirdre Rafferty  
**Doora:** Mary Barry Patricia Clune  
**Barefield:** MDowling/CLeamy David Culligan

**Doora Sacristan Rota**

24th Sept: Mary Hallinan  
1st Oct: Mary Corry

**Church of Our Lady Basket Collector**

23rd Sept: J.Reynolds & J.O'Connor  
30th Sept: P.Perrill & H.Herlihy

**St. Michael's Holy Well Mass** will be celebrated by Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick on Friday the 29th September at 6.30pm.

Pilgrims will gather at 6pm at the top of the farmers access road next to N18 By-Pass Bridge, Quin Road, Ennis, for onward Pilgrim Walk to St. Michael's Holy Well, Kilbreacan. Join us in the footsteps of our ancestors on this ancient pilgrim path. All welcome.



**Coláiste Muire Open Day** for Incoming First Years 2024 Saturday 7th October next. This is a ticketed event. Book your free tickets on [www.colaimuire.ie](http://www.colaimuire.ie). Application forms available on the day of the event. Book early to avoid disappointment.



**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..

**Doora Barefield GAA Lotto**

Next weeks Jackpot: €  
Venue: Clubhouse.  
Winners of €50



Kevin Kennedy, Ballymaley.  
Tom Garvey ,Ballyortia  
Joe Conroy c/o Johnno's  
3PM Club c/o Considines

**Thank you for your support.**

## Letter from Bishop Fintan Monahan regarding safety on our roads

### “We must all share a portion of blame for each road accident”

It is the dream of many young people to pass their driving test and gain the freedom of lawfully driving on our road network. In recent times, this dream has been thwarted and replaced with the feeling of impatience amongst young people due to the length of time it can take to be allocated a slot to undergo a driving test. One of the defining characteristics of adulthood is to develop the skill to manage impatience. Indeed, patience and courtesy on our roads are essential driver-safety skills.

Unquestioningly, success at a theory and practice test is a big moment for every new driver. We all shared that euphoric feeling of acknowledgement that we had finally ‘arrived’ into adulthood. Young drivers in particular feel they have invested a lot in their driving licence, and while this is true, unfortunately it does not signal the end of learning. Experience is the greatest teacher of all and that will only come in time. The driving test is merely an entry point and it does not guarantee safety on the road – safety is something one learns through careful practice over time.

Older drivers are not exempt from bad driving habits, which tend to become ingrained with the passage of years. So, for those of us who have previously passed their test, I invite you to take the following refresher three-question test below. Sadly, for some, a collision on the road can end or irreparably damage a young life, or that of others. All of us feel the deep pang of pain when we hear of a young life, with all of its wonderful potential, being destroyed in seconds in a vehicle-related accident. The depth and breadth of each tragedy resonates further to violate forever the lives of loving parents, siblings, relations, friends, neighbours, school/college companions, and that of the wider community. As we are all road-users, when hearing of an accident - whether as a pedestrian, cyclist, motor-biker, car, bus, lorry or tractor driver - some may immediately reflect: *‘There but for the grace of God go I?’* We are all vulnerable and this reaction is a natural expression of humility and reliance on God’s grace. It is, of course, also an instinctive recognition that road accident statistics are first-and-foremost about people, not just raw data. Others may feel, somewhat arrogantly, that a collision *‘will never happen to me’* – *‘it is an unfortunate occurrence that happens to others, not to me’*. This latter mind-set is so flawed that it might be called out as no more than an accident waiting to happen!

Following our immediate reaction to the heart-breaking news of a serious road accident, our analysis may move on to where to apportion blame. The so called ‘blame game’ is a futile exercise if we do not take our own particular share in the blame for all accidents. Yes, our collective responsibility. Our taking a share of blame arising from a collision that we are not involved in may seem to be an outrageous statement, but this represents our shared reality. It points to the core of all good driving habits, namely personal responsibility. It is about you and me, as individual drivers and our standard of road safety that we practice. In this context, I invite you to put your own driving to a test and answer three relevant road-use questions derived from the parable of the Good Samaritan:

**Am I a considerate and careful road user?**

**Do I actively and regularly think about other road users?**

**Do I follow up to ensure a high standard of road use that serves the common good?**

Road collisions are not confined to young people alone, but they involve all age groups from children right through to the elderly. All ages of people are represented in the annual statistics of road fatalities. In our compassion we are moved to accept that one death on the road is one death too many. While there are many factors that contribute to death on our roads - speed, carelessness, poor conditions, inexperience, alcohol/drug consumption and driver-distraction - a main factor is over-confidence, more traditionally referred to as ‘bravado’, and this finding is reflected by evidential research.

According to the latest figures published by the Central Statistics Office\*, young males (aged 18 – 24 years old) had the highest collision rate of that age cohort, while females aged 55-64 years had the lowest collision rate. So, what can each of us do to help avoid the loss of life on our roads – a loss that is so, so unnecessary? We can offer the victims and the bereaved our support through sympathy, solidarity and crucially with our prayers. We can also check our own driving behaviour on a daily basis.

People often ask me about prayers to say before embarking on a journey. There are many such prayers and none as easy as *“Jesus help me drive carefully and bring me safely to my journey’s end.”* Equally as important is our behaviour when we are driving a vehicle, or using a road in any capacity. When we practice attentiveness and vigilance at all times we show respect for God and all of humanity. Exercising vigilance and attentiveness is a practical form of prayer. Drive safely and arrive safely.

**Fintan Monahan – Bishop of Killaloe**

Holy Mother, hear our prayer,  
Keep us in your loving care,  
Whatever the perils of the way,  
Let us not add to them this day.  
So to our caution and attention,  
We add a prayer for your protection,  
To beg God’s blessing on this car,  
To travel safely near and far. Amen.



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

**I am the salvation of the people,  
says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them,  
and I will be their Lord for ever.**

## 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 prophet Isaiah.

**Is 55:6-9**

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call  
to him while he is still near. Let the wicked  
man abandon his way, the evil man his  
thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who  
will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in  
forgiving; for my thoughts are not your  
thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the  
Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as  
high above earth as my ways are above your  
ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

**R: The Lord is close to all who call him.**

I will bless you day after day  
And praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
His greatness cannot be measured.

**R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
Slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
Compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
And loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
Who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians. Ph 1:20-24.27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether  
by my life or by my death. Life to me, of  
course, is Christ, but then death would  
bring me something more; but then again,  
if living in this body means doing work  
which is having good results - I do not  
know what I should choose. I am caught  
in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be  
with Christ, which would be very much the  
better, but for me to stay alive in this body  
is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that  
would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessings on the King

Peace in heaven

And glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel accord- ing to Matthew. Mt 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom  
of heaven is like a landowner going out at  
day break to hire workers for his vineyard.  
He made an agreement with the workers  
for one denarius a day, and sent them to  
his vine yard. Going out at about the third  
hour he saw others standing idle in the  
market place and said to them, "You go to  
my vineyard too and I will give you a fair  
wage." So they went. At about the sixth  
hour and again at about the ninth hour, he  
went out and did the same. Then at about  
the eleventh hour he went out and found  
more men standing round, and he said to  
them, "Why have you been standing here  
idle all day?" "Because no one has hired  
us" they answered. He said to them, "You  
go into my vineyard too." In the evening,  
the owner of the vineyard said to his  
bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them

wages, starting with the last arrivals and  
ending with the first." So those who were  
hired at about the eleventh hour came for-  
ward and received one denarius each.  
When the first came, they expected to get  
more, but they too received one denarius  
each. They took it, but grumbled at the  
landowner. "The men who came last" they  
said "have done only one hour, and you  
have treated them the same as us though  
we have done a heavy day's work in all the  
heat." He answered one of them  
and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust  
to you; did we not agree on one denarius?  
Take your earnings and go. I choose to  
pay the last-comer as much as I pay  
you. Have I no right to do what I like with  
my own? Why be envious because I  
am generous?"

## The Gospel of the Lord

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father  
al mighty, 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 for-  
ward to the resurrection of the dead and  
the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Communion Antiphon

**I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.**