

DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



Contacts

Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick, P.P.
Tel. 087 272 0187
Doora Barefield Parish Office,
3 The Woods, Cappahard,
Tulla Rd., Ennis
Cora, Parish Office - Tel. 065 6822225;
Opening Hours:
Mon & Tues: 9am-5pm; Wed: 9am-1pm
Email: info@doorabarefieldparish.ie
www.doorabarefieldparish.ie
Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/doorabarefieldparish>.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 29th October, 2023

A Time for Remembering

November is very much the month of remembering. It's an appropriate time for remembering. It is winter. The clocks have gone back to 'old time'. It is colder and darker and the frailty of life is more obvious than ever. Turning our thoughts to those who have gone before us comes naturally at this time of year. At the beginning of this month of remembrance, the Church gives us the twin observances of the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed on November 1st and 2nd - and invites us to connect with those who have gone before us; both those who are now in glory, and those who are still on their journey to the full vision of the Face of God.

Our Celtic ancestors believed that the boundaries between human reality and the supernatural world were at their 'thinnest' at this time of year, and in particular on the eve of the festival of Samhain, when, they believed, it was possible for otherworldly spirits to be seen. This may sound like a daring claim. But the Christian message, however, is a much more daring and radical one: The boundaries between us mortals and those who have entered into eternity is not at its thinnest at any particular time of year or on any particular festival. No....It is at its thinnest - indeed it disappears entirely - when we gather around the altar of God to celebrate the Eucharist.

And so, in the Catholic tradition, our 'remembering' of our loved ones who have died isn't just sentimental nostalgic recollection. Rather, we 'remember' them in the mystery of the Eucharist - at Mass. And in that mystery, they are present to us. We don't need psychics or mediums to make contact with them, because when we gather to worship, they are with us. That is one of the things we are proclaiming when we say in the Creed that we believe in the Communion of Saints. It is a most beautiful part of our faith: Our relationship with those who have gone before us endures beyond the grave.

It is part of what we celebrate in the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, All Souls, our loved ones who are still being purified in preparation for the vision of God - the Holy Souls - are still part of our worship. As we regularly hear in Masses for the

Dead: 'For your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended'. Our departed loved ones pray with us; and we pray with them. We are in this together. And so we ask the prayers of each other and of those who have completed their earthly journey. And we pray with and for those who are still en route to the fullness of their heavenly reward. To pray for the dead is to do no more than to express our faith in the reality of that our relationship with them continues beyond death and the grave. It is the most natural thing in the world and we do it almost by instinct, in the same way as we automatically whisper a prayer for a loved one undergoing medical treatment or embarking on a major journey.

St Thomas More put it most beautifully in his last letter to his daughter Margaret on the night before he was executed in 1535: 'Pray for me, and I shall for thee, that we may merrily meet in heaven'. The veil between us and our departed loved ones is at its most porous when we pray the Sanctus during Mass. As the liturgy says: 'And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim: Holy, Holy, Holy.....'

We sing, not only with angels, but with those whom we have loved and see no longer, those with whom we are still bound together in the communion of saints. We offer our thanksgiving and praise WITH them. And Jesus comes to meet us, to nourish us, to console us and to heal us. He who knew suffering, rejection and death, is dead no more. And in this feat of his Body and Blood, he gives us, and all for whom we pray, the pledge of life eternal.



Priest on Duty: 29th October, 2023
Contact Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week
CHURCH OF OUR LADY
ROSLEVAN

28th Oct: Pat O'Connor, Beechlawn, Tulla Rd.
4th Nov: Ciarán Scanlon, Ballaghboy, Doora. **MM.**
Pat McGuire, Ballymacahill.
Eileen Keane, Corrovorrin Green.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

29th Oct: No intention booked.
5th Nov: No intention booked.

Church of the Immaculate
Conception, Barefield

29th Oct: Noel Purcell, The Maples, Oakleigh Wood. **MM.**
Bridget & John Malone, Ballyalla.
Siobhán Conlon, Gort Rd.
Lott O'Halloran, Ballyalla.
Margaret Breen, Killarney.
5th Nov: Michael & Kathleen Purcell, Ballyduff.
Pat Bogue, Ballymacuiggan.
Thomas & Rita McGuane, Cappabeg.
Deceased Hurley Family, Larchill
10th Nov: Marcella McNamara, Ballyogan. **MM.**

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

Finance Development Fund

22nd October

Barefield: €127

Doora: €56

Church of Our Lady: €167

Development: €1,350

Mile Buiochas

The Vigil of All Saints Tuesday 31st October

Please join us in Ennis Cathedral this Tuesday 31st October for a wonderful holy hour of prayer, praise and worship, inspired with music from Medjugorje 6pm to 7pm, followed by mass at 7.30pm. All welcome.



REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

Mary McInerney,
Corrovorrin Green
mother of Tony McInerney,
Knockaderry Grove, Tulla Rd.

Solas na bhflaitheas uirthi.



Ministers of Eucharist
& Readers



This week:

Cour Lady:	SGarvey/NCollins/HHerlihy	Ciaran Redmond
Doora:	Seán Conlan	Eamon O'Halloran
Barefield:	Mary Hassett/Liam Murphy	Michael Clohessy

Next week:

COur Lady:	BBurke/PMockler/MDilleen	Ciarán Redmond
Doora:	Owen O'Mahony	Cillian Foley
Barefield:	LCorcoran/NKennedy	Bernard Casey

Doora Sacristan Rota

29th Oct: Patricia Hassett
5th Nov: Margaret Liddy

Church of Our Lady Basket Collection

28th Oct & 4th Nov: Michael Williams & Paul Mockler

Masses on All Saints Day
Wednesday 1st November

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan	9.30am
Immaculate Conception, Barefield	7pm
St. Brecan's, Doora	8pm

Masses on All Souls Day
Thursday 2nd November

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan	9.30am
Immaculate Conception, Barefield	7pm
St. Brecan's, Doora	8pm

In November We Remember



Mass of
Remembrance

For the Commemoration
of the Faithful Departed

Annual Mass for Bereaved

at Church of Our Lady, Roslevan,
on Thursday 9th November at 7pm.

All welcome.



Welcome back to St. Breacan's Church today as it re-opens after refurbishment.

Fáilte ar Ais

**University Maternity Hospital,
Limerick Annual Remembrance Service**

Sunday 5th November 3pm Church of the Holy Rosary, Ennis Rd.

Masses for the Holy Souls All Masses offered during the month of November for all those named on the Deceased List of the Parish. Envelopes with lists for the Holy Souls can be collected in our Church porches and returned by Thursday 2nd November, All Souls Day.

Doora Charity Tractor Run



this Sunday 29th Oct in aid of Sláinte an Chláir & Clarecastle Day Care Centre at the Shibeen car park, Doora. Music & DJ after the run. Spot Prizes & Raffle. Registration 11.30; Start 12 noon.

€20 per tractor. Classic cars and trucks welcome. Refreshments in Shibeen after run, All welcome.

Tax Back Scheme for Eligible Charities

Our Parish is an Eligible Charity within above Scheme. All donations of €250 and over from both PAYE Tax Payers and Self-employed Persons qualify for a Tax Refund of 31%. This Tax Refund can now only be claimed by a qualifying Charity. In 2019 a Tax claim form was completed by many eligible Parishioners and this form extends for a five year period. We have now sent out a Tax Claim form to all Parishioners who are eligible this year or may not have returned the completed form in 2019 or previous years.



We would urge you to return it before 31st October deadline. Thank you for your co-operation.

First Friday Mass at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield on Friday 3rd November at 7pm.

If you or someone you know would like a First Friday call please contact Fr. Tom or the Parish Office with details.



Please note that Doora Barefield Parent & Toddler Group is closed next Tuesday 31st October for Halloween. See you all the following week. Have a lovely break.

Blessing of Graves

12th November

Templemaley 2pm
Kilraghtis 3pm

19th November

Doora after Mass.
Bunnaw 2pm



One Thought to Keep

*I give you this one thought to keep
I am with you still - I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glints on snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn rain
When you awaken in the mornings hush
I am the swift, uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight
I am the soft stars that shine at night
Do not think of me as gone -
I am with you still - with each new dawn.*

Author: Unknown

**Doora Barefield GAA Lotto
Next weeks Jackpot €3,600**



Winners of €50.00
Sarah McMahon, Doora
Nora Lynch, Clarecastle
Geraldine Haugh, Spencilhill
Vinny Sheedy, Doora



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

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 book of Exodus

Ex 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of
Israel this', 'You must not molest the stranger
or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in
the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with
the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh
with them, they will surely cry out to me, and
be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will
flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your
own wives will be widows, your own children
orphans'.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any
poor man among you, you must not play the
usurer with him: you must not demand interest
from him".

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you
must give it back to him before sunset.

It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak
he wraps his body in; what else would he
sleep in?

If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of
pity."

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength

I love you, Lord, my strength,
My rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge;

My shield, my mighty help,

my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise:

When I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!

Praised be the God who saves me.

He has given great victories to his king

and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians. 1 Th 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when
we were with you, which was for your in-
struction, and you were led to become imi-
tators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with
the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to
the gospel, in spite of the great opposition
all round you. This has made you the great
example to all believers in Macedonia and
Achaia since it was from you that the word
of the Lord started to spread - and not only
throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the
news of your faith in God has spread every-
where. We do not need to tell other people
about it: other people tell us how we started
the work among you, how you broke with
idolatry when you were converted to God
and became servants of the real, living
God; and how you are now waiting for Je-
sus, his Son, whom he raised from the
dead, to come from heaven to save us from
the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,

To accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had
silenced the Sadducees they got together
and, to disconcert him, one of them put a
question, 'Master, which is the greatest
commandment of the Law?' Jesus said,
'You must love the Lord your God with all
your heart, with all your soul, and with all
your mind. This is the greatest and the first
commandment. The second resembles it:
You must love your neighbour as yourself.
On these two commandments hang the
whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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
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

We will ring out our joy

at your saving help

and exult in the name of our God.