

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



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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 19th November, 2023

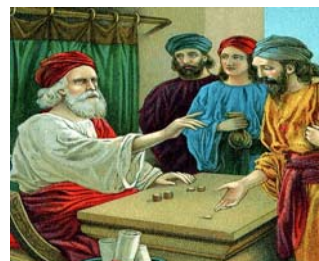
THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

Nick Vujcic is an Australian- American born without arms or legs who has become a world-renowned speaker, New York Times best-selling author, coach and entrepreneur. Nick faced tremendous obstacles in life from, living life without limbs, to being bullied at school and fearful for his future with no purpose in sight. Without hope, his feelings of helplessness and isolation led him to attempt suicide. Nick persevered through life's challenges and discovered key principles which enabled him to find his purpose and turn obstacles into opportunities; making him one of the most sought-after keynote speakers in the world! Millions of people have found hope, purpose and the strength to overcome their challenges through Nick's inspirational speeches and powerful coaching. Nick is also the founder and CEO of the non-profit ministry-"Life without Limbs".

Nick has no arms and legs but lives life with no limits and does not allow his limitations to hold him back but turns them into opportunities for growth and success; he is truly an inspiration to many. Unlike the third servant in today's gospel passage, Nick never questioned God nor complained that God was unfair or unjust to him instead he strived to make the most of what life had to offer him with the little or nothing that he had. He is a living testimony of God's love and when you trust in His divine Wisdom and share even the little or nothing, God work miracles.

Today's Gospel presents to us the parable of the talents. The parable of the talents directs us on what to do to make the kingdom grow. It speaks of the gifts and the charisms which people receive from God. Every person has qualities, knows something that he/she can teach others. Nobody is just a pupil; nobody is just a teacher. We all learn from one another. Divine mercy will grow in us only in as much as we give it to others. We call this the law of the gift: **"We grow in wealth to the extent that we give it away"**. You can only "have" the

greatest gifts-like love, beauty, gracefulness, and friendship-by giving them away. The moment we try to keep these things to ourselves rather than freely sharing them, they melt through our fingers. **God trusts us with all his possessions and in particular his most precious possession: love.** God made us to love and be loved, but we seem to receive so little love. And that, I think, is because we don't take the time and trouble to give love. Everybody seems to be either working or surfing the net or texting or busy with something else. We don't take the time to listen to each other, to smile at each other.



Life is not about getting; It's about giving. If I feel like no one is giving me love, like no one understands me, I can fix the problem immediately by giving love to another, by seeking to understand someone else. In the Gospel, the first two servants give away what they received from their master. In business terms, they invest it, and get a return on their investment. But in spiritual terms, they give it away. And because they give it away, they get it back. They get back more than they gave away. And this is what "sharing your master's joy" means: recognising the law of the gift. It is the joy of knowing that our Father will always provide for us, and we need not fear to exercise the joy of giving. If we sincerely try, He will bless us with success and make us partners in his joy and we will become partners in his vineyard.

Priest on Duty: 19th November, 2023
Contact Fr. Martin Blake Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week
CHURCH OF OUR LADY
ROSLEVAN

18th Nov: Willie Meaney, Caherina, Barefield.

25th Nov: Baby Aaron O'Brien, Tulla.

Patsy and Frank Flaherty

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

19th Nov: Pat and Maureen O' Dwyer, Deerpark
 Special Intention

26th Nov: Norah Lynch, 1st Anniv.

Molly & Patrick Lynch, Kilbricken House, Doora.

Jimmy Mungovan, Finanagh.

Eddie, Mae & Martin Slattery, Moyriesk.

Church of the Immaculate
Conception, Barefield

19th Nov: Mike Lyons, Larchill

26th Nov: No intention booked.

9.30am Mass each Tuesday in Barefield Church.

Novena Mass in Church of Our Lady each Monday 9.30am

Blessing of Graves



November
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This Sunday:

Doora after 9.45am Mass.

Bunnaw 2.00pm

November Masses for Holy Souls

Masses for the Holy Souls Mass will be offered at our daily Masses in November for all those whose names are on the Deceased List of the parish. Envelopes with lists for the Holy Souls can be collected in the Church porches and returned to the churches. You can add the name of your deceased love ones to the Bereavement Tree in our three churches. Labels are available for loved ones names.



REST IN PEACE



Remember in your prayers

Bridget McGuirk, Castleknock, Dublin

sister of Gertie Mockler, The Lane, Roslevan

and Paul Kerins, Ballyduff, Barefield

Solas na bhflaitheas uirthi!



Ministers of Eucharist
& Readers



This week:

COur Lady: B Burke/PMockler/MDilleen

Doora: Mary Barry

Barefield: CLeamy/MDowling

Olive Harvey

Noreen O'Connor

Tara Donnellan

Next week:

COur Lady: B Burke/PMockler/MDilleen

Doora: Anne Marie Custy

Barefield: John Devitt/MWhyte

Olive Harvey

Orla Barry

Teresa Nash

Doora Sacristan Rota

19th Nov: Margaret Hosty

26th Nov: Cora Burke

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

18th Nov: Joan O'Connor & James Reynolds.

25th Nov: Paddy Perrill & Harold Herlihy

Prayer for our children and young people
who have died

*Rainbows appear only on dreary,
 rainy days.*

*They beautify the world
 for a few brief moments.*

These moments, however, can be spectacular.

You were our brief rainbow.

*You entered our lives and stayed for a short
 precious while.*

*Nonetheless, the memories of those moments
 when you blessed us with delight and joy,*

beauty and gaiety,

*happiness and sunlight and moonbeams
 are treasured memories for us.*

*Having had our treasured children with us
 made the tears of pain and anger,*

helplessness and fear,

sadness and heartbreak,

emptiness, and loneliness---- bearable.

*Rainbows, however brief, make the world a
 brighter, lovelier place.*

*How grateful we are that we had them,
 Our Children, Our brief rainbows.*





Christmas Triduum Mass Bouquet Cards

with images of our churches now available in the porches of our three churches and also in Parish Office during office hours. €3 per Mass Bouquet.

Also Sympathy Cards, Mass Bouquet and Get Well Cards Novena and Individual Masses similarly available.

Mary's Meals Christmas Gifts Campaign

With the cost of living crisis, times are that bit harder for us all. The Global School Feeding Movement Mary's Meals have launched our Christmas Gifts Campaign - giving gifts that have a real and tangible impact on those in need. From as little as €5.50, which will provide 50 meals for children in their place of education, we can play our part in changing the lives of those most in need. Visit marysmeals.ie to download a gift today or call 01-8535163/ or 089-4339592.

ENNIS FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Ennis flower and garden club present Anne Slattery, Ennis, at Treacys West County Hotel Ennis on Tuesday November 21st, Doors open at 7.30pm and demonstration commences at 8.15 sharp, 10 euro non members, all are welcome, demonstrators arrangements raffled on the night, contact ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

Many thanks Patricia, secretary, 0857743398

CAHERCALLA HOSPICE WEEKLY DRAW

RESULTS

YEAR 23, WEEK 24

Tuesday November 14th 2023

First Prize; €650.00

Geraldine Carrig,
Kilnamona
Co Clare

Second Prize; €200.00

Terry Kelly,
Ennis,
Co Clare

"A Blessing For Absence"

John O'Donohue



It's so hard to forget someone who gave you so much to remember.

May you know that absence
is full of tender presence
and that nothing is ever lost or forgotten.

May the absences in your life be full of eternal echo.

May you sense around you the secret Elsewhere
which holds the presences that have left your life.

May you be generous in your embrace of loss.

May the sore of your grief turn into a well
of seamless presence.

May your compassion reach out
to the ones we never hear from
and may you have the courage
to speak out
for the excluded ones.

May you become the gracious and passionate
subject of your own life.

May you not disrespect your mystery
through brittle words or false belonging.

May you be embraced by God
in whom dawn and twilight are one

and may you longing inhabit its deepest dreams
within the shelter of the Great Belonging.

Thought for the Week:

*The tallest oak in the forest was once
just a little nut that held its ground!*

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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 Proverbs.

Pr. 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

A perfect wife - who can find her?

She is far beyond the price of pearls.

Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.

She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands have worked for and let her works tell her praises at the city gate.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

O Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
And walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands
you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper. **R**

Your wife is like a fruitful vine
In the heart of your house;
Your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed

The man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion

In a happy Jerusalem

All the days of your life. **R**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians. 1 Th 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord, Keep faithful, and I will give you

The crown of life.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt. 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to

them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

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

**To be near God is my happiness,
To place my hope in God the Lord**