

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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Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe (Year B) 26th November, 2023

Jesus' Kingdom Endures into Eternity

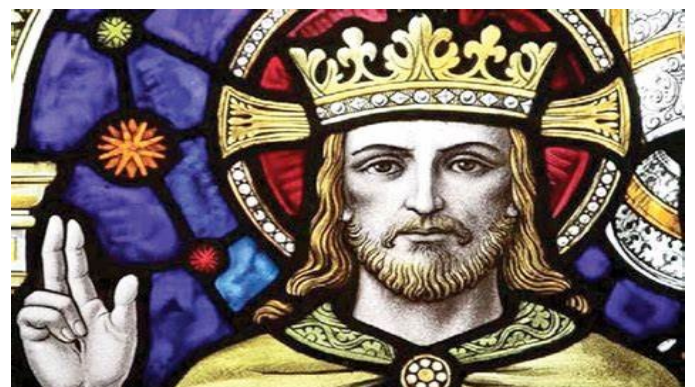
This is the last Sunday of the liturgical year and we are celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King. Though many people are already focusing on Advent and Christmas and on the beginning of Jesus story, today we are prompted to look at the end of the Story, Jesus as King.

The title "King" is very important in the Gospels and gives us a real understanding of the person of Jesus and of his mission of salvation. The mystery of Jesus Christ's death and Resurrection lies at the heart of our understanding of Jesus as King. When Jesus is nailed to the Cross, the priests, scribes and elders mock him saying: "He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him" (*Mt 27: 42*). In fact, it is precisely as the Son of God that Jesus freely gives himself up to his Crucifixion. The Cross is the paradoxical sign of his kingship, which consists in him giving of himself on the cross in response to the disobedience of sin. Jesus is a king who sacrifices himself to save his people. It is in the very offering of himself in the sacrifice of the cross that Jesus becomes King of the universe, as he himself was to declare when he appeared to the Apostles after the Resurrection: "All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me" (*Mt 28: 18*).

But what is this power that Jesus speaks of. It is not merely the power of the kings or the great people of this world; it is the divine power to give eternal life, to liberate from evil, to defeat the dominion of death. It is the power of Love that can draw good from evil, that can melt a

hardened heart, bring peace amid the harshest conflict and kindle hope in the blackest darkness. This Kingdom of Grace is never imposed and always respects our freedom.

Christ came "to bear witness to the truth" (*Jn 18: 37*), as he declared to Pilate: whoever accepts his witness serves beneath his "banner". That means that each of us has a choice. Who do I want to follow? God or the Evil One? The truth or falsehood? Choosing Christ does not guarantee success according to the world's criteria but it does assure us of the peace and joy that he alone can give us. This is demonstrated, through history, by the experience of numerous men and women who, in Christ's name, in the name of truth and justice, were willing to give of their lives in the service of Christ's kingdom. All earthly kingdoms pass away but Jesus Kingdom endures into eternity. His kingdom does not grow by the point of the sword but by conversion of heart. Soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.



Priest on Duty: 26th November, 2023
Contact Fr. Tom Ryan Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week
CHURCH OF OUR LADY
ROSLEVAN

25th Nov: Baby Aaron O'Brien, Tulla.
2nd Dec: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

26th Nov: Norah Lynch, 1st Anniv.
Molly & Patrick Lynch, Kilbricken House, Doora.
Jimmy Mungovan, Finanagh.
Eddie, Mae & Martin Slattery, Moyriesk.
3rd Dec: Joe & Nancy Byrnes, Finanagh.
Frank O'Connor, Kilbricken.
Deceased Moroney Family, Kilbricken.

Church of the Immaculate
Conception, Barefield

26th Nov: Patsy & Frank Flaherty, Gort Rd.
28th Nov 7.30pm: Caroline Walsh, Curraderra.
1st Dec 7pm: Johnny Perill, Barefield.
3rd Dec: Deceased Greene & Kitson Family, Larchill.
Deceased Hanrahan Family, Larchill.

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

Finance Development Fund

19th November

Barefield: €111

Doora: €231

Church of Our Lady: €225

Development: €1,370

Mile Buiochas

REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

Michael F. Roughan,
Ballaghboy & formerly Fountain.

Pat Lynch,
Cork & Clarecastle,
Brother of Frank Lynch, Finana, Doora.

Donal Brooks,
Youghal & Ennis,
Brother of Anne Hurley, Ballymaley.

The Light of Heaven to Them.



Ministers of Eucharist
& Readers



This week:

COur Lady: BBurke/PMockler/MDilleen James O'Connor
Doora: Anne Marie Custy Orla Barry
Barefield: John Devitt/MWhyte Teresa Nash

Next week:

COur Lady: TBohannon/MOCallaghan/KMorris James O'Connor
Doora: Patricia Hassett Seán Conlon
Barefield: MCloughesy/CDeloughery Seamus Leamy

Doora Sacristan Rota

26th Nov: Cora Burke
3rd Dec: Mary Hallinan

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

25th Nov & 2nd Dec: Paddy Perrill & Harold Herlihy

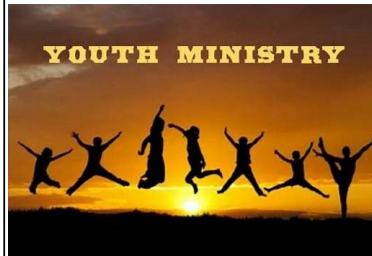
First Friday Mass at Church of the Immaculate Conception,
Barefield on Friday 1st December at 7pm.



FIRST
FRIDAY

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

Mid Clare Youth Connect MCYC – Mid Clare Youth Connect
is a youth group which meets on a monthly basis in Fahy Hall/
Church of Our Lady, Roslevan.



The group engage in fun
games, learn about their faith &
grow in friendship during their
meet ups on Sunday from
6pm -8pm.

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ON PASSING A GRAVEYARD

John O'Donohoe

*May perpetual light shine upon
The faces of all who rest here.
May the lives they lived
Unfold further in spirit.
May all their past travails
Find ease in the kindness of clay.
May the remembering earth
Mind every memory they brought.*

*May the rains from the heavens
Fall gently upon them.
May the wildflowers and grasses
Whisper their wishes into light.
May we reverence the village of presence
In the stillness of this silent field.*





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.

ENNIS BRASS BAND

SPECIAL GUEST
Quin 'n' Tonic Choir

Annual Christmas Concert

Date: Sunday 3rd, Venue: St. Columba's Church,
December 2023, @ Bindon Street
8pm

Voluntary contributions on night go to Ennis Brass Band & St. Columba's Church.

Cahercalla Community Care Christmas Market on the 2nd of December 1pm to 6pm. We will have a visit from the Mayor of Ennis Pat Daly and representatives from our mighty Clare Hurling Team in which there will be a special event of turning on the Christmas lights in Cahercalla There will be lots of craft stalls and Christmas present ideas, food and drink vendors, there will also be a special visit from Santa and Mrs Claus and their Elves.

Sunday Afternoon Bridge in the Ennis Bridge Centre from 3pm-6pm. Join us for a social game. Come along with or without a bridge partner. All are welcome.

The 2024 Pioneer Calendar is available from Pioneer centres and from Central Office (01 805 4226). The calendar is designed to offer spiritual support to people who are assisting families or who are praying for a relation or friend who is impacted by alcohol and addiction. www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar. The calendar costs €5.



Doora Charity Tractor Run 2023 raised €8,800 for Sláinte an Chláir & Clarecastle Day Care Centre.

Thank you for your support.

Totus Tuus Magazine is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations.

The Story of the Porcupine



It was the coldest winter ever. Many animals died because of the cold. The porcupines, realizing the situation, decided to group together to keep warm. This way they covered and protected themselves; but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions.

After awhile, they decided to distance themselves one from the other and they began to die, alone and frozen. So they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from the Earth.

Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. They learned to live with the little wounds caused by the close relationship with their companions in order to receive the warmth that came from the others. This way they were able to survive.

Moral of the story:

The best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, but when each individual learns to live with the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities



Shave or Dye Fundraiser



Liam Duggan has kindly volunteered to take part in a Shave or Dye fundraiser which will see him shave his moustache or dye his hair to help raise funds for the Clare Down Syndrome organisation. Anybody wishing to support this worthy cause can donate by contacting

Liam or online by logging on to:

<https://www.idonate.ie/event/liamdugganshaveordye>

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto
Next weeks Jackpot €4,400

Winners of €50

Robert O'Brien, Ballyalla

Enda Garvey, Cappamore

Kevin Meaney, Doora

Aidan Bohannon, Knockanean



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, To receive power and divinity, And wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and 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 Ezekiel

Ezk 34:11-12.15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.
As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
Where he gives me repose.

R.

Near restful waters he leads me,
To revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
He is true to his name. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sigh of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
My cup is overflowing **R**

Surely goodness and kindness
shall follow me
All the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
For ever and ever. **R**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. **1 Cor 15:20-26.28**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first - fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on Him who comes
in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom
of our father David! Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Mt 25:31-46**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply,

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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

The Lord sits as King forever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace