

# 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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**Second Sunday of Advent (Year B) 10th December 2023**

## To reflect the image of the messenger!

To know where we are going we so often have to go back to the beginning ..... This Sunday we are treated to that very focus. Where the news of Jesus Christ finds it's source with the Old Testament Prophet Isaiah ..

**“Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.**

**A voice cries in the wilderness: make his paths straight.”**

With Isaiah as the prequel to where John the Baptist takes up the story, he, the Baptist, sets about making a path straight for Jesus' arrival.

Rather than thinking that the story of the 'messenger' ends with John the Baptist, let's imagine this Sunday is an invitation to us .. An invitation ... to be a part of a new episode in this tale ..

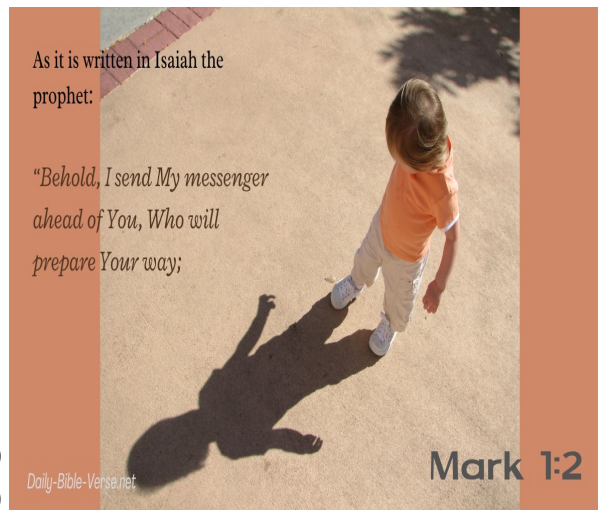
The tale of preparing for Jesus' arrival in the NOW! What might be our equivalent of John the Baptist's attire of camel skin and diet of locusts and wild honey?

So often I think of John setting the scene for Jesus as one who rocked the boat as he prepared the way for the one who would turn the boat on it's head.

In this new episode, to see ourselves, cast in the role of the messenger preparing a way for Jesus in the world we live in, the community we live in, the family we live in, we

may need to rock the boat and become a reflection of the messenger.

A messenger that is God sent, as John was, so are we .... We might be even surprised at the manner in which, family, community, the world we live in might take notice of the one who is ever present, in our midst, waiting to be greeted and seen. Jesus.!



**Priest on Duty: 10th December , 2023**  
**Contact Fr. Ger Jones Tel. 065 6869098**

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

**9th Dec:** Tommy Kearney, Roslevan.  
Seán O'Donoghue, Ballaghboy.

**15th Dec:** Ellen Fitzgerald.

**16th Dec:** Carmel Devan, Newpark, Roslevan.

**ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA**

**10th Dec:** Dinny Vaughan, Kockanean. **1st Anniv.**  
Christy Reddan, Cappahard.

Patrick & Mary Hannon, Ardsolus, Quin.  
Brendan Molloy, Moyriesk, Quin.  
Tony Mangan, Kilbricken, Doora.

**17th Dec:** Margaret McMahon, Ballyglass.  
Thomas & Josephine Heffernan &  
& John McInerney, Noughaval.

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

**10th Dec:** Joe Conlon, Ballymacon.  
Nuala Teasdale (nee Fitzgerald), Clonkerry.

**17th Dec:** Mary & Jimmy Whelan, Barefield.  
Claire Curran, Drumgranagh.  
Tom Mulhern, Parnell Grove.

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

**Finance Development Fund**  
**3rd Dec**

Barefield: €151

Doora: €77

Church of Our Lady: €181

Development: €657

**Mile Buiochas**

**REST IN PEACE**

Remember in your prayers



**Keith Seston,**  
England,  
brother in law of David Moylan,  
Cluain Ros Leamhan,  
Tulla Road.



*Now in God's hands, forever in our heart.*



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



**This week:**

**COur Lady:** TBohannon/MOCallaghan/KMorris Claire Cremin

**Doora:** Seán Conlan Seamus Enright

**Barefield:** MOLooughlin/BGalvin Carmel McGovern

**Next week:**

**COur Lady:** TBohannon/MOCallaghan/KMorris Claire Cremin

**Doora:** Maria Considine Michael Cusack

**Barefield:** Mary Hassett/Liam Murphy Maeve O'Donnell

**Doora Sacristan Rota**

10th Dec: Mary Corry

17th Dec: Anne Marie Custy

**Church of Our Lady Basket Collector**

9th & 16th Dec: Dan Lenihan & Tom Heath

**Please Note:**

**2024 PARISH DONATION BOXES**

**Parish donation boxes for 2024 are now being distributed.**

Please note that your Parish number on box has changed for 2024. This is due to the reduction of the number of boxes due to online donations. This new number comes into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 **so please do not use before that date and similarly do not use 2023 envelopes from 1<sup>st</sup> January onwards.**

**We appeal for your co-operation in distributing the boxes. There may be parishioners who are still not attending mass and we would ask you to deliver their boxes where possible.**

If any parishioner would like an annual box please contact Cora in the Parish Office during office hours and a box will be issued to you. Thank you for your co-operation.



**QR Code**

Scan with your phone.

You can also scan this code with the camera of your phone and it will bring you to the donate button of our parish

website and makes it easier for you to donate to the Parish

You can also set up donations on our website  
[www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/donate](http://www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/donate).

We take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity to our parish and for your co-operation.

### 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.

Abbey Pastoral Area  
Advent Reconciliation Service

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm  
Cathedral, Ennis  
All welcome

Advent  
Reconciliation



**Cantare Choir and Orchestra Christmas Concert** Cathedral SS Peter & Paul, Ennis on 20th December, 8.15pm. Featuring special guest Dean Power, Tenor with Young Notes Youth Choir, Conductor Una Clune. Musical Director Michael Hennessy, M.C Joan Hanrahan. Tickets €20 each available at Ennis Parish Office 065 6824043 All proceeds to Cathedral Restoration Fund.

### Kings of the Road Tractor & Truck Run Light the Way

at Doora Barefield GAA Grounds on 16th December.

Registration at 4.30pm Kick off 6pm. Monster Raffle on night. Prizes for best lit up tractor or truck. Special Appearance from The Wee Nellys at Grove Bar.



All proceeds to Pieta House & The Irish Lung Foundation.

### St. Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection

at Church of Our Lady, Roslevan next Saturday 9th December at 6pm Mass.



Society of  
St Vincent de Paul

your support would be very much appreciated.

The society provides practical support to so many families and individuals who are in need and their work is totally confidential.

[www.svp.ie/declareareacouncilappeal](http://www.svp.ie/declareareacouncilappeal)

### Second Sunday of Advent

*Today we light the second candle  
of the Advent wreath.*

*With this candle we pray that the light of Christ  
will shine through us to everyone we meet.*

*Prepare the way of the Lord,  
Make straight his path.*

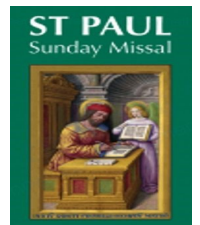
*We warmly invite you to our*

## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



*Carol Service & Nativity Play  
at Church of the  
Immaculate Conception, Barefield  
on Wednesday  
20th December at 7pm.  
All welcome.*

Mass Readers are asked  
to collect from the Sacristy  
a St. Paul Sunday Missal  
for 2024. Thank you for your  
co-operation.



 **Irish Blood  
Transfusion Service**  
Seirbhís Fuilaeistriúcháin na hÉireann

**Blood Donor Clinic, Ennis at West County Hotel**  
**Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th**  
**December . 4.50pm – 8.10pm** New Donors welcome at all clinics  
Please call 1800 222 111 for appointment  
**Did You Know?** Giving Blood makes it possible for many people to lead normal healthy lives. Every year thousands of patients require blood transfusions in our hospitals, because they are undergoing surgery, recovering from cancer or have been in a serious accident.

Only 3% of the eligible Irish population give blood, providing blood for a population of over 4 million.

3,000 blood donors are needed each week in Ireland  
Blood is required every day of the year

**Doora Barefield GAA Lotto**  
**Next weeks Jackpot €4,800**

Winners of €50

Rosie McInerney c/o Hogans  
Carmel Keane, Newpark  
Maeve Barry, Ballyalla  
David Morrissey, Roslevan

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT





# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

**O People of Sion, behold,  
The Lord will come to save the nations,  
And the Lord will make the glory of his  
voice heard In the joy of your heart.**

## 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**

## A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 40:1-5,9-11

"Console my people, console them", says your God. "Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for her crimes".

A voice cries, "Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken".

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God."

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us  
your saving help.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

## A reading from the second letter of St. Peter 2 Pt 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

## The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Prepare a way for the Lord,  
Make his paths straight,  
And all humankind shall see  
the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. Mk 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

## The Gospel of the Lord

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God