

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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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Year B) 31st December 2023

How does God fit in?

I recently read a story about a schoolteacher in England who supervised the construction of a manger scene in a corner of her classroom by her students. The students were excited and enthusiastic as they set up the little barn and covered the floor with real straw and then arranged all the figures of Mary and Joseph and the shepherds and the Wise Men and all the animals. The students had all the characters facing the little crib in which the tiny Infant Jesus lay.

One little boy just couldn't get enough. He was absolutely enthralled. He kept returning to it, and each time stood there completely engrossed but wearing a puzzled expression on his face. The teacher noticed him and asked, "Is anything wrong? Do you have a question? What would you like to know?"

With his eyes still glued to the tiny manger scene, the boy said slowly, "What I'd like to know is, it's so small, how does God fit in?"

The truth of Christmas and this weekend's feast of the Holy Family is that the fullness of God's grace is not always found in the spectacular or miraculous but rather in the small, simple and ordinary.

Our challenge as Christians is to see God present in the ordinary and everyday experiences of our lives.

Even when our families are broken or hurting, Jesus is present in them inviting us to see his healing presence. The Son of God born into the mess of humanity at the stable in Bethlehem is also born into our sometimes messy lives and relationships.

Our task is to find Jesus in the ordinary everyday moments of our lives and families, good and bad, even when it may seem like he does not belong there. Jesus knows the trembling hands that hold on to him with unflinching tenacity. He recognizes his faithful follower's tender touch.



Priest on Duty: 31st December , 2023
Contact Fr. David Carroll Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week
CHURCH OF OUR LADY
ROSLEVAN

30th Dec: Mary & Noel Murphy, Dublin & Ennis.

5th Jan 9.30am: Michael & Maureen McNamara, Roscommon.

6th Jan: No intention booked.

ST. BREGAN'S CHURCH

31st Dec: No intention booked.

7th Jan: No intention booked.

Church of the Immaculate
Conception, Barefield

31st Dec: Johnny Cunningham, Drumconora.
Margaret Quinn & Aoife Loughnane, Ballycarroll.

7th Jan: Joe Cullinan, Ballycorree
Michael Buddy Purcell, Ballyduff.

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

Priests' Christmas Collection
Thank You.

Thank you for your generosity to all who contributed to the Priests' Christmas Collection.

If you were away or forgot your contribution, it would still be much appreciated. You can also donate on line on our website:
www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/donate.

First Friday Mass at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield on Friday 5th January at 7pm.

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



REST IN PEACE
Remember in your prayers

Sr. Madeleine McLnerney,
Little Company of Mary Sisters,
Dublin & Killawinna, Doora
aunt of Mary Maher.

Now in God's hands, forever in our hearts



Ministers of Eucharist
& Readers



This week:

COur Lady: TBohannon/MOCallaghan/KMorris Bridget Hoey

Doora: Mary Barry Patricia Clune

Barefield: MRowland/MHassett Nuala Galvin

Next week:

COur Lady: JOConnor/MMcGuire/NBecker Dan Lenihan

Doora: Anne Marie Custy Mary Corry

Barefield: CDeloughery/MClohessy Tara Donnellan

Doora Sacristan Rota

31st Dec: Mary Hallinan

7th Jan: Mary Corry

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

31st Dec: Michael Williams & Pau Mockler

7th Jan: Dan Lenihan & Tom Heath

A Prayer for the New Year



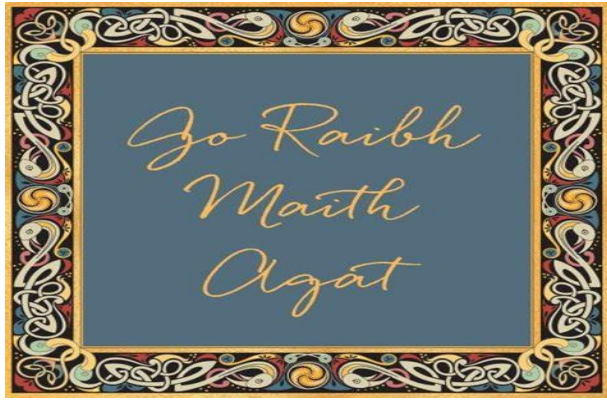
May you awake each morning
with 'thank you' on your lips
and in your heart,
recognizing that all is gift,
that all is blessing.

May your friendship with God
be strong and healthy.
May that love be both a comfort
and a challenge
as you struggle to find your way
in the New Year.

May you be the one
with welcome in your smile
and hello etched upon your hand,
the hand you extend to everyone
who blesses you with presence.

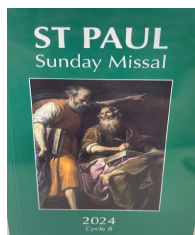
Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.

CES Scheme - Thank You.



A word of thanks to everyone involved with the CES Scheme for their continued dedication to our parish.

It is an invaluable resource to the parish and we are very grateful for all the good works undertaken. Mile buiochas.



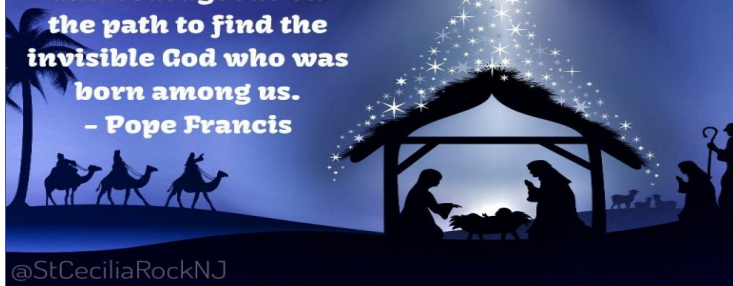
St. Paul's Sunday Missal 2024 containing all the Readings for the coming year for sale in parish office during opening hours for €8.

Limited number available.

Feast of the Epiphany
Saturday 6th January

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Like the Magi, may we also journey and be attentive, untiring and courageous on the path to find the invisible God who was born among us.
- Pope Francis



@StCeciliaRockNJ

This feast as part of our Christmas celebrations recalls the wise men guided by a star arriving to adore the new born baby.

Friday 5th Vigil Mass, Barefield	7pm
Church of Our Lady, Roslevan	9am
St. Breacan's, Doora	10am

Each new year brings us new opportunities to know Him more, to walk in faith, and grow by His grace.

May your year be blessed in the Lord.

"...Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." — 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9 KJV

Jim Lewis

Beannacht:

A Blessing for the New Year

John O'Donohue

"On the day when the weight deadens
On your shoulders
And you stumble,
May the clay dance
To balance you.

And when your eyes freeze behind
The grey window
And the ghost of loss
Gets in to you,
May a flock of colours,
Indigo, red, green,
And azure blue,
Come to awaken in you
A meadow of delight.

When the canvas frays
In the currach of thought
And a stain of ocean
Blackens beneath you,
May there come across the waters
A path of yellow moonlight
To bring you safely home.

May the nourishment of the earth be yours,
May the clarity of light be yours,
May the fluency of the ocean be yours,
May the protection of the ancestors be yours.

And so may a slow
Wind work these words
Of love around you,
An invisible cloak to mind your life.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste,
And found Mary & Joseph and the Infant
lying in a manger.

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, for
give 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 Genesis.

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in
a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your
shield; your reward will be very great'.

'My Lord,' Abram replied, 'what do
you intend to give me? I go childless...' Then
Abram said, 'See, you have given me no
descendants; some man of my household will
be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord
was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir;
your heir shall be one of your own flesh and
blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look
up to heaven and count the stars if you can.
Such will be your descendants' he told him.
Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted
this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had
said, and did what he had promised her. So
Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham
in his old age, at the time God had promised.
Abraham named the son born to him Isaac,
the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

He, the Lord, is our God.

He remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,
make known his deeds
among the peoples.

O sing to him, sing his praise;

tell all his wonderful works! **R**

Be proud of his holy name,
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face. **R**

Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.
O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of the Jacob he chose. **R**

He remembers his covenant forever,
his promise for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac. **R**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Heb 11:8.11-12.17-19

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the
call to set out for a country that was the
inheritance given to him and his descend-
ants, and that he set out without knowing
where he was going. It was equally by
faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the
age, was made able to conceive, because
she believed that he who had made the
promise would be faithful to it. Because of
this, there came from one man, and one
who was already as good as dead himself,
more descendants than could be counted,
as many as the stars of heaven or the
grains of sand on the seashore. It was by
faith that Abraham, when put to the test,
offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice
his only son even though the promises
had been made to him and he had been
told: It is through Isaac that your name will
be carried on. He was confident that God
had the power even to raise the dead; and
so, figuratively speaking, he was given
back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia At various times in the
past And in various different ways,
God spoke to our ancestors through
the prophets'**

**But in our own time, the last days,
He has spoken to us through his Son.
Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. **Lk2:22.39-40**

When the day came for them to be
purified as laid down by the Law of Moses,
the parents of Jesus took him up to
Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had done everything the
Law of the Lord required, they went back to
Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.
Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and
he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour
was with him.

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

Our God has appeared on the earth, and
lived among us.