

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 Baptism of the Lord (Year B) 7th January, 2024

The Baptism of the Lord

The word “augur” has interesting roots. It comes from the Latin avis (a bird) and gerrio (chatter). In ancient Rome officials called “augurs” were considered experts who could predict the future by interpreting patterns of bird flights when political appointments were being made.

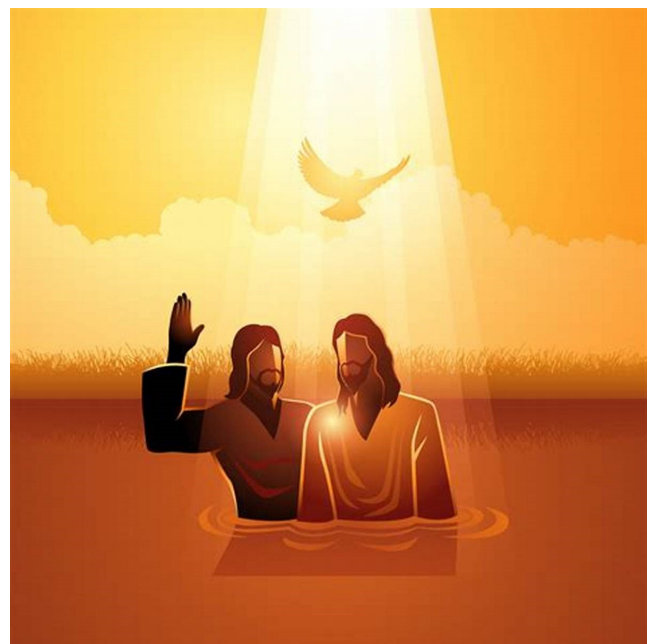
Every Roman Emperor from Augustus onward claimed to have been singled out by the appearance of an eagle, the bird associated with Jupiter, the Supreme God.

In the Christian tradition we are told the spirit of God descended on Jesus like a dove. In the ancient world the dove was a universally recognised symbol of innocence, gentleness, nurture and humility, qualities that will be immeasurably needed in abundance by all of us in 2024 despite many challenges and uncertainties.

If this celebration of Jesus' Baptism in the river Jordan teaches us anything, it assures us that people of faith can view every challenge in 2024 in a different light because the incarnation assures us that the God of promise is actively engaged in human life and human history.

Therefore our Baptism in Jesus Christ is indeed a wonderful gift from God, but a gift to be opened. These beautiful words could be addressed to all the Baptised.

“Little child,
you belong to God,
you always have and you always will
and now the mark of Christ is upon you.
Let us then live out our Baptism vows
as faithfully as we are able.”



Priest on Duty: 7th January, 2024
Contact Fr. Joy Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week
CHURCH OF OUR LADY
ROSLEBAN

6th Jan: No intention booked.
13th Jan: John & Margaret Ternan, Scarriff.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

7th Jan: No intention booked.
14th Jan: No intention booked.

Church of the Immaculate
Conception, Barefield

7th Jan: Joe Cullinan, Ballycoree.
Michael Buddy Purcell, Ballyduff.
14th Jan: Rose Lahiffe, Ballymaley. MM.
Michael Duggan, Ballymacuiggan.

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

Finance Development Fund

Christmas 2023

Barefield: €770
Doora €643
C Our Lady: €807
Development: €2,040

31st December, 2023

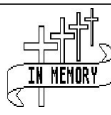
Barefield: €140
Doora: €106
Church of Our Lady: €123
Development: €605

Thank you for your generosity to our Parish
& Priests Collections at Christmas
and throughout the year.

Míle buíochas.



REST IN PEACE
Remember in your prayers



Mary McInerney,
Ballymacahill & Galway.

Sean Crowley,
Dublin & Clare,
Brother of Nancy Becker, Lios Ard, Tulla Rd.

Now in God's hands, forever in our hearts



Ministers of Eucharist
& Readers



This week:

COur Lady:	JOConnor/MMCGuire/NBecker	Dan Lenihan
Doora:	Mary Barry	Eamon O'Halloran
Barefield:	CDeloughery/MClohessy	Tara Donnellan

Next week:

COur Lady:	JOConnor/MMCGuire/NBecker	Dan Lenihan
Doora:	Anne Marie Custy	Nuala Conlan
Barefield:	BGalvin/MOLoughlin	Sinead Roseingrave

Doora Sacristan Rota

7th Jan: Teresa Hallinan
14th Jan: Margaret Liddy

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector
6th & 13th Jan: PPerrill & Harold Herlihy.

Snowdrops
(Plúiríní Sneachta)

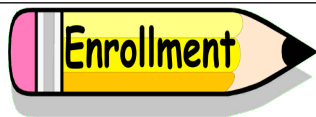


They're to be seen across the land
From frozen ground they will sprout forth,
Of nature we see a rebirth,
Seeds of life hid within the earth,
At last winter is to depart,
For the spring months are soon to start,
Flowers that are the most pure white,
Shall always be a pleasing sight,
Undeterred should there still be frost,
Flowers will open at all cost,
The snowdrop's beauty shines the most,
In a month that's a bitter host,
In woods darted about the place,
Bringing smiles to many a face,
For our countryside they do bless,
bringing about scenes that impress.

Christian Lacdael

*"January is the quietest month in the garden.
But just because it looks quiet,
doesn't mean that nothing
is happening."*





Knockanean National School will commence accepting applications for Junior Infants for the coming school year, on January 9th 2024. Application forms can be obtained by contacting Madge in the school office on 065 6840088 or by sending an email to cnocanein@gmail.com requesting an application form.

Closing date for completed application forms is 2.40pm on January 30th 2024.

Roseingrave School of Irish Music & Dance now enrolling for 2024 Classes in Fahy Hall. Contact Lourda Roseingrave (TTGT., TCRG) on 0870687794. Registered with the CLRG—Irish Dancing Commission).



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.

Parent & Toddler Group

re-opens on Tuesday 9th January.

Looking forward to seeing you all.



The Baptism of the Lord

*Spirit of God,
descending on Jesus,
make us your people, in Baptism and now,
Beloved sons and daughters,
with whom God can be well pleased.*

*May we never take our Baptism for granted,
And may we look for new life
in every baptized person.*

Amen.



Winter Prayer



In the Midst of Winter

Lord, in the midst of Winter,
when the days are cold and wind can pierce
remind us of the warmth of your love.

In the midst of Winter, when days are short,
dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early
remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring
still lie hidden in the earth,
when leaves are off the trees,
and the world can seem bleak
remind us that Easter is but a short time away.

And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing
a season of winter,
reach out to us with the power of your resurrection
so that we may feel the warmth of your love
and see your light
that alone can take away the darkness of our soul.

Amen

Bereaved by Suicide. The Christmas Season can be a difficult time for people bereaved by suicide. Clare Suicide Bereavement Support volunteers are available to help you. Support and help are only a phone call away. You could phone us at one of our numbers given below and we will take it from there. We promise complete confidentiality. 086 0565373. 087 3698315. www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com



Doora Barefield GAA Lotto



Next weeks Jackpot: €5,400
Venue: Clubhouse,
Winners of €50

Michael Carmody, Carhudotia;
Marie Previllon, Newpark;
Colin Reid, Ballyalla;
Aaron Landy, Tulla Rd.

Thank you for your support.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**After the Lord was baptized,
the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon
him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased.**

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 prophet Isaiah

Is 55:1-11

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and you will have good
things to eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out
of the favours promised to David.

See, I have made of you a witness to the
peoples, a leader and a master of the nations.

See, you will summon a nation you never knew,
those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the
sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of
Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while
he is still to be found, call to him while he is still
near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the
evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the
Lord who will take pity on him, to our god who is
rich in forgiving; for my thoughts my ways are

not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as
my ways are above your ways, my thoughts
above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down
from the heavens and do not return without
watering the earth, making it yield and giving
growth to provide seed for the sower and
bread for the eating, so the word that goes
from my mouth does not return to me empty,
without carrying out my will and succeeding
in what it was sent to do.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

**With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.**

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength,
my song, he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

R

Give thanks to the Lord,
give praise to his name!

Make his mighty deeds
known to the peoples!

Declare the greatness of his name.

R

Sing a psalm to the Lord

for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel.

R

A reading from the first letter of St. John

1 Jn 5:1-9

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;

and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets. We can be

sure that we love God's children if we love
God himself and do what he has

commanded us; this is what loving God is -
keeping his commandments;

and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by

God has already overcome the world; this is
the victory over the world— our faith. Who
can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the
Son of God:

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only, but with water and blood;

with the Spirit as another witness - since the
Spirit is the truth - so that there are three

witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the
blood, and all three of them agree. We
accept the testimony of human witnesses,

but God's testimony is much greater, and this
is God's testimony, given as evidence for his
Son.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**John saw Jesus coming towards him,
and said: This is the Lamb of God who
takes away the sin of the world.**

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Mk 1:7-11

In the course of his preaching John the
Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, some-
one 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.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from
Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the
Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up
out of the water than he saw the heavens torn
apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending
on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You
are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on
you.'

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 for-
giveness of sins and I look forward to the resur-
rection of the dead and the life of the world to
come. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the
Son of God.