

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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First Sunday of Lent (Year B) 18th February, 2024

LENT....THE BEGINNING OF A NOT SO SOLITARY JOURNEY

The journey that began for us last Wednesday is reflected in the short Gospel story from St Mark in Gospel. "The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness, and he remained there for forty days.

So our forty days are somewhat meant to be in step with him for our forty days of 'Observance' of Lent.

Yes Jesus was tempted, seems to have been the purpose of his mission. He existed with wild beasts in the wilds of the desert. BUT, here's lies the pearl of the story ... "the Angels looked after him." the solitariness is taken out of the landscape of Jesus' forty days.....same for us on our Lenten 'observance' of our forty days.

That we might **observe** who might accompany us and indeed who will depend on our accompaniment for this journey.

The angel who will look after me and the Angel I can be to another. St Luke's version of this same story the tempter recognizes that Jesus would not be left alone .. "he will put his Angels in charge of you to guard you.

They will hold you up in their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone" St Matthew's version states the tempters similar observance.

So

May you always have an angel by your side
Watching out for you in all the things you do
Reminding you to keep believing
in brighter days

Finding ways for your wishes and dreams
to come true, giving you hope
that is as certain as the sun
Giving you the strength of serenity
as your guide

May you always have love
and comfort and courage
And may you always have an angel
by your side

Someone there to catch you if you fall
Encouraging your dreams Inspiring your
happiness, holding your hand and helping
you through it all

In all of our days, our lives are always
changing

Tears come along as well as smiles
Along the roads you travel,
may the miles be a thousand times
more lovely than lonely

May they give you gifts that never, ever end:
someone wonderful to love
and a dear friend in whom you can confide
May you have rainbows after every storm
May you have hopes to keep you warm
And may you always have an angel by your side.

Priest on Duty: 18th February, 2024
Contact - Fr. David Carroll - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week
CHURCH OF OUR LADY
ROSLEBAN

17th Feb: Joseph Conroy, Ballaghboy. 1st Anniv.
24th Feb: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

18th Feb: Peggy Conroy, Noughaville, Doora.
25th Feb: Patrick Meere, Wellpark, Quin.
Margaret Cullinan, Creggaun.

Church of the Immaculate
Conception, Barefield

18th Feb: John Fitzgerald, Barefield.
Michael & Josephine Carmody, Barefield &
Kitty, Vincent & James Conroy, Trim, Co. Meath.
25th Feb: Bernadette, Ann & Flan Lyons, Larchill.

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

Finance Development Fund

11th February
Barefield: €198
Doora: €109
Church of Our Lady: €187
Development: €1,135
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*"Lent comes providentially
to awaken us,
to shake us from our lethargy"*

Pope Francis

Prayer for Peace in Our World



You are the true King of peace.
In You alone is found freedom.
Please free our world from conflict.
Bring unity to troubled nations.
Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.
Dispel all darkness and evil.
Protect the dignity of every human life. Amen



Ministers of Eucharist
& Readers



This week:

Cour Lady:	NBecker/HHerlihy	Jimmy O'Loughlin
Doora:	Owen O'Mahony	Seán Conlan
Barefield:	MRowland/NKennedy	Maeve O'Donnell

Next week:

Cour Lady:	NBecker/HHerlihy	Jimmy O'Loughlin
Doora:	Bernard Hallinan	Kieran Bell
Barefield:	MClohessey/CDeloughery	Bernard Casey

Doora Sacristan Rota

18th Feb: Anne Marie Custy
25th Feb: Owen O'Mahony

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

17th & 24th Feb: James Reynolds/Joan O'Connor

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

at St. Breacan's Church, Doora every Wednesday 6pm to 10pm.
New members very welcome.

Daily Lenten Messages

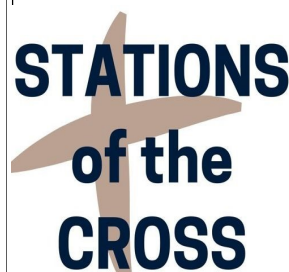


Brief (less than one minute) daily multi-media spiritual reflections from Bishop Fintan will be available on the various social media platforms every day for Lent, Holy Week and the Easter Octave.

Subscribe (at no cost – just click on the subscribe button) to <https://www.youtube.com/@BishopFintanMonahan> to keep up to date with many events around the diocese and beyond.

Prayer During Lent...Doora Church

You are invited to come along to Doora Church on Friday evenings during Lent at 7pm to reflect on The Stations of The Cross.

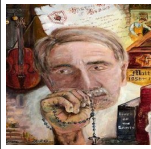


We gather to spend a little time away from the hustle and bustle to honour the tradition passed on for generations, where we walk with Jesus through his passion.

All welcome.

Bereavement Support Information Evening will take place in Milford Care Centre, Education Department on Tue 27th February from 7pm - 8.30pm. The Bereavement Information evening is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family and friends. Members of the Bereavement Service will be present to provide general information on Grief and Bereavement.

The evening will comprise of a hort talk by a Bereavement Counsellor, Different experiences of Grief, Services available, Question Time. The Information Evening is Free



The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, 21st February 2024 at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction.

Fr Martin Shanahan will lead us in the service of healing with celebration of the sacrament of the sick. Attending this Novena could be your Lenten resolution.

P.J. Murrihy, Seamus Shannon & Seamus Murrihy in concert in Cnoc na Gaoithe Theatre, Tulla Sat 24th Feb. Tickets €20. Call 087 8350 996 for tickets. Great night of songs and stories assured!

Trócaire
Working for a just world.

The annual Trocaire Lenten Campaign began on Ash Wednesday. For the past fifty-one years people have shown great Trócaire to people who are poor and suffering all over the world. Trócaire boxes are now available in all our churches.



Bus home pick-ups available in your area with TFI Local Link

TFI Local Link Limerick Clare run a weekly bus service from Barefield & surrounding areas to Ennis every Saturday.

The bus is in the Barefield area at 12 noon every Saturday and the drop off point in Ennis is Friar's Walk (Temple Gate Hotel). Return from Ennis is 2:45pm. Availability of home pick-ups along the full route Ballinruan- Crusheen- Barefield- Ennis.

Bookings recommended. For more information contact 065 6719101 quoting route number C13 and your Eircode. Adult single €1.50 Barefield-Ennis and Free Travel Pass accepted. www.locallinkcl.ie

This is Barefield's only public transport at present and we are encouraging the public to use it.

Barefield School Parents Association annual clothes collection fundraiser is taking place on Thursday Feb 29th.

Donations taken of old clothes, bed linen (no duvets / pillows), blankets, towels, curtains, shoes, bags and belts.

Please place all donations in black bags and leave inside the front gate of Barefield school on the morning of the 29th.



Thought for Lent



Keep me, O God, from pettiness.
Let us be large in thought, word and deed.
Let us be done with fault-finding
and leave off self-seeking.
May we put away all pretence
and meet each other face to face
without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.
Let us take time for all things.
Make us grow calm, serene, gentle.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses,
and make us straight-forward and unafraid.
Grant that we may realize
that it is the little things in life that create differences;
that in the big things we are all as one.
And, O Lord God,
Let us not forget to be kind.

Evangelium Ireland will host its next Apologetics Conference for young Catholics at St Patrick's College, Maynooth on Saturday, 16 March. Talks & workshops include: The Gift of the Priesthood, Intro to the Theology of Joseph Ratzinger, Christian Marriage, Female Authors of the Catholic Revival, Christian Metaphysics, St Patrick. Mass will also be celebrated. Cost: €38 including lunch, refreshments and evening social. For to view the full programme and to register visit www.evangelium.ie or search 'Evangelium Ireland' on Eventbrite. Don't miss this great opportunity to learn and pray with other young Catholics!

St. Joseph's Doora Barefield GAA Club

Annual Church Gate Collection for St. Josephs Doora Barefield GAA Club on Saturday & Sunday 24th & 25th February next.

Your support is appreciated.



Doora Barefield GAA Lotto
Next weeks Jackpot: €4,000
Venue: Clubhouse,
Winner of €50

Gerard McNaboe, Doora,
John Galvin, Clonteen,
Tom Garvey, Ballyorta
3pm Club Considines Bar



Thank you for your support

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.**

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 ever lasting life.

C. Amen.

A reading from the book of Genesis Gen 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

Your ways, Lord,
are faithfulness and love
for those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth,
and teach me:

for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown
from of old.

In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright. He
shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path;
He teaches his way to the poor. **R**

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter 1 Pt 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ,
king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ,
king of eternal glory!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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

**One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.**