

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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Second Sunday of Lent (Year B) 25th February, 2024

TRANSFIGURATION – MEETING OF THE HUMAN AND DIVINE.

The story of the Transfiguration unfolds on a mountain top. The significance of the mountain is a recurring motif in spiritual experiences throughout the Bible. Mountains often symbolize places of encounter with the divine, where individuals are called to draw closer to God and gain insight into His purposes.

In this case, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, where a remarkable transformation occurs. This radiant alteration signifies a glimpse into Jesus' divine nature, a revelation of his true glory. The Transfiguration serves as a confirmation of Jesus' identity and mission, a revelation of his glory that strengthens the faith of his disciples for the challenges that lie ahead.

The Transfiguration invites us to contemplate the mystery of Christ's dual nature as fully human and fully divine. In his transfigured state, Jesus offers a glimpse of his heavenly glory, affirming his divine identity. Yet, he also remains fully human, sharing in our humanity and entering into our suffering.

This union of the divine and the human in Jesus Christ is central to Christian theology and speaks to the depth of God's love and solidarity with humanity.

Like the disciples, we may experience moments of spiritual clarity and revelation, where God's presence feels palpable and undeniable. However, these experiences are often fleeting, and we are called to continue following Jesus even when the mountain peaks give way to the valleys of hardship and doubt.

The Transfiguration reminds us that true faith is not built on fleeting experiences but on a steadfast commitment to follow Jesus wherever he may lead us.

Peter, James, and John came down the mountain again to resume normal living below in the plains of Galilee. Like them, we resume normal living after our spiritual experiences, but our contemplation of the words of Jesus and his light take us through each day as we remember, "it is good that we are here."



Priest on Duty: 25th February, 2024

Contact - Fr. Joy - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY ROSLEBAN

24th Feb: Francis Clune, Ballyduff, Barefield.

2nd Mar: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

25th Feb: Patrick Meere, Wellpark, Quin.

Margaret Cullinan, Creggaun.

3rd Mar: William (Willie) Slattery, Moyriesk. MM.

Anselm Brooks & Brooks Family, Creggaun.

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield

25th Feb: Bernadette, Ann & Flan Lyons, Larchill.

3rd March: No intention booked.

9.30am Mass each Tuesday in Barefield Church.

Novena Mass in Church of Our Lady each Monday 9.30am

Finance Development Fund

18th February

Barefield: €117

Doora: €92

Church of Our Lady: €266

Development: €1,116

Mile buiochas



Thought for the week.....

*Don't fret about the future
or be consumed by cares;
instead take all your worries
and turn them into prayers.*

Lourdes Pilgrimage



The Diocese of Killaloe will travel on pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 21st June to Wednesday 26th June. €899pp sharing.

Booking can be made online via joewalstours.ie or 01 2410800 or collect a booking form in Ennis parish office.



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

Cour Lady:

NBecker/HHerlihy

Marie Moore

Doora:

Bernard Hallinan

Kieran Bell

Barefield:

MClohesy/CDeloughery

Bernard Casey

Next week:

Cour Lady:

BBurke/SGarvey

Michael Guilfoyle

Doora:

Mary Barry

Seamus Enright

Barefield:

MOloughlin/BGalvin

Margaret Carden

Doora Sacristan Rota

25th Feb: Owen O'Mahony

3rd Mar: Patricia Hassett

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

24th Feb: James Reynolds/Joan O'Connor

2nd Mar: Paddy Perrill/Harold Herlihy

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.**

POPE FRANCIS' WORDS

Do you want to fast this Lent?



- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



No one should have to care alone

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more information visit www.familycarers.ie.

Local Mental Health Forum February meeting takes place Tues Feb 27th 3pm-4:30pm in Maria Assumpta Hall. Recovery focused discussion on experiences and service improvement in mental health services, for services users, family members and supporters. Contact Rosemary 0876560854 for more information

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, 28th February at 7:00PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Bishop Willie Walsh will lead us in prayer and reflect on the spirituality and celebration of age. On the night we will welcome students from St Mochulla's National School. We would love if you joined us in this pilgrimage through Lent.

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators.

- If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church;
- If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Accord wants to hear from you.

Successful applicant will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally.

Contact Aisling 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie or Martina, Ennis/Nenagh branch on 065 6824297 or by email to ennis@accord.ie or Nenagh@accord.ie. www.accord.ie

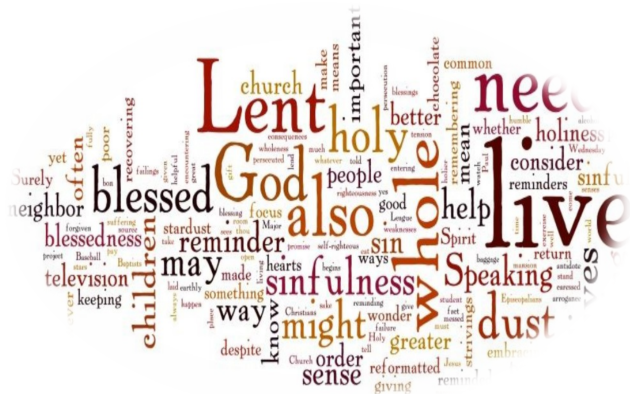


Praying With The Scriptures- Lectio Divina



You are invited to come along to Maria Assumpta Hall in Ennis on Tuesday evenings at 7pm during Lent to pray with the Sacred Scriptures. We will focus on the Sunday gospel and break open the Word together. All welcome

Lenten Prayer for Strength and Guidance



Lord God Almighty,
shaper and ruler of all creatures,
we pray for your great mercy,
that you guide us towards you,
for we cannot find our way.

And guide us to your will,
to the need of our soul,
for we cannot do it ourselves.

And make our mind steadfast in your will
and aware of our soul's need.

Strengthen us against the temptations of the devil,
and remove from us all lust
and every unrighteousness,
and shield us against our foes,
seen and unseen.

Teach us to do your will,
that we may inwardly love you
before all things with a pure mind.

For you are our maker and our redeemer,
our help, our comfort, our trust, our hope;
praise and glory be to you now and forever.



Doora Barefield GAA Lotto
Next weeks Jackpot: €4,200
Venue: Clubhouse



Winner of €50

Bob Mulqueen, Barefield,
Greg Lyons, Ballymacahill,
Ivor White, Australia
Vera O'Connor, Doora

Thank you for your support

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**Of you my heart has spoken:
Seek his face. It is your face,
O Lord, that I seek;
Hide not your face from me.**

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 book of Genesis Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am he replied'. 'Take your son, God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. Do not raise your hand against the boy the angel said. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:

"I am sorely afflicted."

O precious in the eyes of the Lord

is the death of his faithful.

R.

Your servant, Lord. Your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:

I will call on the Lord's name.

R.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil

before all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord

in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans Rm 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright clouds the father's
voice was heard:**

**"This is my Son, the Beloved,
Listen to Him!"**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark Mk 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves.

There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is

wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him'. Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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

**This is my beloved Son, with whom I
am well pleased; listen to him**