

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 ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Year B) 12th May, 2024



Forty days after his resurrection, our Lord ascended to heaven to take his rightful place beside the throne of God. The apostles were certainly saddened by the Lord's departure while they gazed towards the sky, but in leaving his followers Jesus did not abandon them. St. Augustine once wrote: "In coming down to earth, our Lord Jesus never fully left heaven, and in going back to heaven, he never fully left earth". This confirms our belief that Jesus is not an historical figure of the past, a 'super hero' who once walked the earth, an immortal name and influence, but rather he is our Lord and God, who is alive and very much active. He is not the one who was but the one who is!

In Mark's gospel passage, the task of the community of believers is presented in very clear terms. *Jesus said to his disciples: "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation"*. It is the duty of the Church and of every Christian to proclaim the good news of the gospel of Jesus in word and example always and everywhere. Our Christian duty is to be heralds of Jesus in the world, even though at times we may find it hard to keep up the faith, we are nevertheless called to help others believe as well.

The Ascension serves as a reminder of our own call to ascend—to rise above the limitations of this world and strive for the higher things of God. Just as Jesus ascended into heaven, so too are we called to lift our hearts and minds to heavenly things, seeking the will of God in all that we do.

This means letting go of earthly attachments and desires that weigh us down and hinder our spiritual growth, and instead, fixing our gaze on the eternal truths of God's kingdom.

The Ascension also challenges us to embrace our role as witnesses of Christ's love and truth in the world. Just as the disciples were commissioned to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth, so too are we called to proclaim the good news of salvation to all nations. This is not merely a suggestion but a command—a mandate given to us by our Lord Himself. As followers of Christ, we are called to bear witness to His love through our words and actions, sharing the light of His truth with all whom we encounter.

This feast of the Ascension calls us to reflect on the mysteries of our faith and to renew our commitment to following Christ wholeheartedly. May we, like the disciples, fix our gaze on heaven and strive to live lives that are pleasing to God, bearing witness to His love and truth in all that we do. And may we always be mindful of the presence of the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to be faithful witnesses of the risen and ascended Lord.

Priest on Duty: 12th May, 2024
Contact Fr. Ger Jones - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week
CHURCH OF OUR LADY
ROSLEVAN

11th May: Roibeard O'Ceallaigh
18th May: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

12th May: Marion Keane, Newpark.
Betty Cullinan, Knockanean, Tulla Rd.
19th May: No intention booked

Church of the Immaculate
Conception, Barefield

12th May: Thomas Mulhern, Parnell Grove, Gort Rd.
1st Anniv.

Tess & Danny Malone, Templemaley.

19th May: Bridget Stapleton, Barefield M.M.
Tom Linnane, Ballymaley
John and Christina Galvin, Ballycarroll, Barefield

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

Finance Development Fund
5th May
Barefield: €143
Doora: €145
Church of Our Lady: €155
Development: €720

Míle buíochas



Congratulations

to the boys and girls of Knockanean National School who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this Saturday!



REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

Baby Hunter Molloy, Ballaghboy,

*Goodbyes are for those
who love with their eyes.
Because for those who love
with their heart & soul
there is no separation.*

Míle Buíochas!

Doora Apostolic Work Society wish to thank all those who contributed to their recent Church Gate collection. A total of €867 was collected on the day.



Ministers of Eucharist
& Readers



This week:

Cour Lady:	TBohannon/DLeahy	Claire Cremin
Doora:	Seán Conlan	Seán Conlan
Barefield:	MClohesy/CDeloughery	Sinead Roseingrave

Next week:

Cour Lady:	PMockler/MDilleen	Joe Dilleen
Doora:	Maria Considine	Kieran Bell
Barefield:	MOLougjlin/BGalvin	Nuala Galvin

Doora Sacristan Rota

12th May: Teresa Hallinan
19th May: Margaret Liddy

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

11th & 18th May: Dan Lenihan & Tom Heath

A PRAYER FOR
INNER PEACE

*Dear Lord,
Still my heart's stormy seas,
Quiet my mind's wild crowds,
Be the silence
between my sighs.
Make me still
so that I may be
filled with your peace,
amazed by your grace,
and deeply aware
of your presence
in my life...
and in the world.*

AMEN



Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Fintan will lead the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon Airport on Friday 21st June to Wednesday 26th June, costing €899 pps, including flight, airport transfers, airport & sanctuary taxes, full board with three meals. For more information & booking please contact Joe Walsh tours 01 2410800 or email joewalstours.ie

There will be 24 places reserved for assisted pilgrims who will be cared for in the Accueil Notre Dame with medical and caring assistance, cost €750.

To reserve a place on this section please contact Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director 087 2349816

FCJ Spirituality House, Spanish Point, Co Clare

A beautiful and simple place by the sea, where people come to rest and find God in all things.

- A few places have become available on our 6 and 8 day directed retreats across the summer. These are normally booked out well in advance, so please contact us directly to book for May, June or October.

- We will host a Creative Writing weekend and an Ashram Experience in May and only 2 places remain for each. These popular weekends are a great opportunity to come by the sea for nourishment and inspiration.

We are offering 2 weeks in the summer when people can come for rest and ease or personal retreats.

Please contact us if you'd like to pay in instalments or need support. www.fcjspiritualityhouse.ie / 087 447 9115.

Accord Ennis have Marriage Preparation Courses available on the following dates:

13th & 14th September 2024
18th & 19th October 2024
08th & 09th November 2024
29th & 30th November 2024

Accord Nenagh have Marriage Preparation Courses available on the following dates:

10th & 11th May 2024
07th & 08th June 2024
20th & 21st September 2024
04th & 05th October 2024
01st & 02nd November 2024
15th & 16th November 2024

Book your place today on www.accord.ie

May is Safeguarding month in the Diocese of Killaloe.

Safeguarding seeks to be proactive, ensuring safe environments for all our ministries and covers both children and vulnerable adults. Education and training are key in keeping the safeguarding message current and not allowing complacency. We hold regular training and information sessions for all parish volunteers and Priests ministering to children and adults.

You can find the 2024 training plan on the website www.killaloediocese.ie/safeguarding

Prayer of Gratitude

Thank you, Father,

I feel so loved.

So cared for.

Thank you for bursting through the wall of loneliness and despair with Your loving touch.

Thank you for showing me how much

You love me through

the words of the people in my life.

Thank you for providing everything I need to come closer to You.

Thank you for the humility that I feel as this help comes to me.

Thank you for reminding me that I am not apart from You.

I feel so loved.

So cared for.

Thank you for stripping me bare so that I can learn to care for others as You care for me.

Thank you for alleviating my fears.

You know my heart better than I do.

Thank you, Father, for the benediction of Your active participation in this humble life.



Used Stamps, religious cards, old spectacles, rosary beads and brown coin can be left into the receptacle in the

porch of Doora Church for projects in the Missions. Thank you.

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €6,400

Venue: Clubhouse,

Winners of €50

John Garvey, Ballyortla

Ethan Ryan, Ballycarroll

Michael Carmody, Barefield

Kitty Byrnes, Doora

Doora Next draw - Monday 13th May



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee,

why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, Alleluia.

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.

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 Acts of the Apostles Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: .

God goes up with shouts of joy;

The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

All peoples, clap your hands,
Cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. R.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
Sing praise to our king, sing praise. R.

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. R.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians. Eph 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations;

I am with you always;

yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.