

DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

20th April, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

The Journey to the Empty Tomb



So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. John 20:2-8

The journey began much earlier.... those callers to the tomb on that first Easter morning had spent some years with Jesus as he journeyed to Jerusalem for what awaited, his arrest, torture and ultimate walk up Calvary to his crucifixion .. Even though warned along the way that something of this nature awaited him in Jerusalem, they couldn't have been prepared for what had taken place ... now, talk of an empty tomb, Jesus alive ... just as he HAD told them.

One take away from the story as told in St John's Gospel is the sense of companionship of the TWO disciples, their different pace and the acknowledgement that one had more lived experience than the other and so the younger waited in those final moments so they BOTH could experience this moment of epiphany together. All roads before and during the climb of Calvary led to the empty tomb of Easter. The promise fulfilled.

All of us need to recognise the journey .. the climb .. the pace (slow or fast) a journey that doesn't need to be alone, aware of

another who might lead the way for the final steps. Our Lenten journey might mirror our very life journey, moments of strengthened faith collided by moments when torturous experiences of rejection, failure, world's chaos, bereavement, slows us on our own Calvary slope blinded by summit's crucifixion unable to envision the 'empty tomb'. We are in the middle of this Jubilee year of hope, pilgrims of hope, challenged to journey 'TOGETHER' and wait for each other should our pace slacken. Together THEY SAW and they believed.

With similar encouragement ... can we believe, we too can see and we too can believe.

ENCOURAGEMENT

One of the most beautiful gifts in the world is the gift of encouragement. When someone encourages you, that person helps you over a threshold you might otherwise never have crossed on your own. There are times of great uncertainty in every life. Left alone at such a time, you feel dishevelment and confusion like gravity. When a friend comes with words of encouragement, a light and lightness visit you and you begin to find the stairs and the door out of the dark. The sense of encouragement you feel from the friend is not simply her words or gestures; it is rather her whole presence enfolding you and helping you find the concealed door. The encouraging presence manages to understand you and put herself in your shoes. There is no judgment but words of relief and release. JOHN O'DONOHUE

PILGRIMS OF

In this Jubilee year of hope, can we be pilgrims of hope together, living this call as we 'walk on with hope in our hearts' ENCOURAGING each other as people of Gospel JOY.

Mass Times

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan

Daily Mass Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9.30am Saturday Vigil Mass: 6pm

St. Brecan's Church, Doora

Sunday: 9.45am

Immaculate Conception, Barefield

Sunday 11.15am Tuesday 9.30am

www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam

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Priest on Duty: 20th April 2025 Contact: Fr. Ger Jones - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week CHURCH OF OUR LADY

19th April: No intention booked.

26th April: Aideen Deane, Hazelgrove, Roslevan. 1st April.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

19th April: Vigil Mass 9pm: Donnaca Hassett, Moyriesk. **20th April:** Patrick Joseph Mulgueen, Newmarket &

Kenmare. 1st Anniv.

27th April: Norah Lynch, Kilbricken House, Doora.

John, Anne & Deceased Enright Family, Noughaval.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

20th April: Brid Stapleton, Barefield. 1st Anniv.

Mike Ryan, Ballymacahill.

27th April: Mary T. Costello, Cappahard, Tulla Rd.

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

Finance Development Fund 13th April 2025

Barefield: €223 Doora: €108 Church of Our Lady: €172 Development: €1,479 **Míle buiochas**

PRIESTS EASTER COLLECTION

Priests Easter Collection this weekend on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.19th & 20th April. This is one of four collections in the year for our priests. Envelope in parish donation box or available in porches of our three churches.

You can also donate on line on

www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/donate

using the Priests Collections tab or by scanning the QR code hereunder.

Many thanks to all for your continued generosity to our parish. It is much appreciated.



Lourdes - The June Diocesan Pilgrimage is now fully booked. The remaining pilgrimages from Shannon this year are: Franciscan Pilgrimage 24th—29th September. Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage 29th Sept—4th Oct It is advisable to book early as seats are limited. Joe Walsh Tours www.joewalshtours.ie

Email: info@joewalshtours.ie; Tel 01 2410800.



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

COur Lady: PMockler/MDilleen Joe Dilleen
Doora: Vigil Mass 9pm: Marie Flanagan Kieran Bell
Easter Sunday: Seán Conlan Seamus Enright
Barefield: NKennedy/LCorcoran Carmel McGovern

Next week:

Cour Lady:PMockler/MDilleenJoe DilleenDoora:Maria ConsidineMichael CusackBarefield:MHassett/LMurphyDavid Culligan

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

19th April: Michael Williams/Paul Mockler 26th April: James Reynolds/Joan O'Connor

Doora Sacristan Rota

20th April: Teresa Hallinan 27th April: Margaret Liddy



EASTER VIGIL MASS, Doora.

9pm.

6am

DAWN MASS: Dawn Mass on Easter Sunday at The Quay, Clarecastle.

Easter Sunday:

Mass at Roslevan 9am
Mass at Doora 10am
Mass at Barefield 11.15am



Happy Easter Beannachtaí na Cásca oraíbh

to all our parishioners at home and abroad. Also all those visiting our parish at this time. Have a lovely Easter. Stay safe and well. **Divine Mercy Sunday** April 27th 2pm Cathedral of Ss Peter & Paul, Ennis. Led by Fr. Ger Jones Confessions, Devotions, Mass & Benediction. All welcome.

Upcoming Cantare event on April 25th in Ennis Cathedral at 8pm is Fauré's Requiem. Guest soloists include Richard Hayes, baritone, and Andrea Sheehan. Guest choir is Harmony Bro and we're also joined by the Burren Trio Ensemble. Proceeds are in support of Clare Crusaders, based in Barefield. It promises to be a wonderful evening's entertainment.

Tickets available Glór Box Office: 065 6843103. Book online: https://glor.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173663039

Burren Outdoor Retreat. Saturday 17th to Monday 19th May Would you like to come on a guided journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of the amazing Burren landscape renew you in body and soul. Information: Mary 087 970 1130. Booking: Des 085 1614951

Ennis Campus Now Enrolling: Fully Funded Adult Classes: Furniture upcycling courses commencing in May at College of Further Education & Training, Ennis Campus. All welcome. To book a place or for more information contact 065 6897654/086 0752014 or email antoinette.houlihan@lcetb.ie



Clare Older People's Volunteer of the Year Award 2025 is celebrating 10 years of volunteering, and the search is on to recognise those who give their time, energy and skills to help others in the local community. Download the

nomination form, and submit by 2nd May, 2025. Get the form here: https://www.clarecoco.ie/.../age.../age-friendly-county/

The 2025 Easter Fundraising Campaign for Bóthar supports education for trafficked girls in Tanzania. Make this year a Spring of Hope at www.bothar.ie. Email: info@bothar.ie Tel: +35361414142

Easter Prayer



Father, I thank you for Jesus your only begotten son.
I appreciate the sacrifice that has given me eternal life.
I am grateful for the knowledge that my departed loved ones are with you and I have hope in the midst of despair.
Help me, Lord, to live my life in a way that honours you.
Give me the strength to model Christ to all I encounter.
I ask you to bless my family;

Help us to guard our hearts, minds and bodies. You alone are worthy of our praise.

Thank you for this Easter Sunday and what it represents. In Jesus' Holy Name... Amen.

AS WE CELEBRATE EASTER



Jesus is risen from the dead.... Alleluia... praise the Lord! We warmly welcome all who have come this Easter. to celebrate this glorious feast. We welcome the STRANGER, the TRAVELLER and the GUEST! We welcome our STUDENTS. We welcome ALL WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ACTIVE OF LATE IN THEIR CHRISTIAN FAITH, you are very important to us. COME BACK AGAIN & FIND NEW HOPE with us. We welcome OUR FAITHFUL PARISHIONERS. loyal and true; may God bless you for all that you do. Welcome to ALL! May our gathering this Easter gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds! We are, after all, one PEOPLE OF GOD

and deepen our bonds!
We are, after all, one PEOPLE OF GOD
redeemed by the Light.
May we walk by the Light and live by
the Light - TOGETHER IN CHRIST'S LOVE!!!

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER! Beannachtaí na Cásca

Family Carers Ireland

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 info visit www.familycarers.ie.

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €11,600 Venue: Clubhouse, Winners of €50

Terese Gleeson, Ballyalla, Connie Burke, Barefield, Sean McMahon, Spancilhill, Ken Butler, Gaurus.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.

You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, 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 ever lasting 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 10:34.37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.

Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the country-side of Judea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole

people but only by certain witnesses God disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have had chosen beforehand.'

Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Response: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: "His love has no end."

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. R.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians

Col 3: 1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; Let us celebrate the feast then,

in the Lord. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out the tomb', she said and we don't know where they have put him'.

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in.

Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia:

therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth.
Alleluia Alleluia