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DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

18th May, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Messenger Called Love

'Why are you alone and so sad'? Love asked one day while He was on His journey upon earth. He had been sent as a messenger, and he had been told to help people understand that they didn't have to feel lonely or unloved.

He said to the woman He had just met: 'I am love and I have come to touch your life in a beautiful way. I can't stay long, for I have much to do, but maybe I can help you understand why you are so lonely. I have met many people whose hearts are in isolation'.

The woman looked up with tear-filled eyes, and said, 'I am tired and exhausted from my search to love and be loved. I have experienced the beginnings of loving with others but all too soon loving departed, leaving wounds that have never fully healed. The times between feeling loved are so long that I am losing the will to try again. I have come to accept my fate and become lonely and unloved'.

'But you don't have to accept that fate', Love said with a gentle smile. 'The message I bring to you all is as simple as this: If you learn to love yourself, and you believe that you deserve the goodness life has to offer, then you will attract loving people to you. They will want to share who you are and to help achieve your happiness'.

With these softly spoken words, Love turned to leave. The woman, wide-eyed and excited cried out, 'Don't leave me, Love! I have so many questions I would like to ask you! So much is still a mystery to me'!

Love replied as He began to vanish down the road, 'All the answers you seek are within you. Look there, for Love to replace your loneliness'.

The reality of life is that we search for meaning; we search for love the meaning of life. We search so as to connect with the Love that dwells within us. In each of our searches we find that God holds us close.

Continue your search, with gratitude in your hearts for the gift of love, the gift of life the gift of others.



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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Priest on Duty: 18th May, 2025

Contact Fr. Martin Blake - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

17th May: Paddy & Betty Hennessy, Cappamore, Barefield.

24th May: Finola Loftus, Woodside, Roslevan.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

18th May: No intention booked.

25th May: No intention booked.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

18th May: Joe Stapleton, Barefield. MM.

Brendan Roseingrave, Knockaclara.

John & Christina Galvin, Ballycarroll.

25th May: No intention booked.

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

Finance Development Fund

11th May, 2025

Barefield: €175

Doora: €143

Church of Our Lady: €161

Development: €626

Mile buiochas



Congratulations and blessings to the girls and boys of Barefield National School who received the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation on Friday & Saturday last.



REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers



David Murphy, Ashfield Park.

Frances (Ivy) McNamara (nee O'Donoghue),
Greendale, Ennis
& formerly Creggaun, Doora.

Carmel Russell McGann

The Maples, Oakleigh Woods,
Tulla Rd. & formerly Clarecastle.

Helen Walsh, Galway,
Sister of Josephine O'Donnell, Ballyalla.

Now in God's hands, forever in our hearts.



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

Cour Lady:

TBohannon/DLeahy

Dan Lenihan

Doora:

Mary Barry

Bernadette Fitzpatrick

Barefield:

MWhyte/JDevitt

Bernard Casey

Next week:

Cour Lady:

TBohannon/DLeahy

Maria O'Driscoll

Doora:

Patricia Hassett

Anne Marie Custy

Barefield:

MClohesy/CDeloughery

Tara Donnellan

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

17th May: Paddy Perrill/Harold Herlihy

24th May: Dan Lenihan/Tom Heath

Doora Sacristan Rota

18th May: Cora Burke; 25th May: Mary Hallinan



Rosary & Prayer at St. Joseph's Well,
Gort Road daily at 6pm for the month of May.

All welcome.

Killaloe and Ferns Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine



Killaloe and Ferns Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, takes place on Sun. July 6th next.

We are inviting new members from the Parishes and community to consider attending our pilgrimage.

The Ark Children's Club at The HUB is available for those coming with small children (open Wednesday to Sunday).

Bus Organisers contact details:

Brigdale Coaches for Ennis, Clarecastle, Doora Barefield and Quin contact 086-8034092 or email shaneandedwardbrigdale@hotmail.com. (preferable) to book a seat. Bus will be leaving St. Joseph's church, Ennis at approx. 9.30am.

Edel Curtin 087-9807987 who is organising a bus from the Kilmihil, Cranny, Cooraclare, Doonbeg and Cree

Kilrush Parish Office 089 4026161 are organising a bus from the Kilrush, Kilkee, Carrigaholt and Cross

The Legion of Mary will organise buses from Nenagh, Kinnitty, Roscrea and Birr. Check local newsletter for details.

Any questions Contact - Claire 065-6828638 Killaloe Diocesan Office
Visit www.knockshrine.ie for further details!



Safeguarding. In the Churches Safeguarding Policy 'A Safe and welcoming Church' June 2024, Bishop Fintan Monahan pledges that the Diocese will safeguard children and young people from harm and to support them in their development as valued and integral members of the Catholic Church in Ireland. The Church's ministry will be inclusive and will uphold their rights. Consistent with Gospel values, and with civil and criminal law, those who minister will do so with dignity and integrity, honouring their calling to ensure that children and young people are welcomed, cherished and protected, following the example set by Jesus.

Pilgrim Statue of the Sacred Heart

2025 marks the 350th Anniversary of the revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St Margaret Mary Alacoque in France. Four Sacred Heart of Jesus Statues, blessed by the late Pope Francis in the Vatican, are travelling to each of the four ecclesial provinces in Ireland. Each blessed Pilgrim Statue will visit every diocese in the country.

We are privileged to host one of those statues in Barefield Church on Monday next May 19th. On Tuesday morning Mass will be celebrated in honour of the Sacred Heart in Barefield Church at 9.30am. The pilgrim statue of the Sacred Heart encourages again devotion to the great symbol of the love of God for each and every one of us in so many circumstances of our lives.

Ennis Flower & Garden Club present Sandra Jackson, Conna, on Tuesday May 20th at Treacys West County Hotel Ennis, doors open at 7.30pm and demonstration commences at 8.15pm sharp, €10 non members. All welcome. Demonstrators arrangements raffled on the night, contact ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

Pilgrimages In this year of Jubilee.

The Diocese is organising the following pilgrimages:

Lourdes: 25th June (fully booked)

24th September (Franciscan Pilgrimage)

29th September (Autumn Pilgrimage)

Knock Shrine: Sunday 6th July

Rome Youth Pilgrimage 28th July - 4th August

Lough Derg: Tues 5th to Thursday 7th August.



BURIAL OF ASHES IN TEMPLEMALEY CEMETERY

A designated portion of the extension to Templemaley Cemetery has been reserved specifically for the burial of ashes. This newly allocated area provides a respectful and peaceful resting place for cremated remains, ensuring continued care and dignity for loved ones.

A total of **38 spaces** are available within this plot. These spaces are intended to serve the local community and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we continue to maintain and enhance Templemaley Cemetery as a place of remembrance and reflection for all.

This month's Alzheimer Information Cafe is being held on the 21st of May, in our Ennis Centre, Cuan An Chlair, Cahercalla, from 11.30-13.30. This month is Non cognitive symptoms of dementia and Psychiatry of later life Services. All welcome to join us for tea and a chat. For more information contact Linda Murphy [0879152151](tel:0879152151), e-mail : samantha.fennel@alzheimier.ie

Prayer to Our Lady Queen of Peace



May she who experienced the cares
and hardships of earthly life,
the weariness of daily toil, the hardships
and trials of poverty,
and the sorrows of Calvary,
come to aid the needs of the Church and the human race.

May she graciously lend an ear
to the devout pleas of those
all over the world who beg her for peace.
May she enlighten the minds of those who rule nations.

And finally, may she prevail on God,
who rules the winds and storms,
to calm the tempests in men's warring hearts
and grant us peace in our day.

What we seek is true peace
grounded on the sturdy foundations of justice and love
— on a justice which recognizes the legitimate rights
of the weak as well as those of the strong;
on a love which keeps men from falling into error
through excessive concern for their own interests.

Thus each person's rights may be safeguarded
without the rights of others being forgotten or violated.

Mass at St. Michael's Holy Well

To celebrate the feast of St. Breacan, Mass will be concelebrated at St. Michael's Holy Well, Kilbreckan, Doora. We will follow in the footsteps of St. Breacan and in conjunction with the year of 'Pilgrims of Hope' instigated by his Holiness the late Pope Francis Our celebration will be presided over by Bishop Fintan Monahan and Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick, on Wednesday 21st May at 6.30pm.

Pilgrims are invited to gather at 6pm at the top of the farmers access road next to N18 By-Pass Bridge, Quin Road, Ennis, for onward pilgrim walk to St. Michael's Holy Well, Kilbreckan.

Join us in the footsteps of St. Breacan and our ancestors on this ancient pilgrim path. All welcome.

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto Next weeks Jackpot €15,000



Winners of €50

Paul Kelleher, Hillcrest,
Michael Carmody, Caradotia,
Brian Frehill, The Lane,
Mary Perrill, Barefield.

Thank you for your support

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, 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 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through
Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put
fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging
them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have
to experience many hardships' they said
'before we enter the kingdom of God'. In
each of these churches they appointed
elders, and with prayer and fasting they
commended them to the Lord in whom they
had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached
Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word
at Perga they went down to Attalia and from
there sailed for Antioch, where they had
originally been commended to the grace of
God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church
and gave an account of all that God had
done with them, and how he had opened
the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
Slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,

Compassionate to all his creatures.

R.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
And your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
And declare your might, O God.

To make known to men your mighty deeds

And the glorious splendour of your reign.

R.

Yours is an everlasting Kingdom;

Your rule lasts from age to age.

R.

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse Apo 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth;
the first heaven and the first earth had
disappeared now, and there was no longer any
sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heaven, as
beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband.

Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne,
'You see this city? Here God lives among men.
He will make his home among them; they shall
be his people, and he will be their God; his name
is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears
from their eyes; there will be no more death, and
no more mourning or sadness. The world of the
past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke:
'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment:

Love one another,

just as I have loved you.'

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jn 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been

glorified,

and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,

God will in turn glorify him in himself,

and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;

just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one
another,

everyone will know that you are my
disciples.'

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 be-came 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

**I am the true vine and you are the
branches, says the Lord.**

**Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**