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DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

1st June, 2025

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

The Ascension of Jesus, traditionally depicted with Christ rising into the heavens, surrounded by awe-struck disciples and radiant clouds, remains one of the most profound moments in the Christian narrative. The disciples stare upward, stunned, like someone watching the last signal bars of a livestream fade away. And then, two figures appear - angelic messengers - saying, in effect, *"Why are you still watching the sky? The next chapter is yours to write."* In modern language, it's like a prompt at the end of a movie: *"To be continued... by you."*

The Ascension isn't just a story of Jesus going "up." It's a pivot point. It transforms his followers from spectators into participants. In a culture saturated with content and commentary, the message of the Ascension is countercultural: stop consuming and start living the story. It's a call to action.

We might imagine the heavens not as some literal outer space destination, but as a new dimension of reality - one not visible by telescope, but experienced through love, justice, peace, and hope. Jesus ascending is Jesus transcending. And that's where modern imagination meets ancient truth. The clouds that received him could be seen as divine firewalls, lifting him beyond the limits of earthly perception - an upload into God's eternal network.

In a world where people long for connection, purpose, and leadership, the Ascension offers something radical. It says: *You are now the hands and feet of Christ. You carry the signal. You are the miracle people will see.*

So when we look at the Ascension through modern eyes, we don't diminish its power - we rediscover it. We are reminded that the kingdom of God doesn't float above us like a satellite out of reach. It lives and breathes in the here and now, in every act of love, courage, and faith.

And that - like a signal strong and steady - is a message still rising.



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

www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam

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Priest on Duty: 1st June , 2025

Contact Fr. Pat Malone - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

31st May No intention booked.
7th June Kathleen Corry, Spencilhill.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

1st June Gretta McInerney, Ballaghboy.
Fr. Paddy & Fr. Barney Lynch & Deceased
Lynch Family & Mary Casey, Deerpark.
8th June Frances (Ivy) McNamara, Greendale, Ennis
& Creggaun, Doora. MM.
Maura O'Halloran, Manusmore, Clarecastle.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

1st June Brid MM & Cyril Kelly 1st Anniv,
Edenvale, Ennis.
8th June: No intention booked.
9.30am Mass each Tuesday in Barefield Church.
Novena Mass in Church of Our Lady each Monday.

Finance Development Fund

25th May, 2025

Barefield: €159

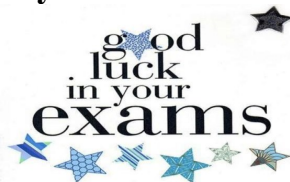
Doora: €144

Church of Our Lady: €167

Development : €529

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Prayer for Exam Students



O God help all students doing exams,
Help them to remember well
and think clearly

Help them not to be so nervous or excited
that they will do themselves an injustice
Keep them calm but clear headed
Help them to try their hardest
and do their best. Amen



REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers



Seán Finnerty,

Cappamore, Barefield.

Martin Tierney,

Drumcliffe, father of Ciara.

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



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

COur Lady:	MGardner/SGiller	Maria O'Driscoll
Doora:	Marie Flanagan	Eamon O'Halloran
Barefield:	LCorcoran/NKennedy	Margaret Carden

Next week:

COur Lady:	MGardner/SGiller	Jimmy O'Loughlin
Doora:	Seán Conlan	Nuala Conlan
Barefield:	LMurphy/MHassett	Sinead Roseingrave

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

31st May: Dan Lenihan/Tom Heath

7th June: MWilliams/PMockler

Doora Sacristan Rota

1st June: Seamus Enright

8th June: Patricia Hassett

Remembering Our Beloved Dead

Annual Graveyard Masses take place as follows:

Templemaley

Monday June 16th @ 7pm

Kilraghtis

Tuesday June 17th @ 7pm

Doora

Wednesday June 18th @ 7pm



ON PASSING A GRAVEYARD

May perpetual light shine upon
The faces of all who rest here.
May the lives they lived unfold further in spirit.
May all their past travails
Find ease in the kindness of clay.

May the remembering earth
Mind every memory they brought.
May the rains from the heavens
Fall gently upon them.

May the wildflowers and grasses
Whisper their wishes into light.
May we reverence the village of presence
In the stillness of this silent field.

PRIESTS SUMMER COLLECTION

Priests Summer Collection takes place this weekend. 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.

St Anthony's Novena

Begins on Wednesday 4th to Friday 13th June, feast of St Anthony at the Franciscan Friary Ennis. Led by Fr Kieran Fitzsimons OFM
Each day : Mass 10am and 7.30pm
Sunday: Mass at 10.30am All are welcome

BURIAL OF ASHES IN DOORA CHURCHYARD

As cremation becomes more popular the need for a designated burial area in the sacred ground at Doora Churchyard has become necessary.

A community group has already met to discuss possibilities and advance the project. Information is being gathered, visits to other cemeteries are planned and a further meeting to agree the way forward will be held in **Doora Church Sacristy on Thursday June 26th at 7pm.**

Your views and input would be welcome at this meeting to which all are invited.

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.

Making your Will

Please remember Doora Barefield Parish as a beneficiary in your Will. Donations made in this manner will greatly assist the parish. Your generosity is much appreciated.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



O Lord Jesus, I adore you,
Son of Mary, my Saviour and my Brother,
for You are God.

I follow You in my thoughts,
O first-fruits of our race,
as I hope one day by Your grace
to follow You in my person into heavenly glory.

Until then, do not let me neglect the earthly task
which You have given me.

Let me labour diligently all my life
with a greater appreciation for the present.
Let me realize that only by accomplishing
true human fulfilment
can I attain divine fulfilment
and ascend to You
at the completion of my work. Amen.

Parent & Toddler Group closed for Summer



The Parish Parent & Toddler Group is now closed for the summer and will re-open in September next. Have a great summer everyone and stay safe and well.

Bus to the All Ireland Rosary Rally at Knock

Shrine, Saturday June 7th. Leaving St Joseph's, Ennis at 9am. Returning 5.30pm.

€25 bus ticket (subject to filling the bus). To book a seat text Karen 087-4160385 or Séamus 087-275 2578

More details at www.rosaryrally.ie

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto Next weeks Jackpot €15,000



Winners of €50

Aidan McDonagh, Barefield,
Elaine Coffey, Dublin,
Jenny Kilkenny, Barefield
Robert O'Brien, Ballyalla

Thank you for your support



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

Ephesians 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 Luke

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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.