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DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

4th May, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

JESUS IS NOT ABSENT - HE IS HERE



In the Gospel, the disciples spend an entire night fishing but catch nothing. As morning breaks, Jesus stands on the shore of the sea of Tiberias. Yet, they do not recognize Him. Only when their net overflows with fish does the beloved disciple finally realize: "It is the Lord!" Why this blindness? The resurrection had not yet fully transformed their understanding.

Faith is a journey. The disciples did not instantly understand. But step by step, experience by experience, they grew. And so must we. Jesus is not absent- He is here, in the midst of our daily lives, calling us to deeper trust, greater expectation, and unwavering faith.

FROM GROWTH TO WITNESS: OUR FAITHFUL CALLING
The journey of faith is not one of instant perfection but of gradual transformation. We all begin with the love we are capable of, hesitant and unsure, much like Peter at first. Yet, if we persevere, if we surrender to God's grace, our love deepens - it moves beyond mere affection into a love that is willing to sacrifice, even unto death.

Simon Peter, once fearful and wavering, ultimately laid down his life for Christ. His journey is a testament to the power of God to transform weakness into strength, doubt into conviction, and fear into bold witness.

But what holds me back from bearing witness to Jesus? Is it pride - a fear that I will fall short of my own expectations or those of others? Or is it fear of suffering, of rejection, of standing alone in a world that may ridicule or oppose my faith.

God does His greatest work not through human strength but through weakness. It was on the cross, in the moment of greatest suffering and seeming defeat, that God brought about the greatest victory.

If I believe that God has called me to be His witness, do I also believe that He has equipped me for the task? That I am never alone in my mission, but that the Holy Spirit is already at work - going before me, standing beside me, working through me?

To be a witness does not mean to be fearless- it means to trust. It means to step forward even when I feel inadequate, knowing that God will supply what I lack. It means to love, not only in word but in action, until my life itself becomes a testimony to the one who first loved me.

Am I willing to take that step? To trust that God will make of me what I cannot make of myself? To say, as Peter ultimately did, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you"- and then follow wherever He Leads?

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: 4th May, 2025

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Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

3rd May: No intention booked.
 10th May: Katherine Killeen, Knockanean. 1st Anniv.
 Roibeard O'Ceallaigh, Roslevan.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

4th May: Marion Keane, Newpark.
 11th May: Betty Cullinan, Knockanean, Tulla Rd.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

4th May: Raymond Greene, Ballymacuiggan. 1st Anniv.
 PJ Flannery, Ballymaley.
 11th May: Patrick Conlon, Ballymacon.
 Tess & Danny Malone, Templemaley.

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

Finance Development Fund 27th April, 2025

Barefield: €272; Door: €137
 Church of Our Lady: €186; Development : €825
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PRIESTS EASTER COLLECTION—THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed to the Priests Easter Collection last weekend. Your generosity is much appreciated. Donations can still be made by using the Easter envelope in your box. Envelopes also available in the porches of our three churches. You can also donate on line on www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/donate using Priests Collections tab

Safeguarding. Our generation must show that it can rise to the promise found in each [child and] young person when we know how to give them space. This means that we have to create the material and spiritual conditions for their full development, to give them a solid basis on which to build their lives; to guarantee their safety and their education to be everything they can be; to pass on to them lasting values that make life worth living; to give them a transcendent horizon for their thirst for authentic happiness and their creativity for the good; to give them the legacy of a world worthy of human life; and to awaken in them their greatest potential as builders of their own destiny, sharing responsibility for the future of everyone. If we can do all this today, we anticipate the future that enters the world through the window of the young.

Pope Francis (2013).

Clare Arts Office host Bealtaine Voices, a free community choir event, on the steps of the Ennis Courthouse on Monday, May 5th at 3pm featuring Mike Hanrahan of Stockton's Wing with The St. Michaels Villas Choir, Ennis Gospel Choir, Clarecastle Community Choir and the Forever Young Choir. All are welcome.



REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

Brid Kelly (nee Hanley) Edenvale, Ennis.
 Mother of Orla Mulqueen, Derry, Barefield.
Gerry Roberts, Monkstown, Co. Dublin
 & formerly Roslevan,



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

COur Lady:	TBohannon/DLeahy	Bridget Hoey
Door:	Martha Neylon	Patricia Clune
Barefield:	MOloughlin/BGalvin	Tommy Duggan

Next week:

COur Lady:	TBohannon/DLeahy	Dan Lenihan
Door:	Bernard Hallinan	Mary Corry
Barefield:	CLeamy/MRowland	Nuala Kennedy

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

3rd May: James Reynolds/Joan O'Connor
 10th May: Paddy Perrill/Harold Herlihy

Door Sacristan Rota

4th May: Mary Enright; 11th May: Margaret Hosty

Blessing of new Life A date for your diary. The Abbey Pastoral Area in association with Quin Pastoral Council invite all expectant parents to a blessing for the gifts of new life on Tuesday 13th May in St. Mary's Church Quin at 8.30pm



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

2 Personal Assistants Required – Clarecastle

Support a vibrant woman in living independently and making the most of life! Day shifts – Tuesday to Friday, 11am–1pm
 Evening & overnight – Monday to Thursday, 5pm–8am
 We're looking for someone who is kind, patient, and reliable. A good communicator with empathy. Able to assist with planning and community involvement, A driver with full, clean licence & own transport (required); Open to receiving full training (provided)
 Apply to: banneriindependentliving@gmail.com to request a full job description. (note email spelling)
 Then send your CV and a cover letter stating why you're applying and what hours you're available.

ACCORD NEEDS YOU!

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The marriage preparation programmes are fun and interactive and very popular with couples. Successful applicants will receive free professional training during seven in person workshops at venues around the country and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes in your local area. The closing date for receipt of application forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 30th May 2025. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie www.accord.ie

Rosary Rally at St. Joseph's Well Gort Rd., on Saturday 10th May at 4pm. This will be one of 570 Rosary Rallies taking place around the country on that date. All welcome.

DOORA BAREFIELD ANNUAL PARISH ACCOUNTS 2024

DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH ROSLEVAN, ENNIS, CO. CLARE

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024


	2024	2023
	€	€
<u>Income</u>		
Development Fund	73,437	75,715
Offertory Collection Baskets	25,192	25,049
Graves	400	1,200
Candles	6,722	7,548
Bank Interest Received	451	5
Rent - Fahy Hall	15,065	13,990
Mass Cards	3,979	3,926
Income Tax Rebate and VAT Rebate	24,309	24,675
Special Collections	2,431	9,554
Barefield Church - 150th Anniversary Book	710	0
Window Heritage Grant - Barefield Church	0	32,084
	<u>152,696</u>	<u>193,746</u>
<u>Less Expenditure</u>		
Insurance	7,527	7,536
Repairs and Renewals	24,118	16,696
Alter hosts, Wine, etc	876	2,834
Light and Heat	22,135	18,895
Church Requisites	4,647	3,282
Postage, Stationery, and Telephone	9,918	11,656
Parish Levy	49,273	18,774
Sundry Expenses Including Vouchers	14,208	18,061
Bank Interest and Charges	1,000	986
CES Schemes	3,000	3,350
Wages	31,768	29,228
Donations	3,140	8,485
Professional Fees	3,318	6,089
Barefield Church - 150th Anniversary Book	4,450	-
Contribution To Doora School	0	30,000
Streaming And Website Costs	4,657	8,362
Window Replacement - Barefield Church	68,421	49,374
	<u>252,456</u>	<u>233,608</u>
<u>Excess Expenditure Over Income</u>	<u>(99,760)</u>	<u>(39,862)</u>

Bank Accounts

Bank of Ireland Current Account 53,697 CR
Bank Deposit Accounts (Development Account) 631,956

88,786 CR
777,328


MICHAEL J. CURTIN
CHAIRMAN, PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE


FR TOM FITZPATRICK
PARISH PRIEST

DATED:

8th April 2025

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Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, 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 5:27-32.40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of
the apostles. 'We gave you a formal
warning', he said 'not to preach in this name,
and what have you done? You have filled
Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem
determined to fix the guilt of this man's death
on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles
said, 'Obedience to God comes before
obedience to men; it was the God of our
ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was
you who had him executed by hanging on a
tree. By his own right hand God has now
raised him up to be leader and saviour, to
give repentance and forgiveness of sins
through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all
this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has
given to those who obey him.' They warned
the apostles not to speak in the name of
Jesus and released them. And so they left
the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have
had the honour of suffering humiliation for
the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: I will praise you, Lord,
you have rescued me.**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies
rejoice over me.
O lord, you have raised my soul
from the dead,
Restored me to life from those
who sink into the grave.

R.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour
through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with
dawn.

R.

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into
dancing;
O Lord my God, I will thank you forever.

R.

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse. Apo 5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an
immense number of angels gathered round the
throne and the animals and the elders;
there were ten thousand times ten thousand of
them and thousands upon thousands, shouting,
'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be
given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour,
glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living
things in creation - every- thing that lives in the
air and on the ground, and under the ground, and
in the sea, crying,
'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to
the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power,
for ever and ever.'
And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the
elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Christ has risen: he who created all
things, and has granted his mercy to men.
Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jn 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples.
It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened
like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,
Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of
Zebedee and two more of his disciples were
together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.'
They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went
out and got into the boat but caught nothing that
night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the
shore, though the disciples did not realise that it
was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught
anything, friends?' And when they answered,
'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and
you'll find some-thing.'

So they dropped the net, and there were so
many fish that they could not haul it in. The
disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the
Lord.'

At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter,
who had practically nothing on, wrapped his
cloak round him and jumped into the water.
The other disciples came on in the boat,
towing the net and the fish; they were only
about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that
there was some bread there, and a charcoal
fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring
some of the fish you have just caught.'
Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the
net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred
and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there
being so many the net was not broken. Jesus
said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.'
None of the disciples was bold enough to ask,
'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was
the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took
the bread and gave it to them, and the same
with the fish. This was the third time that
Jesus showed himself to the disciples after
rising 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 for-
giveness of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Jesus said to his disciples:

Come and eat.

**And he took bread and gave it to them,
alleluia**