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# DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

## NEWSLETTER

20th July, 2025

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### BETWEEN MARTHA AND MARY: THE SPACE FOR GOD

In the Gospel today we have the story of Mary and Martha. Our Lord admonishes Martha as she was worried and anxious about many things. He commended Mary and said that she had chosen the better part, and that would not be taken away from her. What did Our Lord mean by this? Did He chide her for her selfless service and dedication?

Absolutely not. He is inviting Martha to put her trust and confidence in Him, to entrust into his providential and loving heart all that she is going through. He is inviting and exhorting her to cast all her burdens onto Him for He cares about her.

It's a radical and loving call to TRUST Him, and to entrust all her worries and cares into His hands. He also teaches Martha, that when she grows in trust she will find peace, consolation and strength in all that she goes through. She will not fall into the perils of anxiety, worry and tension. She will know that there is nothing to fear as our Lord Jesus is near. Hence, He says that Mary has chosen the better part and that it will not be taken away from her.

In Mary we see and experience what it means to trust the Lord. She stood there at the foot of the cross. She stood there when the world around her was collapsing. She stood her ground. Her faith and trust transformed her sight into insight and meaning during suffering, pain and death of her son our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

Martha's hospitality was good, truly good. But Mary's deep attentiveness revealed something even more profound: that God desires not just our work, not just our effort, but our wonder. He longs for our loving adoration and our undivided presence. The Gospel doesn't pit Martha against Mary as if one is right and the other is wrong. No. Instead, Jesus is gently inviting Martha - and inviting us - to pause and ask ourselves: *In all our daily activity, are we truly making room for God's presence?*

We are called to make the right choices. Any choice that pulls us away from God, instead of drawing us closer, puts our spiritual life at risk. That's not choosing the "good portion". When we choose the good portion - the part that brings us closer to God - we find fulfilment in everything we do. Look at your life today: Here's the question for each of us: Are we making space - not just in our homes, but in our hearts - for God to come in?



#### 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](http://www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam)

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# Priest on Duty: 20th July, 2025

## Contact Fr. Pat Malone - Tel. 065 6869098

### Remembered in Masses this week

#### CHURCH OF OUR LADY

19th July: No intention booked.  
 21st July: Bernard Stewart, Stillorgan, Dublin. 1st Anniv.  
 26th July: Fr. Michael McNamara.  
 Dessie & Peggy Smith, Mornington, Co. Meath.

#### ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

20th July: Frances, Paddy & Pat Cullinan, Deerpark.  
 Dan & Michael Hogan, Ballaghboy.  
 27th July: Pat & Maureen O'Dwyer, Deerpark.

#### CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

20th July: Caitriona McMahon, Ballyalla.  
 Michael, Eileen & Stephen Stack, Ballyalla.  
 27th July: Laura Culligan, Barefield & Rathangan.  
 Eilish Hurley, Larchill.  
 Nancy O'Brien, Ballyalla.  
 John Butler, Ballymaley.

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

#### Finance Development Fund

13th July, 2025

Barefield: €206

Doora: €142

Church of Our Lady: €122

Development : €1,247.50

#### Mile buiochas



Clare Suicide Bereavement Support befriends and supports individuals, families and communities who are bereaved by suicide, whether recently or in the past. When you've lost a loved one to suicide, it can rip your world apart. Disbelief, sadness, loss, anger, confusion - the feelings of grief can seem harder to handle than any other bereavement.

We are a group of fully-trained volunteers providing confidential emotional support to individuals, families and communities throughout Co. Clare, who are grieving the loss of someone they loved through suicide. We befriend, listen, support and care – providing a service that is free of charge.

Contact Details Tel: 086 056 5373 | 087 369 8315  
 Innovation House, Roslevan Centre, Tulla Rd. Ennis,  
 V95 RV0D



### Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



#### This week:

COur Lady:	JOConnor/KMorris	Seamus Hanrahan
Doora:	Marie Flanagan	Kieran Bell
Barefield:	MHassett/LMurphy	David Culligan

#### Next week:

COur Lady:	JOConnor/KMorris	Seamus Hanrahan
Doora:	Seán Conlan	Seamus Enright
Barefield:	MO'Loughlin/BGalvin	Tommy Duggan

**Church of Our Lady Basket Collector**  
 19th & 26th July; July Dan Lenihan/Tom Heath

#### **Doora Sacristan Rota**

20th July: Mary Hallinan  
 27th July: Seamus Enright

#### **Croagh Patrick - Reek Sunday**

Reek Sunday 27th July. Mass and Confessions on the summit from 8am to 2pm on the day. LOURDES: Franciscan Pilgrimage 24th—29th September. Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage 29th September—4th October. Details on posters in Church or Parish Office.

#### **Lourdes**

Franciscan Pilgrimage 24th—29th September.

#### **Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

Bishop Fintan will lead our Diocesan Autumn Jubilee Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Monday 29th September to Saturday 4th October, direct from Shannon Airport.

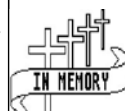
The remaining seats can be booked with [joewalshtours.ie](http://joewalshtours.ie) or tel; 01 2410800

#### **Lough Derg Pilgrimage**

On Sunday 1st June, the 3 day pilgrimage begins and continues until 15th August. Our Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place this year from Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th August. Booking can be made at Ennis Parish Office Tel. 0656824043.

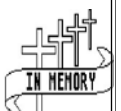
#### **PLEASE NOTE**

Anniversary Mass for Paul Whelan, Ruan and formerly Larchill takes place on Friday 1st August at 8pm in St. Mary's Church, Ruan.



### REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers



**An Brathair Seán O'Dúgáin,**  
 Christian Brothers, Dun Laoghaire  
 & Ballymacuiggin,  
 brother of the late Michael Duggan.

*Suaimehneas sioraí da anam uasal*



**Cahercalla Community Care 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Family Fun Day**, taken place on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July between 2 and 5pm. Stall holders welcome free entry. Limited places contact 065 6824388

**Free Adult Education Courses - September. 2025**

**Now Enrolling: Free Adult** beginners Craft Class commencing 16<sup>th</sup> September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025 at the Ennis College of Further Education and Training, Clonroad.

**Now Enrolling: Free Adult** IT and Smart Phone classes commencing 19<sup>th</sup> September at the Ennis College of Further Education and Training, Clonroad.

**Now Enrolling: Free Adult** water colour Painting and Drawing classes commencing September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025 at the Ennis College of Further Education and Training, Clonroad.

No experience necessary. To book a place or for more information contact 065 6897654/086 0752014 or email [antoinette.houlihan@lcefb.ie](mailto:antoinette.houlihan@lcefb.ie)



**Grandparents & the Elderly - Join us at Knock Shrine Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm.**

Celebrate National Grandparents Pilgrimage and World Day for Grandparents and the elderly. A day of Grace All welcome, bring your family - bring hope and joy. All welcome. Anointing Mass, Rosary - weather permitting. Celebrant Archbishop Francis Duffy Music Una Nolan and choirs. Guest soloist Dana. Visit our website for resources. [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org)



**God's Creation**



Loving Father and Creator of all,  
we come to you today  
deeply grateful for your creation.  
As we look around us  
we are amazed at the greatness  
and majesty of all that you have made.

Nature around us speaks of your greatness—  
the vast expanse of the sky,  
the mountains, trees, lakes, and streams  
speak of your great design.

You have given us such beauty  
in the colors of the rainbow,  
the beauty of flowers and fields.  
Words cannot adequately express the  
magnificence of all you have created.

We join in praise with the writer of the  
psalms when he says,  
"O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the Earth."  
May we show our love and reverence to you,  
our Lord, by caring for all  
that you have created.  
We humbly give you praise and thanks.  
Amen

**Doora Barefield GAA Lotto**  
Next weeks Jackpot: €5,400  
Venue: Clubhouse,  
Winners of €50

James McNamara, Castlerock,  
Cathal O'Sullivan, Gort Rd,  
Grainne Barron, Newpark,  
Michael Hayes, Spencilhill.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help.

The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord,  
for it is good.

## 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  
Fa ther, 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 book of Genesis

**Gen 18:1-10**

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak  
of Mamre while he was sitting by the en  
trance of the tent during the hottest part of  
the day. He looked up, and there he saw  
three men standing near him. As soon as  
he saw them he ran from the entrance of  
the tent to meet them, and bowed to the  
ground. 'My Lord', he said, 'I beg you, if I  
find favour with you, kindly do not pass  
your servant by.

A little water shall be brought; you shall  
wash your feet and lie down under the  
tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you  
shall refresh yourselves before going fur  
ther. That is why you have come in your  
servant's direction'. They replied, 'Do as  
you say'. Abraham hastened to the tent to  
find Sarah

'Hurry' he said 'knead three bushels of flour  
and make loaves'. Then running to the cattle  
Abraham took a fine and tender calf and  
gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare  
it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he  
had prepared, he laid all before them, and  
they ate while he remained standing near  
them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him.  
'She is in the tent', he replied. Then his guest  
said, 'I shall visit you again next year without  
fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

**Response:**

**The just will live in the presence of the  
Lord.**

Lord who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan and accepts  
no bribes against the innocent. Such a man  
will stand firm forever. **R.**

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

**Col 1:24-28**

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am  
suffering now, and in my body to do what I  
can to make up all that has still to be  
undergone by Christ for the sake of his body,  
the Church. I became the servant of the  
Church when God made me responsible for  
delivering God's message to you, the  
message which was a mystery hidden for  
generations and centuries and has now been  
revealed to his saints.

It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and  
to show all the rich glory of this mystery to  
pagans. The mystery is Christ among you,  
your hope of glory: this is the Christ we  
proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we  
thoroughly train everyone and instruct  
everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!**

## A reading from the holy Gospel

**according to Luke**

**Lk 10:38-42**

Jesus came to a village, and a woman  
named Martha welcomed him into her  
house. She had a sister called Mary, who  
sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to  
him speaking. Now Martha who was  
distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do  
you not care that my sister is leaving me to  
do the serving all by myself? Please tell her  
to help me.' But the Lord answered:  
'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and  
fret about so many things, and yet few are  
needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who  
has chosen the better part; it is not to be  
taken from her.'

## The Gospel of the Lord

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visi  
ble and invisible. I believe in one Lord  
Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of  
God, born of the Father be fore 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

**The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
Has made a memorial of his wonders;  
He gives food to those who fear him.**