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# DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

## NEWSLETTER

27th July, 2025

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### 'LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY'

Saint Luke shows us the circumstances in which Jesus teaches the "*Lord's Prayer*". The disciples, already know how to pray by reciting the formulas of the Jewish tradition, but they want to pray in the way Jesus does, because they can see prayer is a crucial part of His life. Indeed, each of Jesus' important actions is begun by long preparation in prayer.

Moreover, the disciples are fascinated because they see that He does not pray like the other teachers of the time, but rather His prayer is an intimate bond with the Father, so much so that they wish to be a part of these moments of union with God,

So, one day they wait for Jesus to finish praying in a secluded place and then they ask him: "*Lord, teach us to pray*". In responding to the disciples' question, Jesus does not provide an abstract definition of prayer, nor does he teach a technique to pray in order to "obtain" something. Instead, he invites his followers to experience prayer, by putting them directly in communication with the Father, causing them to feel a hunger for a personal relationship with God, with the Father.

Herein lies the heart of Christian prayer! It is a dialogue between people who love each other, a dialogue based on trust, sustained by listening. It is the dialogue of a Son with his Father, a dialogue between children and their Father. This is Christian prayer.

So Jesus, delivers the "*Lord's Prayer*" to them, one of the most precious gifts left to us by the Lord during his earthly mission. The prayer that the Lord taught us is a communal prayer, Our Father and we should address it to the Father, always in communion with our brothers and sisters.

Jesus' teaching on prayer continues with two parables, which he modelled on the behaviour of a friend towards another friend, and that of a father towards his Child. Both are intended to teach us to have full confidence in God, who is Father. He knows our needs better than we do ourselves, but he wants us to present them to him with faith and persistence. In being persistent with God, we don't need to convince him, but rather to strengthen our own faith and our own patience, meaning our ability to strive together with God for the things that are truly important and necessary to live a Christian life.

In prayer there are two of us: God and I, striving together for the important things. (Pope Francis)



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

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# Priest on Duty: 27th July, 2025

## Contact Fr. Ger Jones - Tel. 065 6869098

### Remembered in Masses this week

#### CHURCH OF OUR LADY

26th July: Fr. Michael McNamara.  
Dessie & Peggy Smith, Mornington, Co. Meath.  
2nd August: Mary O'Connor, Beechlawn, Tulla Rd.

#### ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH 27th July:

27th July: Pat & Maureen O'Dwyer, Deerpark.  
3rd August: Mary O'Dwyer, Carrahan.

#### CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

27th July: Laura Culligan, Barefield & Rathangan.  
Eilish Hurley, Larchill.  
Nancy O'Brien, Ballyalla.  
John Butler, Ballymaley.  
James Synott, Barefield.  
3rd August: An Br. Seán O'Dúgáin, Christian Brothers,  
Dun Laoghaire, Dublin & Ballymacuiggan. MM.  
Meta Duggan, Ballymacuiggan  
Francie & Dinny McNamara, Drumquin.

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

#### Finance Development Fund

20th July, 2025

Barefield: €169

Doora: €160

Church of Our Lady: €172

Development : €795

Mile buiochas

#### First Friday

Please note there will be no First Friday Mass in the Parish for the month of August.

Day Pilgrimage to "God's Cottage and Prayer Centre, Glendalough from Ennis on Sunday the 24th August next. Day includes bus departing beside Ennis Cathedral, Station rd at 7.30am, Prayer, Praying the Psalms, Mass, Guided Walk and talk by Fr. Thady Doyle. Bus return €45. Booking, payment and further information- Frank (087) 9652864.

### REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers



#### Mary Crowley

Cahercalla Estate, Ennis  
& Newmarket-on-Fergus,  
Sister of Paddy Maguire,  
Deerpark, Doora.



*The light of heaven to Mary*



### Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



#### This week:

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

#### Next week:

COur Lady:	MMcGuire/NBecker	Olive Harvey
Doora:	Maria Considine	Michael Cusack
Barefield:	CLeamy/MRowland	Bernard Casey

#### Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

26th July: Dan Lenihan/Tom Heath  
2nd Aug: MWilliams/PMockler

#### Doora Sacristan Rota

27th July: Seamus Enright  
3rd Aug: Patricia Hassett

#### Lourdes

Franciscan Pilgrimage 24th—29th September.

#### Autumn 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

**sorry, we're  
CLOSED**

Please note that the Parish office is closed on Tuesday & Wednesday 5th & 6th August and also on 18th, 19th and 20th August. Office re-opens on Monday 25th August as usual.

Thank you for your co-operation.

#### Annual Step by Step to Feed the Next Child

Mary's Meals Walk from Limerick to Knock Shrine will arrive in Killaloe from Limerick on Thursday 7th August, leaving on the morning of 8th for Feakle. Walkers will travel from 7 different locations across Ireland from the 7th August, all meeting in Knock on Friday 15th August.

Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger, feeding hungry children in their place of education in 16 of the world's poorest countries. €22 will feed a child for an entire school year. Please go to [marysmeals.ie](http://marysmeals.ie) to learn more and support this amazing charity. Any donation, big or small, is very welcome. Thank you.

**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

### CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte - WITAJCIE!



Next weekend we welcome back Fr. Dariusz Zarebski from the Archdiocese of Miami, Florida who will be with us here in the parish for three weeks in the absence of Fr. Tom.

Fr. Dariusz was born in Poland and ordained for the Salvatorian Fathers in 1990. In addition to Polish and English he also understands Russian. From 1990 to 1994 he served as parochial vicar at several parishes in Poland. He then went to Canada, serving at various parishes there and working as a chaplain for young offenders until 1997, when he was named pastor of St. Ambrose in Coaldale.

From 1998 to 2006 he served as pastor of St. Peter's in Nanaimo, Diocese of Victoria; and from 2006 to 2010 he served as pastor of Holy Cross in Burnaby, Archdiocese of Vancouver.

Since arriving in South Florida in 2011, he has served at St. Ambrose parish in Deerfield Beach, where he is now the Pastor. We look forward to his visit and hope he enjoys his stay among us. ...

## A Grandparent's Prayer

**God, thank you** for blessing my child with children that I love unconditionally.

**I pray** that you watch over, protect and guide them through a long and healthy life. Give my grandchildren the **courage** to follow their **dreams** and stand for their beliefs. Should the time come that I leave the Earth please bless that I have left them with the certainty that my **love** for them is **forever and always**.

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## Prayer for Grandparents & the Elderly



Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary,  
the daughter of Sts. Joachim and Anne.

Look with love on grandparents the world over.  
Protect them!

They are a source of enrichment for families,  
for the Church and for all of society.

Support them!  
As they grow older,  
may they continue to be for their families  
strong pillars of Gospel faith,  
guardians of noble domestic ideals,  
living treasures of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,  
that they may pass on to future generations  
the fruits of their mature human  
and spiritual experience. **Amen.**

### World Day of Prayer for Grandparents & the Elderly - Sunday 27th July.

The late Pope Francis designated this Sunday as the Church wide celebration for Grandparents and the Elderly. On 27th July we celebrate the Feast of SS. Joachim & Anne, parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus.

This universal day of prayer is a reminder to all our elderly that they are loved, blessed and needed.

Grandparents and the elderly are needed now more than ever not just as teachers of the faith but as foundations of wisdom and common sense, qualities which our world needs these days.

Today is a day of joy and hope for all of us in celebrating and giving thanks for our grandparents and the elderly.

### Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €5,600

Venue: Clubhouse.

Winners of €50

Jerry O'Keeffe, Tulla Rd,  
Enda Burke, Knockanean,  
S&P Kane, Roslevan,  
Eileen Clune



**Thank you for your support.**



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

## 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 book of Genesis.

Gen 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know'.

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there'. Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there'. 'I will not do it', he replied, 'for the sake of the forty'.

Abraham said: 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there'. 'I will not do it', he replied, 'if I find thirty there'. He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there'. 'I will not destroy it', he replied, 'for the sake of the twenty'. He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten

## The Word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: On the day I called,  
you answered me, O Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. R.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. R.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you give me life and frustrate my foes. R

You stretch out your hand and save me, Your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
Discard not the work of your hands. R

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians. Col 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word was made flesh

and lived among us;

To all who did accept him

He gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray

"Father, may your name be held holy,  
your kingdom come;  
give us each day our daily bread,

and forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you," I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

## 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

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.