DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRE ON THE EARTH

Today's Gospel presents a challenge to the way we often think about Jesus. We are accustomed to knowing Him as a bringer of peace - a gentle teacher, a compassionate healer. But today, we hear of a side of Jesus that's a little more difficult to grasp: Jesus is divisive. He comes to bring division, not peace. Jesus is not saying that His mission is to create conflict for its own sake. He is acknowledging a difficult truth: when you follow Him, it can lead to division. Why? Because His message demands a radical reordering of our priorities.

When we follow Jesus, we are called to live differently - to love our enemies, to forgive those who hurt us, to care for the poor and oppressed, and to seek justice. This message isn't always welcomed by the world. In fact, in some situations, living out Jesus' values can make us stand out in uncomfortable ways. Jesus is clear: following Him is not easy. It's not just about feeling good on Sunday mornings or agreeing with His teachings in theory. It's about living His teachings every single day, even when it's hard. And this can lead to difficult choices, tensions, and divisions.

In today's world, we can face this kind of division when we choose to follow Jesus. When we choose integrity over dishonesty, love over hatred, humility over pride and service over selfishness, we often find ourselves going against the grain of society. It's not always easy to do the right thing, and sometimes it means standing alone.

Think about the social issues we face today - whether it's poverty, injustice, or the care for the environment. As Christians, we are called to speak out and act in a way that may not always be comfortable or popular.

Jesus' values challenge the world's values, and following Him often means taking a stand for what is right - even if that means facing opposition or division. Following Jesus might not always make us popular. It might make us stand out in ways that are uncomfortable. His call is not to an easy life, but to a life of transformation. And that transformation can be beautiful, even if it's divisive.

So, let us embrace the division that comes with following Jesus, knowing that it's part of His call to transform the world, and us, into something more beautiful, more just, and more loving.

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

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Priest on Duty: 17th August, 2025
Contact Fr. David Carroll - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

16th Aug: James & Babs Corry, Roslevan.
23rd Aug: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

17th Aug: Teresa Torpey, Kilfenora.
24th Aug: Brian Byrnes, Finanagh.
Nuala & Mary Moloney, Gaurus.
Martie & Delia Mangan, Ballaghboy.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

17th Aug: Gretta Hynes, Drumquin. 1st Anniv.
23rd Aug 7pm: Vanessa Whyte and her children James & Sara Rutledge, Fermanagh & Ballyline. MM.
24th Aug: Pauline O'Grady, Larchill

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

Finance Development Fund
10th August, 2025
Barefield: €204
Doora: €147
Church of Our Lady: €255
Development : €622
Míle buiochas

The 6 most important words:
"I admit I made a mistake."
The 5 most important words:
"You did a good job."
The 4 most important words:
"What is your opinion?"
The 3 most important words:
"I love you."
The 2 most important words:
"Thank you."
The 1 most important word:
"We"
The least important word:
"I".

REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

Seán Torpey,
Ballyogan, Barefield.

James Mulligan,
Sligo, father of Seamus Mulligan, Knockanean.

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

Ministers of Eucharist & Readers

<u>This week:</u>

COur Lady:	MMcGuire/NBecker	Ciaran Redmond
Doora:	Mary Barry	Marie Flanagan
Barefield:	MClohessy/CDeloughery	Nuala Molan

<u>Next week:</u>

COur Lady:	MMcGuire/NBecker	Ciaran Redmond
Doora:	Patricia Hassett	Eamon O'Halloran
Barefield:	LCorcoran/NKennedy	Carmel McGovern

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector
16th & 23rd Aug:: JReynolds/JOConnor.

Doora Sacristan Rota
17th Aug: Mary Enright
24th Aug: Margaret Hosty

Prayers for those Awaiting Exam Results

Lord, I give you the anxiety I feel,
I surrender all my worries to you.
Clear my mind, calm my heart,
Still my spirit, relax my being.

May I be satisfied that I did my best.
May the path I choose in life
bring me satisfaction and closer to you.
Amen

Please note that the Parish office is closed on 18th, 19th and 20th August.
Office re-opens on Monday 25th August as usual.
Thank you for your co-operation.

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

Mother Teresa

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
or tel; 01 2410800

Couples & Relationship Counsel

Make an appointment with Accord
Accord Central Office: 01 505 3112
Visit: www.accord.ie for locations
and contact details for all centres in Ireland.
Email: onlinecounselling@accord.ie
to make an appointment for online counselling.

Leaning On The Heart of God

Joyce Rupp

I am leaning on the heart of God.
I am resting there is silence.
All the turmoil that exhausts me
is brought to bear on this great love.

No resistance or complaint is heard
as I lean upon God's welcome.
There is gladness for my coming.
There is comfort for my pain.

I lean, and lean, and lean
upon this heart that hurts with me.
Strength lifts the weight of my distress.
Courage wraps around my troubles.

No miracle of instant recovery.
No taking away life's burdens.
Yet, there is solace for my soul,
and refuge for my exiled tears.

It is enough for me to know
the heart of God is with me,
full of mercy and compassion,
tending to the wounds I bear.

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €6,200
Venue: Clubhouse.

Winners of €50
Marianne Casey, Roselvan,
John O'Connell, Ballymaconna,
Pat Perrill, Roslevan,
Fintan Lahiffe, Barefield

Thank you for your support.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
And look on the face of your anointed one; One day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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 prophet Jeremiah.
Jer 38:4-6.8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.'
So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.
Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Response:
Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. R

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. R

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. R

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay. R

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. Heb 12: 1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke
Lk 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!
'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law'.

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
I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.
whoever eats of this bread will live forever.