

DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

28th September, 2025

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

God has no favourites – God loves each one of us equally. Is that part of our understanding of why Jesus died to save us all? But here, clear favouritism is shown – God is on the side of the poor. Rich cast to hell and to suffering. Could it really be so?

The message from this story and indeed the life of Jesus, is that what does not find favour with God is not so much people getting wealthy, as using their riches simply to feather their own nest and not sharing their resources with others to ensure that no one is left without.

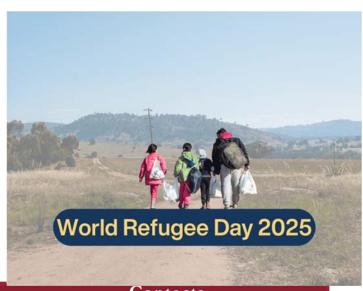
There is a responsibility on all to bring the kingdom of God to reality here on earth. The kingdom that Jesus often speaks about is not just some abstract thing, something far off, some after life. Jesus desires it to be here and now. That is why he favoured the poor, the outcasts, the lepers because the chosen people were making others poor and outcasts and lepers.

Today is a day of prayer for migrants and refugees. It is a difficult topic for many but we would do well to reflect honestly and ask whether our practices, our lives, contribute to the cycle that results in poverty increasing and people leaving their home?

This Gospel presents us with quite a paradox because it invites us to reflect very carefully on our lives, on our words, on our actions to make sure that we are not focused solely on ourselves.

It's all very well being filled with faith and love, being patient and gentle as Paul puts it in his writing; but when we see the sin of how humankind is affecting climate change, the sin of how people most in need are treated and rejected by many, the words of Blessed Archbishop Oscar Romero speak very clearly to all of that in a faithful response to this Gospel when he said

"The Church must suffer for speaking the truth, for pointing out sin, for uprooting sin. No one wants to have a sore spot touched, and therefore a society with so many sores twitches when someone has the courage to touch it and say: "you have to treat that. You have to get rid of that. Believe in Christ, Be converted."



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

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Priest on Duty: 28th September, 2025 Contact Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick - Tel. 065 6869098



Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

27th Sept: No intention booked. 4th Oct: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

28th Sept: Tadhg Hayes, Cahernalough, Spancilhill

& French Court, Ennis. MM.

5th Oct: No intention booked.

> CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

28th Sept: Noel Purcell, The Maples, Oakleigh Wood

& Ballyduff, Barefield.

5th Oct: Cella McNamara, Ballyogan, Barefield.

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

> **Finance Development Fund** 21st September, 2025

Barefield: €144 Doora: €78

Church of Our Lady: €368 Development Fund: €992

Míle buiochas



First Friday Mass at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield on Friday 3rd October at 7pm. If you or someone you know would like a First Friday call please contact Fr. Tom or the Parish Office with details.

Blessing for the Gift of New Life

Calling all Expectant Parents to the next Blessing of New Life in our Pastoral Area that takes place on Monday 6th October at 8pm in 📚 the Church of Our Lady Roslevan.

If you or anyone you know is pregnant, 📚





Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

COur Lady: HHerlihy/BBurke James O'Connor Doora: Bernard Hallinan Orla Barry Barefield: JDevitt/MWhyte Michael Clohessy

Next week:

COur Lady: SGarvey/PMockler

Doora: Mary Barry Seán Conlan NKennedy/LCorcoran Barefield: David Culligan

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

27th Sept & 4th Oct: Michael Williams & Paul Mockler

Doora Sacristan Rota 28th Sept:Teresa Hallinan 5th Oct: Margaret Liddy

AUTUMN PRIESTS' COLLECTION

Autumn Priests' Collection on next Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th October. Envelopes are available in the porches of our three churches or you can use your own envelope.

You can also donate on line in a safe and secure way via our parish website using the Donate tab.

We thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

Annual St. Michael's Mass Note Change of Venue



The annual St. Michael's Mass will be celebrated this Monday Evening in St. Brecan's Church at 7pm. All welcome.



REST IN PEACE

Ber Winston S. Hynes son of Sara Mulcahy, Roslevan



Martin Tubridy, Cree, brother of Rita Clinton, Castlerock.

Goodbyes are for those who love with their eyes. Because for those who love with their heart & soul there is no separation.

Tax Back Scheme for Eligible Charities



Our Parish is an Eligible Charity within above Scheme. All donations of €250 and over from both PAYE Tax Payers and Self-employed Persons qualify for a Tax Refund of 31%.

This Tax Refund can now only be claimed by a qualifying Charity. A Tax claim form was completed by many eligible Parishioners and this form extends for a five year period.

We have now sent out a Tax Claim form to all Parishioners who are eligible this year or may not have returned the completed form in previous years. We would urge you to return it before the **18th October** deadline.

We sincerely thank all of you our Parishioners for your continued generous donations to our Parish and your diligent completion of the necessary forms to enable us reclaim this Tax which now forms a very important part of our annual income.

Mass Offerings

It is a beautiful expression of love and faith when people have their dear departed loved ones, whose memory they carry in their hearts, remembered at the altar during the celebration of Mass. The Mass is the highest form of prayer and unites us with Christ's love made visible on the cross.

Due to the decline in the number of priests and the consequent reduction in the number of Masses celebrated in our churches it has become common for a single Mass to be offered for two or more deceased persons or intentions.

While donations for the celebration of Mass are voluntary, a great many people and families choose to make an offering to the priest who celebrates the Mass, which is greatly appreciated.

When several intentions are included in a single celebration of Mass, the priest retains only one offering and the others are given to the parish or to another charity.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 30?



The Diocese of Killaloe wishes to engage with young people aged 15 to 30 to find out their views in relation to **Youth Ministry**.

Youth Ministry is viewed as a dedicated space for young people to explore their faith, develop as people and actively participate in church life.

We invite you to complete a survey which you will find online at the following link.

https://www.killaloediocese.ie/resources/secondary-catechetics/ Here you will find the link to the Google Forms Youth Ministry Survey. https://forms.office.com/e/r9Kwj0MgzD

The Form is set to accept responses from Tuesday morning September 23rd at 8.45 p.m. until Friday October 24th next at 4.00 p.m. We look forward to hearing from you.



Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €7,400 Venue: Clubhouse.



Winners of €50
Kitty Burns Doora,
Colum Fitzgerald Barefield,
Edward Corry Barefield,
Donal Cahill Barefield

Thank you for your support



From your communion of love, life sprung forth like a mighty river and the whole cosmos came into being. On this Earth of overflowing love, the Word was made flesh and went forth with the life-giving waters proclaiming peace and justice for all creation.

Bless us once again with your life-giving waters so that the Creator Spirit may let justice and peace flow in our hearts and overflow into all creation.

Open our hearts to receive the living waters of God's justice and peace, and to share it with our suffering brothers and sisters, all creatures around us, and all creation.

Bless us to walk together with all people of good will so that the many streams of the living waters of God's

justice and peace may become a mighty river all over the Earth. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Doora Church Choir Recruiting New Members
New choir members are warmly welcome to join us in St.
Brecan's Church, Doora. every second Sunday.
Further details contact Cora Brooks on 0872926908

Year of Hope

We live in a world where there is great need for Hope. This year is a Holy Year focused on Hope. Bishop Monahan has designated the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Newmarket-on-Fergus as a pilgrimage centre for the Holy Year.

Tradaree Pastoral Area has organised a celebration of hope to take place in the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Newmarket -on-Fergus at 7pm on Thursday, 2 October (Feast of the Guardian Angels). Olive Foley from Killaloe will share a reflection on hope in her own life. All are welcome.

Clare SVP Seeking Volunteers

Clare SVP is seeking volunteers from to help us continue our work helping people in need. To find out more about volunteering with SVP, please visit svp.ie/volunteer or free text 'SVP' with your name and county to 50100



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgement, For we have sinned against you And not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

PENITENTIAL RITE

- P. Have mercy on us, O Lord
- C. For we have sinned against you.
- Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
- C. And grant us your salvation.
- 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.

A reading from the prophet Amos Amos 6:1.4-7

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. R

He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy. 1 Tm 6:11-16

R.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father

Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied, "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham, "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man, "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent."

Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise 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. 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

By this we came to know the love of God; that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.