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DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

7th September, 2025

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I CALL YOU FRIENDS, SAYS THE LORD

Reflecting on the readings this weekend I am reminded of the story of the two builders working side by side on a building site. Near the end of the day, one turned to the other and said. "It's good enough"!!! to which the other builder replied " It's never just good enough it's either right or wrong and let's put it right."

As we know only too well, it's never easy to continually put things right amid the complexities and everyday issues of life as they unfold for you and I.

That is highlighted in our first reading this weekend" the reasonings of mortals are unsure and their intentions unstable.

To whom do we turn to if we do not wish to be the person who started in the Gospel and was unable to finish. To whom do we turn to?

The reassurance we need is provided in our Gospel Acclamation

'I call you friends says the Lord because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my father'.

Such a friendship with the Lord can be demanding from time to time.

"Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple", says the Lord

Like the Story of the two builders, we need to follow through on our commitments to others, on our responsibility to others, with the help of the Spirit and wisdom of God to guide us even when the going gets tough and we are occasionally inclined to take the easier option .



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: 7th September, 2025

Contact Fr. Ger Jones - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

6th Sept: John & Eileen McCormack, Gaurus.
 12th Sept 7.30pm: Dev Becker, Lios Ard, Tulla Road. MM.
 13th Sept: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

7th Sept: Seán Grogan, Corebeg.
 14th Sept: No intention booked.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

7th Sept: Niamh Collins, Ballymaconna.
 Tom Kelly & Brother Frank Kelly, Barefield
 14th Sept: Seamus O'Halloran, Carhudotia.
 Mary McNamara, Ballymaley.
 Tommy Droney, Ballyduff.

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

Finance Development Fund

31st August, 2025

Barefield: €214

Doora: €132

Church of Our Lady: €240

Development : €914

Mile buiochas

Burial of Ashes in Doora Churchyard

As cremation becomes more popular the need for a designated burial area in the sacred ground at Doora Churchyard becomes more necessary.

A community group has already met to discuss possibilities and advance the project.

A further meeting will be held in the Doora Church Sacristy on Tuesday September 9th at 7pm.

Your views and input would be welcome at this meeting to which all are invited.

REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers



Tom O'Connor,
Roslevan.



Baby Tadhg Hayes,
Cahernalough, Spencilhill.

Georgie Whelan,
Shragh, Kilursh,
brother of Paul, Ballymaley
& Jackie, Ballycorree.



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

COur Lady:	HHerlihy/BBurke	Michael Guilfoyle
Doora:	Seán Conlan	Owen O'Mahony
Barefield:	BGalvin/MO'Loughlin	Margaret Carden

Next week:

COur Lady:	HHerlihy/BBurke	James O'Connor
Doora:	Maria Considine	Tom Meade
Barefield:	MRowland/CLeamy	Sinead Roseingrave

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

6th Sept: PPerrill/HHerlihy
 13th Sept: Dan Lenihan/Dan Heath

Doora Sacristan Rota

7th Sept: Mary Hallinan
 14th Sept: Seamus Enright

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Fintan will lead the Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon Airport on Monday 29th September to Saturday 4th October. The remaining seats can be booked on joewalshtours.ie or tel : 01 2410800

Alzheimers Society Memory Walk

Join us for the Alzheimer Society of Ireland Memory Walk at John O' Sullivan Park, Lees Road, Ennis on Sunday 21st September starting at 11am.

Distance: 1.5 km and 3.5 km

Meeting Point: Entrance to Woodland

Walk beside Astroturf pitch

1.5km walk suitable for buggies, 3.5 km some rough ground

Please register on the Alzheimer Society website : Adults: €20

Child: €5 alternatively turn up on the day to register



Monastic Vocations weekend

Do you feel called to seek God in prayer and contemplation, monastic work and community life?

The Cistercian community at St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn invites single women aged 19-40 to our upcoming Monastic Vocations weekend 24th-27th October next.

Please contact our Vocation Director, Sr Mairéad, at vocations@glencairnabbey.org; Visit www.glencairnabbey.org for more details

Citizens Information 50th Anniversary

Citizens Information is celebrating 50 years of service to the community. Ennis CIC provides free, impartial and confidential information, advice and advocacy services to the public on their rights and entitlements.

Drop in or contact us on
 0818 07 5260 to make an appointment.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO KEEP GROUP OPEN

Doora Barefield Parent & Toddler Group



Volunteers urgently required to keep the group open. A commitment of 2 hours per Tuesday is required. Group closes during school holidays.

Please contact the parish office during office hours if you are willing to volunteer.

Evelyn McMahon School of Speech & Drama

Classes resuming. Classes available for primary and secondary pupils. For further info: Tel: Evelyn Mac Mahon 085 1884158

Doora Barefield CCE Culture Night Big Session



Doora Barefield Comhaltas Group Big Session at Fahy Hall, Roslevan on Culture Night - Friday 19th September at 7.30pm. All very welcome to join us for cuppa tea and big session of music

Cloughleigh CCE

Come and enjoy a night of trad music, singing, dancing and storytelling with Cloughleigh CCE in Cois na hAbhna on Tuesday 9th September at 7.30pm. Cupán tae.

THE RNLI LIFEBOATS BURREN RAMBLE 2025

This year's 7KM Burren Ramble takes place this coming Sunday 7th September with the Ramble returning to the Famine Road in Boston, Tubber to experience the beauty of the finest landscape there is in the world of solid limestone rock adorned with the beauty of the fauna and the flowers of the Burren.

Meeting point for parking is Boston Church from 11am where people will be guided the very short distance to Pat O Connor's meadow field in Kiltack Beg EIR CODE H91 N472 to park.

The ramble leaves for the waters and the wild at 12 noon. Bring suitable walking and weather gear.

Information from 0876260301.

Your support is valued and appreciated by our lifeboat crews.



Lifeboats

National Literacy Day at DeValera Library,

You are invited to a special event in DeValera Library, Ennis on Tuesday 9th September at 6.30pm to mark National Literacy Day 2025. The theme this year is Media Literacy. All welcome.

National Literacy Day 2025 – Be Media Literate: Sorting Fact from Fiction — Clare Libraries

Always Remember.....



One song can spark a moment;
One flower can wake the dream.
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.
One smile begins a friendship,
One handclasp lifts a soul.
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One vote can change a nation.
One sunbeam lights a room.
One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom.
One step must start each journey;
One word must start each prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits;
One touch can show you care.
One voice can speak with wisdom.
One heart can know what's true.
One life can make the difference;

You see it's up to You! Amen.

Shawnee Kelli

Welcome September

New month, new chapter, new page
And new wishes.

May the month give you courage, strength,
Confidence, patience, self-love & inner peace.

May everyday in September fill your days
with Hope, love, sunshine and energy.

Let there be Joy, Fun and Laughter.

Tone Grennevik

Think Positive Words

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €6,800

Venue: Clubhouse.

Winners of €50

**Robert Brannock, Barefield,
Lorcan Connolly, Roslevan,
Pat Sheedy, Doora,
Gary Thompson, Barefield**

Thank you for your support.



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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 Wisdom

Ws 9:13-18

'What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever. Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Philemon

Phm 9-10.12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus.

I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without

hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.'

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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 light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.