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DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

26th October, 2025

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"BE MERCIFUL TO ME A SINNER"

Today's gospel parable introduces us to a Pharisee and a Tax collector praying in the temple. The Pharisee boasts about his great accomplishments. Meanwhile, the tax collector stands at a distance, and simply says, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Jesus flips expectations by declaring that it is the tax collector, not the Pharisee, who goes home justified before God.

This parable strikes at the heart of one of today's most pervasive issues: spiritual pride dressed up as moral superiority. In an age of social media, public image, and curated virtue, it's easy to become the modern-day Pharisee - not necessarily in religion, but in how we compare ourselves to others. We may not say, "I fast twice a week," but we might say, "At least I recycle," "I vote the right way," or "I'm not like those people." It's subtle, but the spirit is the same — we define ourselves as good by looking down on others. Meanwhile, the tax collector represents someone who knows they've failed - not just publicly, but deeply and personally. He doesn't perform. He doesn't try to cover up or explain away his flaws. He just confesses. This is the kind of posture Jesus honours: one of humility, honesty, and need.

This parable also challenges how we understand righteousness. In our culture, we often think righteousness is earned — by being a good person,

Jesus shows that transformation begins not with denial or defensiveness, but with humility. In that way, the parable invites all of us to examine the posture of our hearts.

In a polarized, performance-driven world, Jesus offers a better way: radical humility. This parable calls us to stop measuring ourselves against others and start standing honestly before God. The truth is, we are all the tax collector - in need of mercy, not applause. And when we acknowledge that, something beautiful happens. We are freed from the exhausting burden of self-righteousness and welcomed into the liberating grace of God.

As Jesus says, "All those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." In a world where everyone is trying to climb higher, Jesus invites us to bow lower — and find true peace there.



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 26th October, 2025

Contact Fr. Ger Jones - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

25th Oct No intention booked.
1 Nov: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

26th Oct Teresa Mullins, Gaurus.
Nora, Joe, Tony & John Liddy, Jasper's Pound
2nd Nov: No intention booked.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

26th Oct Baby Charlie Gaulier. MM.
Siobhán Conlon, Gort Rd.
Fri 31st Oct 7.30pm: Mary Brodie, Ballyogan. 1st Anniv.
2nd Nov: Maura Dowling, Aughanteeroe, Gort Rd. 1st Anniv.
Michael & Kathleen Purcell, Ballyduff.
John & Bridget Malone, Ballyalla.

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

Finance Development Fund

19th October 2025

Barefield: €209

Doora: €172

Church of Our Lady: €158

Development Fund : €498

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Thought for Today

*Lord, help me to live this day,
quietly, easily.
To lean upon Thy great strength,
trustfully, restfully.
To wait for the unfolding of Thy will,
patiently, serenely.
To meet others, peacefully, joyously.
To face tomorrow,
confidently, courageously.*



REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

Mark Dixon, Parnell Grove

Miko Cullinan, Knockanean

Tommy Malone, Old Military Barracks, Ennis

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



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

COur Lady:	SGarvey/PMockler	Bridget Hoey
Doora:	Marie Flanagan	Michael Cusack
Barefield:	CLeamy/MRowland	Tommy Duggan

Next week:

COur Lady:	MDilleen/TBohannon	Bridget Hoey
Doora:	Maria Considine	Mary Corry
Barefield:	MClohesy/CDeloughery	Nuala Galvin

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

25th Oct & 1st Nov Paddy Perrill & Harold Herlihy

Doora Sacristan Rota

26th Oct Cora Burke

2nd Nov: Seamus Enright



First Friday Mass at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield on Friday 7th November at 7pm.

If you or someone you know would like a First Friday call please contact Fr. Tom or the Parish Office with details.



2nd November:

Templemaley	1pm;
Kilraghtis	2pm

9th November

Doora	after Mass;
Bunnow	1pm



Masses on All Saints Day

Saturday 1st November

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan	9am
St. Breacan's, Doora	10am
Immaculate Conception, Barefield	11am

Masses on All Souls Day

Sunday 2nd November.

Usual Sunday Mass times.



Calling all Carers

Interested in a rewarding role supporting people in our community? Meet Clarecare's Home Support team at our Oct/Nov Recruitment Roadshows:

Thu 23 Oct: 11am-3pm – Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis (V95 H0XK)

Contact ncarroll@clarecare.ie 065 689 4209 or apply today: <https://clarecare.ie/recruitment/>

Bunratty Castle

Get ready for Monsters, Misfits & Mayhem at Bunratty Castle & Folk Park, running from Saturday, October 25th to Monday, October 27th. With creepy characters, spooky storytelling, and Halloween fun for all ages, it's the perfect family day out this midterm!

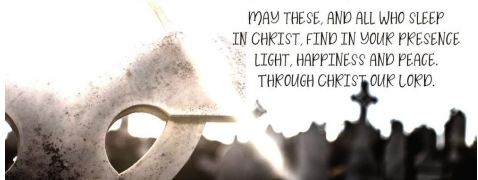
Book now at www.bunrattycastle.ie/

November Masses for the Holy Souls

All Souls Day Prayer

REMEMBER LORD, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND HAVE GONE BEFORE US MARKED WITH THE SIGN OF FAITH, ESPECIALLY THOSE FOR WHOM WE NOW PRAY.

MAY THESE, AND ALL WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST, FIND IN YOUR PRESENCE LIGHT, HAPPINESS AND PEACE, THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.



During the month of November, Mass will be offered each day for all on our November Dead List of the parish. Envelopes containing the list of your dead are now available in the porches of our churches. Completed lists should be returned by November 2nd - All Souls' Day.



In November We Remember
Annual Mass for Bereaved at St. Breacan's Church, Doora
on Tuesday 18th November at 7pm.
All welcome.

Doora Barefield Parent & Toddler Group.

Doora Barefield Parent & Toddler Group is closed on Tuesday 28th October for mid term break and will reopen the following week.

The Group is still looking for volunteers and if no volunteers are found the group will have to close.

Please contact Coira in Parish Office if you are interested in volunteering with this lovely group.



Joy does not arrive with a fanfare,
on a red carpet strewn with the flowers
of a perfect life.

Joy sneaks in, as you pour a cup of coffee,
watching the sun hit your favourite tree, just right.

And you usher joy away,
because you are not ready for it.
Your house is not as it must be,
for such a distinguished guest.

But joy cares nothing for your messy home,
or your bank-balance, or your waistline, you see.
Joy is supposed to slither through the cracks
of your imperfect life,
that's how joy works.

You cannot invite her,
you can only be ready when she appears.
And hug her with meaning,
because in this very moment,
joy chose you.

Donna Ashworth



Winter Time

A reminder that winter time begins this weekend when clocks go back an hour on Sunday morning.

Tractor Run at Doora this Sunday

10th Annual Doora Charity Tractor Run takes place this Sunday at Doora.

Registration at 11.30am.

All proceeds to Sláinte an Chláir and Milford Hospice.

All welcome.



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

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 Ecclesiasticus. Si 35:12-14.16-19

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of
personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the
detriment of a poor man, he listens to the
plea of the injured party. He does not ignore
the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as
she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves
God will be accepted, his petitions will carry
to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the
clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable,
nor will he desist until the Most High takes
notice of him, acquits the virtuous and
delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be
dilatatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: This poor man called,
The Lord heard him.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,
His praise always be on my lips;
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the
wicked to destroy their remembrance
from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
And rescues them in their distress. **R.**

The Lord is close to the broken
hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will
save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his
servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. **R.**

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

2 Tm 4:6-8.16-18

My life is already being poured away as
a libation, and the time has come for me
to be gone. I have fought the good fight
to the end; I have run the race to the
finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to
come now is the crown of righteousness
reserved for me, which the Lord, the
righteous judge, will give to me on that
Day; and not only to me but to all those
who have longed for his Appearing.
The first time I had to present my
defence, there was not a single witness
to support me. Every one of them
deserted me - may they not be held
accountable for it. But the Lord stood by
me and gave me power, so that through
me the whole message might be
proclaimed for all the pagans to hear;
and so I was rescued from the lion's
mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all
evil attempts on me, and bring me safely
to his heavenly kingdom. To him be
glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the
kingdom to mere children. Alleluia.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to
some people who prided themselves
on being virtuous and despised

everyone else. 'Two men went up to the
Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other
a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there
and said this prayer to himself, 'I thank you
God, that I am not grasping, unjust,
adulterous like the rest of mankind, and
particularly that I am not like this tax
collector here. I fast twice a week: I pay
tithes on all I get.' The tax collector stood
some distance away, not daring even to
raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his
breast and said, "God, be merciful to me,
a sinner.' This man, I tell you, went home
again at rights with God; the other did not.
For everyone who exalts himself will be
humbled, but the man who humbles
himself will be exalted.'

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

We will ring out our joy
at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.