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# DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

## NEWSLETTER

5th October, 2025

### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### INCREASE OUR FAITH

Today's gospel passage presents the theme of faith, introduced by the disciples' request: *"increase our faith!"*. A beautiful prayer, which we should pray often throughout the day: *"Lord, increase my faith!"*. Jesus responds with two images: the grain of mustard and the willing servant. *"If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree: 'Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you"*. The mulberry is a robust tree, deeply rooted in the ground and resistant to the winds. Thus, Jesus wishes to make it understood that faith, even if small, can have the power to uproot so much as a mulberry tree and then to transplant it into the sea, which is something even more improbable: but nothing is impossible for those who have faith, because they do not rely on their own strengths but in God, who can do everything. The faith comparable to the grain of mustard is a faith that is not proud and self-assured: it does not pretend to be that of a great believer at times making gaffes! It is a faith that, in its humility, feels a great need of God and in its smallness surrenders itself, trusting fully in Him. It is a faith that gives us the ability to look with hope at the alternate events of life, which helps us to accept even defeat, suffering, with the awareness that evil never has, never will have, the last word. How can we understand if we truly have faith, that is, if our faith, while miniscule, is genuine, pure, sincere? Jesus explains this by indicating what the measure of faith is: service. And he does so with a parable which at first glance

is somewhat disconcerting, because it presents the figure disconcerting, because it presents the figure of an overbearing and indifferent master. But this master's very way of doing things highlights what is the true core of the parable, which is the servant's attitude of willingness. Jesus wishes to say that this is how people of faith are with regard to God: they completely give themselves over to his will, without calculations or pretexts.

This attitude toward God is also reflected in the manner of behaviour in the community: it is reflected in the joy of being at the service of one another, finding one's reward already therein, and not in the recognition and gains that may derive from it. This is what Jesus teaches at the end of this narrative: *"when you have done all you have been told to do, say, 'We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.'"*

Unworthy servants, that is, without expecting to be thanked, without pretexts. *"We are merely servants"* is an expression of humility and willingness and humble service, of which Jesus gave the greatest example, by washing the feet of the disciples



#### 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 5th October, 2025

## Contact Fr. Pat Malone - Tel. 065 6869098

### Remembered in Masses this week

#### CHURCH OF OUR LADY

4th Oct: Mary Hopkins, Oakleigh Wood, Tulla Rd.  
 11th Oct: Carmel Collins, Ballymacahill.  
 Mary O'Dea, Creggaun.

#### ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

5th Oct: No intention booked.  
 12th Oct: John Cleary, College Rd.

#### CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

5th Oct: Cella McNamara, Ballyogan.  
 12th Oct: Sally McNamara, Drumquin.

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

#### Finance Development Fund

28th September, 2025

Barefield: €174

Doora: €85

Church of Our Lady: €147

Development Fund : €1,204

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#### Harvest Mass



The Abbey Pastoral Area will celebrate the gift of the Harvest on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October when Bishop Fintan will celebrate the 9.30am Mass in St. Stephen's Church, Maghera. This beautiful church in the heart of the country is part of the Parish of Clooney, Quin & Maghera.

As we celebrate the Month of Creation, all are invited to gather and pray in thanksgiving and also for the future of the Harvest. Also on the same day in St. Columba's Church of Ireland the community will celebrate the Harvest at the 11.30am Service in Bindon Street.

Rev. Vicki Lynch and the Select Vestry invite all to join them in prayer and thanksgiving for the Harvest.



### REST IN PEACE

*Remember in your prayers*

**Baby Charlie Alain Patrick Gaulier**

Demesne House,  
Ballyduff, Barefield.

*'Let the little children come to me*

*And do not hinder them*

*For the kingdom of heaven belongs to them'*



### Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



#### This week:

COur Lady:	SGarvey/PMockler	Claire Cremin
Doora:	Mary Barry	Seán Conlan
Barefield:	NKennedy/LCorcoran	David Culligan

#### Next week:

COur Lady:	SGarvey/PMockler	Joe Dilleen
Doora:	Anne Marie Custy	Kieran Bell
Barefield:	MHassett/LMurphy	Bernard Casey

#### Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

4th Oct: Michael Williams & Paul Mockler  
 11th Oct: Joan O'Connor & James Reynolds

#### Doora Sacristan Rota

5th Oct: Margaret Liddy  
 12 Oct: Mary Enright

#### AUTUMN PRIESTS' COLLECTION

Autumn Priests' Collection this Saturday and Sunday. 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.



#### Doora Church Choir Recruiting New Members

New choir members are warmly welcome to join us in St. Breacan's Church, Doora. every second Sunday.

Further details contact Cora Brooks 0872926908

### 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 this Monday 6th October at 8pm in the Church of Our Lady, Roslevan.

If you or anyone you know is pregnant, please share the invitation with them.





## 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.

**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.killaloe-diocese.ie/resources/secondary-catechetics/>

Here you will find the link to the Google Forms Youth Ministry Survey. <https://forms.office.com/e/r9Kwj0MqzD>

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

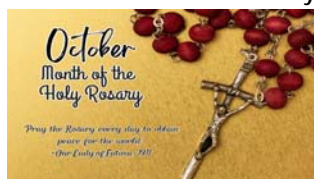
## Doora Barefield Community Games AGM



Doora Barefield Community Games AGM at 8.30pm on Tuesday 7th October at Gurteen Clubhouse V95 PD36.

Parents, we need you!! Get involved so the kids can keep having fun, learning new skills and winning medals.

## October the Month of the Rosary



The Rosary is a special prayer in the lives of many people. The month of October, with the Feast of the Holy Rosary, is a special opportunity to once again renew your love for this prayer, even by praying one decade of the rosary each day

## Prayer For The Month Of October

Heavenly and Blessed Father, we welcome the new month of October with great expectation and hope.

Lord, it's difficult to find the words to express my gratitude for all the ways You have blessed my life.

As I prepare for this new month, I know that I cannot do it without You. But Your love and strength empower me.

Thank You for Your unconditional love. I embrace Your love and peace.

I will keep my eyes focused on You. In Jesus name I pray, Amen!

## 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](http://svp.ie/volunteer) or free text 'SVP' with your name and county to 50100

## Accord Marriage Preparation Course

Are you getting married in 2026/2027? Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service provides Marriage Preparation Programmes for couples choosing to get married in the Catholic Church. Make a booking today for courses in Ennis or Nenagh at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

## Season of Creation



Living God, giver of all life  
You bless us with your wonders of the Earth,  
With all its beauty and goodness

May we remember that we are caretakers  
Not owners of this wonderful planet

May we tread lightly and care greatly  
For our home, Mother Earth.

## Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: € 7,600

Venue: Clubhouse. Winners of €50

Liam Hickey Doora,  
Sean Williams Hillcrest,  
Matthew Power Knockanean,  
Larry Whelan Ballyalla

**Thank you for your support**



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

## 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 Habakkuk  
Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen;  
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?  
Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny?  
Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said,  
'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read,  
since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;  
if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by faithfulness.'

**The word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

**Response:**

**O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

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

**2 Tm 1:6-8.13-14**

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

**The word of the Lord**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

**Lk 17:5-10**

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea",

And it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty. "'

**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**

**The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.**