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DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

30 November 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pathway to Advent

We enter Into four of the darkest weeks of the year ...BUT ... we are called to light a "pathway" for our journey, through and beyond nature's shortest day to it's promise of emerging light

CALLED too, in lighting our "pathway" through Advent, journeying to Christmas' celebration of the birth of **THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.**

Advent Prayer by Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Advent

"May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to hearts of all Men and women" Pope Francis

Hope

Week one
The Prophecy Candle

To know, no matter what, the lure of tomorrow, is vital. Let's be the one who makes someone look forward to tomorrow, as the world looked forward to the birth of Jesus.

Peace

Week two
The Bethlehem Candle

To know, a heart at peace, or more, two hearts at peace, forgiving and forgiven. Awaiting the birth of Jesus's message of peace & forgiveness.

Joy

Week three
The Shepherd's Candle

To know, a moment of happiness, yes, to make that moment last. To see that joy/happiness in the eyes of someone ... whose day we just made. Reflecting the eyes of the Shepherds as they would greet Jesus' birth.

Love

Week four
The Angel's Candle

To know, though not always easy, love is powerful, especially, to love the unlovable in self and another. Reflecting God's love wrapped up in the babe of Bethlehem.

Pathway to Christmas

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 30th November, 2025

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Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

29th Nov: Liam Harvey, Ballycarroll. MM.
 Baby Aaron O'Brien, Tulla.
 Seán O'Donoghue, Ballaghboy.
 6th Dec: Teresa Felle, Parklands, Ballyalla. 1st Anniv.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

30th Nov: Joe & Nancy Byrnes, Finanagh.
 Jimmy Mungovan, Finanagh.
 Eddie, Mae & Martin Slattery, Moyriesk.
 7th Dec: Christy (Buddy) Reddan, Cappahard.
 Patricia Reddan, Ballyortla & UK.
 Tony Mangan, Kilbricken, Doora.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

30th Nov: Patricia & Frank Flaherty, Dulick.
 5th Dec 7pm: Johnny Perrill, Barefield.
 6th Dec: 7pm: Nancy Cahir, Larchill. MM.
 7th Dec: Michael & Rose Lahiffe, Ballymaley.
 Hanrahan Family, Larchill.

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

Finance Development Fund 23rd November 2025

Barefield €174
 Doora: €196
 Church of Our Lady: €204
 Development Fund : €623

Míle buiochas



REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

Colman Rutherford,
 Mallow, Co. Cork & Claireen, Ennis.
 Brother of Seán Rutherford, Larchill.

Amelia Drewniok,
 Ráth Bán, Tulla Road, Ennis.

Pat Bennett,
 Cloverlea, Gaurus, Ennis.

Mary Moorhead (nee Casey),
 Ashfield Park, Gort Road.

Now in God's hands, forever in our hearts



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

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| COur Lady: | MDilleen/TBohannon | Maria O'Driscoll |
| Doora: | Anne Marie Custy | Nuala Conlon |
| Barefield: | BGalvin/MOLoughlin | Michael Clohessy |

Next Week:

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| COur Lady: | DLeahy/SGiller | Seamus Hanrahan |
| Doora: | Patricia Hassett | Owen O'Mahony |
| Barefield: | CLeamy/MRowland | David Culligan |

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

29th Nov: Michael Williams & Paul Mockler
 6th December: Joan O'Connor & James Reynolds

Doora Sacristan Rota

30th Nov: Margaret Liddy
 7th December: Mary Enright



First Friday Mass at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield on Friday 5th December at 7pm.

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

A Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent



Father, let your hope arise in our hearts!

Lift our eyes up to see that you alone
 are where our hope comes from.

Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements,
 and distractions that have filled this year.

May we pause to remember that we have hope in you.

You know the end of our stories,
 and we give thanks because you have promised
 that it will be a victorious ending.

Give us the grace we need to wrap up this year joyfully.
 We invite your Spirit into this beautiful Advent season.
 Renew our sense of holy anticipation!

Let us be those who are waiting eagerly
 for Jesus to come again.
 More than anything, we ask that you be glorified in this
 season of expectation. **Amen.**

Cantare Choir Christmas Concert



Cantare Choir and Orchestra is staging its annual Christmas concert in Ennis Cathedral at 8pm 19th December.

This year's event, in support of the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust, is in memory of Olivia Tuohy, daughter of Liz and Kieran Tuohy, who died of Sudden Adult Death Syndrome while competing in the Edinburgh half marathon on May 25th this year.

Start your Christmas on just the right note – this event is a treat for the ears and food for the soul.

Tickets available at Glor box office or glor.ie



Carol Service & Nativity Play at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield on Thursday 18th December at 6.15pm. Visit by Santa. Collection on night for Franciscan Lourdes Invalid Fund.

All welcome.

Clare Kidney Branch

Christmas Dinner 7th of December at 1pm Temple Gate Hotel for kidney patients and carers. We are having three guest speakers and a number of local trad musicians.

Contact Sharon on 0871683136

Clare Older People's Council will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday, 13th January from 2pm – 4pm in the Civic Room, Buttermarket Building, Drumbiggle, Ennis.

Each nominee for the Clare Older People's Executive will have the opportunity to address the public before voting begins. There are 15 positions to be filled on the Executive Committee, representing the four Clare County Council municipal districts, as well as three additional representatives from nursing homes, new communities, and minority groups across Clare.

New members are very welcome.

For more information, please contact Shanelle or Sandra at agefriendlyclare@clarecoco.ie or call **065 6846240**

Coffee Morning for Simon Community



Suara Singing Group invites you to Coffee Morning with Carol Singing to raise fund for Homeless in Ennis at Cois na hAbhna Gort Road on Wednesday 3rd December from

11.00 am All proceeds go to Mid-West Simon Community, Ennis.

Clare Roots Society Book Launch The Clare Road by Larry Brennan



Launch 4th December with Mass in the Cathedral at 7.30p.m. followed by book launch at 8.15p.m. in the Parish Hall. All welcome

Christmas Triduum Mass Bouquet Cards



Christmas Triduum Mass Bouquet Cards with images of our churches now available in the porches of our three churches. €3 per Mass Bouquet.

Also Sympathy Cards, Mass Bouquet and Get Well Cards Novena and Individual Masses similarly.



Advent

'We wait in Joyful Hope'

Abbey Pastoral Area

Reconciliation Service

Monday December 15th

7.30pm – 8.15pm

Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul,
Ennis.

All welcome to come along and celebrate the sacrament of God's love & mercy.

Priests available to hear individual confession.

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €9,200

Venue: Clubhouse,
Winners of €50

Paddy Maguire Doora,
Paul Kelleher Hillcrest,
Enda O'Flaherty Cappahard,
Helena Dixon Tulla Rd

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted;
let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In the days to come the mountain of the
Temple of the Lord shall tower above the
mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples
without number will come to it; and they will
say:

“Come, let us go up to the
mountain of the Lord, to the
Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from
Jerusalem.”

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into
plough shares, their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the
light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *I rejoiced when I heard them
say: 'Let us go to God's house.'*

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of
Judgement of the house of David. **R**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' **R**

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: "Peace upon you!"
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. **R**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Rm 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you
must wake up now: our salvation is
even nearer than it was when we were
converted.

The night is almost over, it will be
daylight soon - let us give up all the
things we prefer to do under the cover
of the dark; let us arm ourselves and
appear in the light.

Let us live decently as people do in
the daytime: no drunken orgies, no
promiscuity or licentiousness, and no
wrangling or jealousy.
Let your armour be the Lord Jesus
Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
And give us your saving help.
Alleluia!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was
in Noah's day, so will it be when the
Son of Man comes. For in those days
before the Flood people were eating,
drinking, taking wives, taking
husbands, right up to the day Noah
went into the ark, and they suspected
nothing till the Flood came and swept
all away. It will be like this when the
Son of Man comes.

Then of two men in the fields one is
taken, one left; of two women
at the millstone grinding, one is taken,
one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not
know the day when your master is
coming. You may be quite sure of this
that if the householder had known at
what time of the night the burglar would
come, he would have stayed awake and
would not have allowed anyone to break
through the wall of his house. Therefore,
you too must stand ready because the
Son of Man is coming at an hour you do
not expect.'

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 will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.**