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DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

7 December 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We are constantly being told to prepare – the weather forecast tells us what to expect in rain, wind or whatever; plan for the exams, plan for retirement, prepare for the match. There are some things for which we cannot prepare – sudden bad health, an accident, the actions of others.

John the Baptist is the expert in how to prepare for a dramatic future event: the coming of the kingdom of heaven is his message. He says, "Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire". John's teachings are to the point and sum up the theme of preparation that is central to the Gospel of Matthew.

In Matthew's gospel there are numerous instructions regarding how we are to prepare for the final days and for eternal life. We are not only to hear Jesus' words, but we are to do them. We prepare for the coming kingdom by active obedience to the teachings of Jesus. Matthew's gospel features many parables that tell us to get ready, to be ready; the ten bridesmaids, the talents, the great feast and others. And here in Advent, John the Baptist is shouting it loudly but what we learn is that many will not listen to his instructions. In a way, we are being prepared for the rest of the Gospel and indeed life generally where people do not listen to that which will lead us on a pilgrimage of faith.

John also tells us the way *not* to prepare; by simply relying on our spiritual credentials. "We have Abraham as our ancestor" – this is the thinking that our unchanged rituals will do us fine. Presumably, relying on any other assurance or past accomplishment than God is not the way to prepare. Inaction is not the way to prepare. Making excuses is not the way to prepare. Being distracted from Jesus' coming kingdom by possessions, prestige, and power is not the way to prepare. Not then and not now.



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 December, 2025

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Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

6th Dec: Teresa Felle, Parklands, Ballyalla. 1st Anniv.
 8th Dec: Michael & Maureen McNamara, Roscommon.
 13th Dec: John French, The Woods & Kilmurry.
 Carmel Devane, The Lane, Newpark.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

7th Dec: Tony Mangan, Kilbrickan.
 Christy (Buddy) Reddan, Cappahard.
 Patricia Reddan, Ballyortla & UK.
 14th Dec: Denny Vaughan, Knockanean.
 Brendan Molloy, Moyriesk.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

6th Dec: 7pm: Nancy Cahir, Larchill. MM.
 7th Dec: Michael & Rose Lahiffe, Ballymaley.
 Hanrahan Family, Larchill.
 14th Dec: Mary & Jimmy Whelan, Barefield.
 Joe Conlon, Ballymacon.
 Claire Curran, Drumgrannagh.
 Margaret Quinn & Aoife Loughnane, Ballycarroll.
 Nuala Teasdale (nee Fitzgerald), Leeds & Clonkerry, Barefield

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



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on Monday 8th December this year.

Masses as follows:

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan 9.30am
 Barefield 7pm
 Doora: 8pm

REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

Joe Keary,
 Dulick, Gort Road.

Brian Barry,

Inagh, brother in law of Bernadette O'Grady, Ballaghboy.

Now in God's hands, forever in our hearts



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

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

Next Week:

COur Lady	DLeahy/SGiller	Seamus Hanrahan
Doora:	Seán Conlan	Noreen O'Connor
Barefield:	CDeLoughery/MClohessy	Tommy Duggan

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

6th & 13th December: JReynolds & JO'Connor

Doora Sacristan Rota

7th December: Mary Enright
 14th December Cora Burke

Finance Development Fund

30th November 2025

Barefield €69

Doora: €164

Church of Our Lady: €262

Development Fund : €706

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2026 PARISH DONATION BOXES

Parish donation boxes for 2026 are now available for collection in the porches of our three churches from this weekend onwards. Please collect your donation box as soon as possible.

We appeal for your co-operation in distributing the boxes. There may be parishioners who are unable to attend mass and we would ask you to deliver their boxes where possible. You might kindly also deliver to neighbours.

Please note that box numbers have changed this year. We ask you therefore to start using your 2026 box on 1st January. Please do not use older envelopes

If any parishioner would like an annual box please contact Cora in the Parish Office during office hours and a box will be issued to you. Alternatively you can donate securely on line on our parish website

www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/donate

We are very grateful for your ongoing generosity to our Parish and thank you wholeheartedly for your co-operation in distributing these boxes which are an important part of the income for our parish going forward.



Ennis Brass Band Annual Christmas Concert With special guests Quin & Tonics Choir at St. Columba's Church, Bindon Street, Ennis on 7th December at 7.30pm. Retiring collection on the night.

Cantare Choir & Festival Orchestra Christmas Concert at Ennis Cathedral on 19th December at 8pm Tickets €20 available from Glor Box Office 065 6843103 or from www.glor.ie In support of the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust. In loving memory of Olivia Tuohy

Maranatha Christmas Retreat from 2pm -4pm at Cloughleigh church, Ennis on Sunday, 14th December. Bishop Fintan will celebrate Mass at 3 pm. All welcome.



Doorra Barefield Comhaltas Session at Fahy Hall on Friday 12th December 7.30pm to 9.30pm. All welcome.

Urgent Blood Donation Clinic, Ennis.



Urgent Blood Donation Clinic at Treacys' West County Hotel on Wednesday 10th December 4:50pm – 8:10pm New & existing Donors welcome at all clinics. Former UK residents now welcome to donate Tel. 1800 222 111 for appointment.. The Irish Blood Transfusion Service is urging people in the Ennis area to donate blood at these clinics.

Carol Service & Nativity Play



**Church of the Immaculate Conception,
Barefield**

Thursday 18th December at 6.15pm

Collection
for Clare
Crusaders



Visit by
Santa



All Welcome



**COLLECTION FOR CLARE CRUSADERS
ON EVENING.**

A Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent



O holy, patient, and loving God,
In this season of grace-filled longing,
we await the coming of your Son and our Saviour.
It is difficult for us to remember that this is a holy time.

There are many distractions:
commitments seem to pile up,
and expectations are high.

In the midst of our busy world, our busy lives,
we need your help to remind us
of what is important and necessary.

While many of those things that we do not need
will come to us in packages gleaming and bright,
the one gift that will last comes from you alone,
gracious God, as we grow in our awareness of your love.

Bless us, our family and friends,
and the food and the company that we share.
Increase in us a growing urgency to celebrate
the birth of your Son,
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

The Friendly Fox Forest School Open Day at Lees Road Park, Ennis on Sunday 14th December 10am to 12 noon. Limited places. Book your free place today. Drop in anytime. Stay as long as you like. Low Ropes, nature crafts, Stories and songs, Hammocks, games, cooking on fire. Family Friendly event. Entry Free. Donations welcome. Book at www.thefeedingtree.ie.



Doorra Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €9,400

Venue: Clubhouse,

Winners of €50

Bob Mulqueen Barefield,
John Hanrahan Roslevan,
Tom Duggan Ballymacuigan,
Brendan Reddin Roslevan

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**0 People of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice
heard in the joy of your heart.**

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 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict of hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of
the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together
with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.

The lion eats straw like the ox.

The infant plays over the cobras hole;
into the vipers lair

the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm,

on all my holy mountain,

for the country is filled with the knowledge of the
Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.

It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: In his days justice shall flourish
And peace till the moon fails.**

O God, give your judgement to the King,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.

R.

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

R.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak

and save the lives of the poor.

R

May his name be blessed forever
and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name.

R.

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

Rm 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in
the scriptures was meant to teach us
something about hope from the examples
scripture gives of how people who
did not give up were helped by God. And
may he who helps us when we refuse to
give up, help you all to be tolerant with
each other, following the example of
Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and
voice you may give glory to the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for
you to treat each other in the same
friendly way as Christ treated you. The
reason Christ became the servant of
circumcised Jews was not only so that
God could faithfully carry out the
promises made to the patriarchs, it was
also to get the pagans to give glory to
God for his mercy, as scripture says in
one place: For this I shall praise you
among the pagans and sing your name.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord,

Make his paths straight

**And all mankind shall see the
salvation of God.**

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel

according to Matthew.

Mt 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared;
he preached in the wilderness of Judaea
and this was his message: 'Repent, for
the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.

This was the man the prophet Isaiah
spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of
camel-hair with a leather belt round his
waist, and his food was locusts and wild
honey.

Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the
whole Jordan district made their way to him,
and as they were baptised by him in the river
Jordan they confessed their sins. But when
he saw a number of Pharisees and
Sadducees coming for baptism he said to
them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to
fly from the retribution that is coming? But if
you are repentant, produce the appropriate
fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves,
"We have Abraham for our father," because,
I tell you, God can raise children for
Abraham from these stones. Even now the
axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that
any tree which fails to produce good fruit will
be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise
you in water for repentance, but the one who
follows me is more powerful than I am, and I
am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise
you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
His winnowing- fan is in his hand; he will
clear his threshing- floor and gather his
wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will
burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the
heights, and behold the joy which comes
to you from God.**