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DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

11th January, 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Baptism of the Lord marks a powerful turning point in the life of Jesus and in the story of salvation. Though Jesus is without sin, He chooses to step into the waters of the Jordan River alongside ordinary people who are seeking repentance and renewal. This moment reveals not only who Jesus is, but also how God chooses to act in the world: through humility, closeness, and relationship. In a modern-day context, the Baptism of the Lord challenges us to rethink leadership, identity, and our own call to live with purpose.

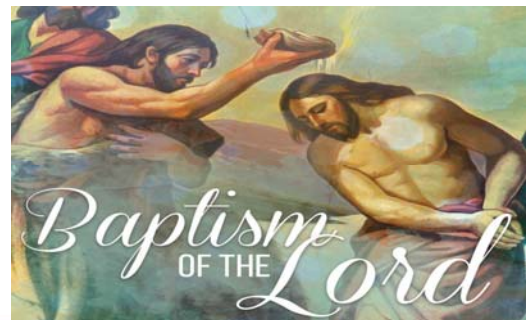
At Jesus' baptism, the heavens open, the Spirit descends, and the voice of the Father proclaims, "This is my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on him." Before Jesus performs miracles, gathers disciples, or preaches to crowds, He is affirmed simply for who He is. In today's world, where worth is often measured by achievements, popularity, or success on social media, this moment has a way of speaking to us. It reminds us that our value does not come from what we do, but from who we are. For modern believers, especially young people navigating pressure and comparison, the Baptism of the Lord offers reassurance that identity rooted in God is secure and unshaken.

Jesus' decision to be baptized also models humility. He does not distance Himself from human weakness or struggle; instead, He enters fully into the human experience. In a society where leaders are often expected to project power, perfection, and control, Jesus offers a different vision of leadership - one grounded in service and solidarity. Modern leadership, whether in schools, communities, or global settings, can learn from this example. True influence is not about standing above others, but about standing with them, listening, and acting with compassion. The presence of the Trinity at the baptism - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - highlights the importance of relationship and unity. In an age marked by division, polarization, and isolation, this scene invites reflection on how we relate to one another.

The Baptism of the Lord calls us to build communities rooted in mutual respect, love, and shared purpose. It challenges us to move beyond individualism and recognize that faith is lived out in connection with others, especially those who are marginalized or overlooked.

From a modern perspective, the Baptism of the Lord also serves as a moment of mission. After this event, Jesus begins His public ministry. Baptism is not an ending, but a beginning. Similarly, for Christians today, baptism is not simply a ritual or tradition; it is a call to action. It invites believers to live out their faith in daily life - through acts of kindness, justice, forgiveness, and courage. In a world facing issues such as inequality, environmental crises, and mental health struggles, the message of baptism urges people to be active witnesses of hope and healing.

Ultimately, the Baptism of the Lord reminds us that God meets humanity where it is. God enters ordinary places - routines, and real-life struggles - and transforms them. With a modern-day outlook, this feast invites reflection on how God continues to call individuals today to recognize their identity, embrace humility, and step forward into lives of meaning and service. Like Jesus emerging from the Jordan, we are invited to rise with purpose, guided by love, and ready to bring light into the world.



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

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Priest on Duty 11th January, 2026

Contact Fr. Pat Malone - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

10th Jan: Joe Keary, Dulick. MM.
 14th Jan: Seamus, Joan & Joe Lyons, Dubin & Germany.
 17th Jan: John & Margaret McTernan, Scariff.
 Flan Clune, Roslevan.
 Mary Fanning, Newpark.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

11th Jan: Johnny O'Connor, Ballyortla. 1st Anniv.
 18th Jan: Eileen Canny, Ballyglass.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

11th Jan: Johnny Flynn, Knockacalara & Limerick. MM.
 Pat Coote, Ballycoree. 1st Anniv.
 Brendan Hassett, Trinaderry.
 18th Jan: Teresa Browne, Clonteen, Ballyalla. MM.
 Pappy McNamara, Ballyogan. 1st Anniv.
 Michael Fitzgerald, Ballymaley.
 Maurice Fitzgerald, Clonkerry.

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

Finance Development Fund

Christmas:

Barefield: €819

Doora: €703

Church of Our Lady: €954

28th December:

Barfield: €217

Doora: €122

Church of Our Lady €204

Development: €3,584

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REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

Kathleen Rynne (nee Reidy)

Dromard, Lahinch Road & Knockanean.

Pat Burke, Knockanoura, Tulla Road.

John Keane, Ballyalla.

Michael Collins, Roslevan.

Ada Hanley, Roslevan & Shannon

*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:	JO'Connor/MMcGuire	Ciaran Redmond
Doora:	Sean Conlon	Mary Corry
Barefield:	MO'Loughlin/BGalvin	Nuala Galvin

Next week:

Cour Lady:	JO'Connor/MMcGuire	Ciaran Redmond
Doora:	Maria Considine	Bernadette Fitzpatrick
Barefield:	MRowland/CLeamy	Margaret Carden

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

10th Jan Dan Lenihan/Tom Heath
 17th Jan: Michael Williams/Paul Mockler

Doora Sacristan Rota

11th Jan: Mary Enright.
 18th Jan: Margaret Hosty

Priests' Christmas Collection - Thank You



Thank you for your generosity to all who contributed to the Priests Christmas Collection. It is very much appreciated. If you were away or forgot your contribution, it would still be much appreciated. You can also donate on line on our website: www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/donate.



Calling all Eucharistic Ministers & Readers of the Word

The Abbey Pastoral Area is organising a short refresher course for all who serve as Eucharistic Ministers and Readers of the Word in any of the churches in our Pastoral Area.

The course will be offered on two nights each so as to give all involved an opportunity to attend ONE of the dates that suits them best.

The venue will be St. Joseph's Church on the following dates at 7.30pm:

Readers of the Word: Tuesday 27th January or
 Tuesday 3rd February;

Eucharistic Ministers: Tuesday 13th January or
 Wednesday 14th January

Anyone involved in these ministries is to attend ONE of the relevant meetings. The meetings are also open to those interested in becoming a Reader or Eucharistic Minister. We take this opportunity to thank all those who serve in these ministries for your dedication and commitment.



Two sums of money found as follows:
at Barefield Church a few weeks ago;
at Church of Our Lady, Roslevan (Fahy Hall)
recently.
Please phone Parish Office on 065 6822225 to
enquire re same.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend Catholic Marriage Encounter
in Ireland Dates: 20 -22 March 2026. WEEKEND LIKE NO
OTHER. Venue: "St Marys" Knock, Co. Mayo Online:
www.marriageencounter.ie



Ennis Active Retirement Group
will resume meetings on Tuesday
13th January next at Scout Hall,
Ennis at 11am.

Clare Roots Society commence their 2026 series of lectures at
7:30pm on Thursday the 15th of January at the Clare Education
Centre, Kilrush Road, Ennis, V95F782.
Lecture Title: Finding Ogle: The Mystery of the Disappearing
Workhouse Master by David Broderick

EXERCISE CLASSES FOR OVER 55s - resume on Monday
12th at 5 pm in Fahy Hall. Classes are specific for fall
prevention, osteoporosis, osteoarthritis, flexibility, mobility and
increasing bone density and muscle mass.
For further information contact john 087 6666927 or visit
www.fitness4fun.ie

Online Chair Yoga Classes

Kilrush Library are hosting a series of online Chair Yoga classes
with Yoga Teacher Trish Cleary on the following dates: Friday
16th & 23rd January @ 11am & Friday 6th & 13th February @
11am.

Classes are Free, you must have access to zoom to join them.
Contact kilrush@clarelibrary.ie or 065 9051504 to get the
zoom link. A Healthy Ireland at Your Library event.

Grow Mental Health- Friendly Community based groups for
anyone experiencing mental health issues by empowering
people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal
growth through education, peer support and self-teaching. Ennis
Meeting- Maria Assumpta Hall. Monday 7.30pm/Tuesday 2pm.
Contact Celia 086-1526966/grow.ie



Barefield National School is now
accepting enrolment of new pupils
for September 2026. The closing
date for receipt of applications
is Friday 30/01/2026.

If you require an application form please contact the school by
phone (065) 6820303 or email info@barefieldns.com with your
name, address and contact no. Also, for your information,
Application Forms, Admission Policy and Admission Notice can
be downloaded from our website : [https://www.barefieldns.com/
documents/enrolment/](https://www.barefieldns.com/documents/enrolment/).

Healing Nights - Jason O'Neill Ministries

Catholic Lay Evangelist praying for the sick. Woodstock Hotel,
Ennis V95TR25 12th January & 3rd February 7.30pm to
10.30pm. Children not allowed.

Snowdrops (Plúiríní Sneachta)



They're to be seen across the land
From frozen ground they will sprout forth,
Of nature we see a rebirth,
Seeds of life hid within the earth,
At last winter is to depart,
For the spring months are soon to start,
Flowers that are the most pure white,
Shall always be a pleasing sight,
Undeterred should there still be frost,
Flowers will open at all cost,
The snowdrop's beauty shines the most,
In a month that's a bitter host,
In woods darted about the place,
Bringing smiles to many a face,
For our countryside they do bless,
bringing about scenes that impress.

Christia Lacdael

Divine Mercy Conference RDS Dublin 28th February next.
Day Return from Clarecastle to Dublin by bus on Saturday 28th
February. Exact times and locations closer to the date.
Speakers include Fr. Jim Blount & Fr. Leon Pereira.
A great day of spiritual inspiration and refreshment. €70 to
include bus and entry ticket.
Contact only via Whatsapp Karen 0874160385; Seamus 087
2752578 for enquiries and bookings.
A deposit of €40 to secure place via Revolut, PayPal or post
marked Divine Mercy Conference.



Prayer for Peace

Gracious God,

In a world filled with conflicts and unrest,
I lift my voice in prayer for peace.
May Your divine presence
bring an end to violence,
conflicts, and injustice in our world
Amen.



Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €10,400.

Venue: Clubhouse.

Winners of €50

Mairead O'Loughlin Toureen,

Pat Keogh Ballycar,

Claire Griffin Barefield,

Enda Burke Tuam

Thanks for your support.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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 Isaiah

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets.

He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind. to free captives from

prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Response:

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court

R.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.**R.**

The God of glory thunders.

In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"

The lord sat enthroned over the flood: the Lord sits as king for ever.

R.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Act. 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men.

You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:

"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him". Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Mt 3:13-17**

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said, 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.