



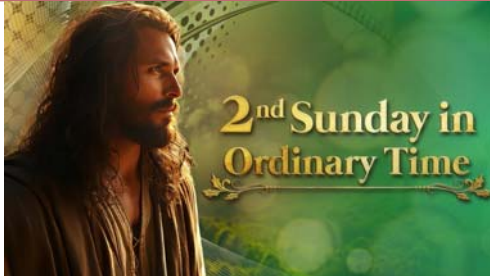
YEAR A

# DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

## NEWSLETTER

18th January, 2026

### The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



The hectic has given way to the ordinary. The whirlwind arrival of 2026 brought one celebration after another. January 1<sup>st</sup> Mary, The Holy Mother of God / World Day of Prayer for Peace. January 6<sup>th</sup> celebrated The Epiphany of the Lord / Nollaig na mBan. January 11<sup>th</sup> celebrated The Baptism of the Lord.

So, tis a welcome we give to this weekend as we return to the ordinary. Yes, the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Yet, we are given not one but two pointers to reflect on this week. The first is the invitation to enter the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which begins today. This year the theme is:

'There is one Body and one Spirit,  
just as you were called to the one hope of your  
calling' (Ephesians 4:4)

The second pointer for the coming week is Catholic Schools Week.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2026:  
"Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community."

Both invitations are a call to evangelisation: to live out the gospel message of Good News in the ordinary humdrum of life. In our readings today we are asked to reflect on what living out the Good News asks of us.

The Prophet Isaiah speaks the words: 'I will make you the light of the nations'. Psalm 39 sings out: 'Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will'. While St. Paul prays: 'May God send you grace and peace'. All these readings find fulfilment in John's gospel: 'Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the chosen one of God'. As we struggle with what our response to the call to Evangelise may look like the words spoken by Pope Leo may well give us hope and encouragement:

'....a presence that inspires goodness. This is the way of mission: a path toward others. In God, every word is an addressed word; it is an invitation to conversation, a word never closed in on itself.'

'One of the most important and most neglected elements in the beginning of the interior life is the ability to respond to reality, to see the value and the beauty in ordinary things, to come alive to the splendour that is all around us.'

Thomas Merton

### 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 18th January, 2026

## Contact Fr. Jibin - Tel. 065 6869098

### Remembered in Masses this week

#### CHURCH OF OUR LADY

- 17th Jan:** John & Margaret McTernan, Scariff.  
Flan Clune, Roslevan.  
Mary Fanning, Newpark.
- 24th Jan:** Phil Cahill, Hazelgrove. **1st Anniv.**  
Mary McNamara, Inisogan, Roslevan. **1st Anniv.**  
& Deceased Blake Family, Ennis.  
John O'Callaghan, Roslevan.  
Róisín O'Connor, Spencilhill.

#### ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

- 18th Jan:** Eileen Canny, Ballyglass.  
Terence Torpey, Kilfenora.
- 25th Jan:** Mary & Denis Conlan, Drim.

#### CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

- 18th Jan:** Teresa Browne, Clonteen, Ballyalla. **MM.**  
Pappy McNamara, Ballyogan. **1st Anniv.**  
Michael Fitzgerald, Ballymaley.  
Maurice Fitzgerald, Clonkerry.  
Brian Troy, Sydney.
- 25th Jan:** Pat Harvey, Ballycarroll. **MM.**  
Michael Duggan, Ballymacuiggin.  
Margaret (Peggy) O'Halloran, Ballyalla.  
Joe O'Halloran, Toureen, Spencilhill.  
Tony Cassidy, Girroga Heights.

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

#### Finance Development Fund

**11th January, 2026**

Barefield: €177

Doora: €195

Church of Our Lady: €272

**Development: €1,886**

**Míle buiochas**

### REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

**Margaret (Rita) O'Connor,**  
Knockliscrane, Barefield  
& formerly Cappataggle, Co. Galway.

**Brian Troy,**  
Sydney, brother of Eileen Ryan, Larchill.

*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	Bridget Hoey
Doora:	Maria Considine	Bernadette Fitzpatrick
Barefield:	MRowland/CLeamy	Margaret Carden

#### Next week:

COur Lady:	JO'Connor/MMcGuire	Bridget Hoey
Doora:	Martha Neylon	Anne Marie Custy
Barefield:	MClohesy/CDeloughery	Sineád Rosengrave

#### Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

17th & 24th Jan: Michael Williams/Paul Mockler

#### Doora Sacristan Rota

.18th Jan: Margaret Hosty  
25th Jan: Cora Burke

**Please note there will be no daily Mass in the parish next week from Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd inclusive as Fr. Tom will be on Retreat.**



#### Calling all Readers of the Word

The Abbey Pastoral Area is organising a short refresher course for all who serve as 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;

The meetings are also open to those interested in becoming a Reader. We take this opportunity to thank all those who serve in these ministries for your dedication and commitment.

#### Marriage Encounter Weekend

Marriage Enrichment Weekend  
Catholic Marriage Encounter  
20 -22 March next at : "St Marys"  
Knock, Co. Mayo  
Online: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)





Calling all Lady Cyclists! Are you interested in joining a friendly all ladies Cycling Club? Meeting on Sundays and also midweek during the summer. Membership is now open. Contact us by email [clccsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:clccsecretary@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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/>.

#### Healing Nights - Jason O'Neill Ministries

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

#### Adult Education - Free Courses

**Now Enrolling: Free Adult** Craft course, commencing in January in College of Further Education & Training, Ennis Campus. All welcome.

To book a place or for more information contact 065 6897654/086 0752014 or email [antoINETTE.houlihan@lcebt.ie](mailto:antoINETTE.houlihan@lcebt.ie)

**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 & bookings. A deposit of €40 to secure place via Revolut, PayPal or post marked Divine Mercy Conference.



#### A New Year is God's Gift

**In the joyful moments  
In the busy moments  
In the trying moments  
In the quiet moments**

**thank Him  
bless Him  
trust Him  
praise Him**

*Roy Lessin*

#### Winter in all of Our Lives



There is a winter in all of our lives,  
a chill and darkness that makes us yearn  
for days that have gone  
or put our hope in days yet to be.  
Father God, you created seasons for a purpose.

Spring is full of expectation  
buds breaking  
frosts abating and an awakening  
of creation before the first days of summer.  
Now the sun gives warmth  
and comfort to our lives  
reviving aching joints  
bringing colour, new life  
and crops to fruiting.

Autumn gives nature space  
to lean back, relax and enjoy the fruits of its labour  
mellow colours in sky and landscape  
as the earth prepares to rest.

Then winter, cold and bare as nature takes stock  
rests, unwinds, sleeps until the time is right.  
An endless cycle and yet a perfect model.

We need a winter in our lives  
a time of rest, a time to stand still  
a time to reacquaint ourselves  
with the faith in which we live.  
It is only then that we can draw strength  
from the one in whom we are rooted,  
take time to grow and rise through the darkness  
into the warm glow of your springtime  
to blossom and flourish  
bring colour and vitality into this world  
your garden.  
Thank you Father for the seasons of our lives.

*Author Unknown*

#### Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €10,600.  
Venue: Clubhouse.



Winners of €50  
Rory O'Connor Ballymaley,  
Stephanie Nugent Tulla Rd,  
Stacey Noonan,  
Sarah Coffey Hillcrest



**Thanks for your support.**

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you,  
O God, and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

## 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 49:3.5-6**

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant,  
Israel,  
in whom I shall be glorified';  
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,  
my God was my strength.  
And now the Lord has spoken,  
he who formed me in the womb to be his  
servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my  
servant, to restore the tribes of  
Jacob and bring back the survivors  
of Israel;

I will make you the light of the nations  
so that my salvation may reach to the  
ends of the earth'.

**The word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

**Response:**

**Here I am, Lord!**

**I come to do your will.**

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth  
praise of our God.

**R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice  
and offerings,  
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I.

**R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will. My God,  
I delight in your law in the depth of my  
heart.

**R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed  
In the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord .

**R.**

## A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

**1 Cor 1:1-3**

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an  
apostle, together with brother  
Sosthenes, send greetings to the church  
of God in Corinth, to the holy people of  
Jesus Christ, who are called to take their  
place among all the saints everywhere  
who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for  
he is their Lord no less than ours. May  
God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ send you grace and peace.

**The word of the Lord**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes,  
in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven

And glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**Jn 1:29-34**

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John  
said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that  
takes away the sin of the world. This is  
the one I spoke of when I said: A man is

coming after me who ranks before me  
because he existed before me. I did not  
know him myself, and yet it was to reveal  
him to Israel that I came baptising with  
water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit  
coming down on him from heaven like a  
dove and resting on him. I did not know  
him myself, but he who sent me to baptise  
with water had said to me, "The man on  
whom you see the Spirit come down and  
rest is the one who is going to baptise with  
the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am  
the witness that he is the Chosen One of  
God.'

## 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

**Your have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that  
quenches my thirst.**