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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 1st Mary, The Holy Mother of God / World Day of Prayer for Peace. January 6th celebrated The Epiphany of the Lord / Nollaig na mBan. January 11th 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. Brecan's Church, Doora

Sunday: 9.45am

Immaculate Conception, Barefield

Sunday 11.15am
Tuesday 9.30am

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Priest on Duty 18th January, 2026

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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, Spancillhill.

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, Spancillhill.
 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:	MClohessy/CDeloughery	Sinead 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





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

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/>.

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@lcetb.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

<p>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!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>GLORIA</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 49:3.5-6</p> <p>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'.</p> <p>The word of the Lord</p>	<p>Responsorial Psalm Response: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Your justice I have proclaimed In the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.</p> <p>A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. 1 Cor 1:1-3</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The word of the Lord</p> <p>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!</p> <p>A reading from the holy Gospel according to John</p> <p>Jn 1:29-34</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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.'</p> <p>The Gospel of the Lord</p> <p>PROFESSION OF FAITH</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Communion Antiphon Your have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.</p>
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