



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

A few thoughts for simple reflection on this first Sunday of Lent



The Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness and why?

If you go therefore to the desert to be rid of all the dreadful people and all the awful problems in your life, you will be wasting your time. You should go to the desert to see more and see better. One goes to the desert especially to take a closer look at the things and people one would rather not see, to face situations one would rather avoid, to answer questions one would rather forget. –

From 'Mediations on the Sand' by Alessandro Pronzato

In this desert of solitary prayer, Jesus is tempted. If we look more closely at these temptations, we see that the devil seized on the moment between what Jesus knew about himself and what he was experiencing. Jesus knew he was the Son of God. But if you are, says the devil, you should not be hungry, you should not be powerless, you should not be alone. And what does Jesus do? He places his divine nature to one side and takes his place on the side of the poor, the abandoned, the weak, "worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone." ... therefore Jesus goes into the desert, therefore he fasts; therefore he leaves behind everything else that a person needs even for bare existence, so that for this once not just in the depths of his heart but in the whole range of his being he can do and say what is the first and last duty of humankind – to find God, to seek God, to belong to God to the exclusion of everything else that makes up human life. - Karl Rahner

If some temptation arises in the place where you dwell, do not leave that place in time of temptation. For if you leave it then, no matter where you go, you will find the same temptation waiting for you. –

Theophan the Recluse.

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 22nd February, 2026

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Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

21st Feb: Francis Clune, Ballymacahill

28th Feb: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

22nd Feb: No intention booked.

1st Mar: Patrick Meere, Wellpark, Quin
& his Mother Margaret Cullinan, Creggaun.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

22nd Feb: Michael & Josephine Carmody, Barefield
& Conroy Family, Trim, Co. Meath.

1st Mar: No intention booked.

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

Finance Development Fund

15th February, 2026

Barefield: €270; Doora: €127

Church of Our Lady: €282; Development: €621

Mile buiochas

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes



Bishop Fintan will lead both our Diocesan summer and autumn pilgrimages this year. Wednesday 24th to Monday 29th June cost €990pps and Monday 28th September to Saturday 3rd October cost €960 pps.

Book directly with jowalshtours.ie or tel 01 2410800

A limited number of assisted pilgrims will be accommodated in Accueil Norte Dame in the grounds of the sanctuary. For more information on this section only please contact Mary Freeman at marybfreeman@gmail.com or tel 087 9777896

Sponsor a Sick Person Each year some people sponsor a sick or assisted pilgrim to make their wish of travelling to Lourdes become a reality. The cost €890 per pilgrim. To sponsor or part sponsor a pilgrim, please contact Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director (087) 2349816

Doora Christmas Crib Collection

The sum of €146.80 was donated to the Crib Collection at St. Breacan's Church, Doora. This sum was given to Nazareth House Peru Project to assist children have a better life.

Many thanks to all the kind people who donated.

Your generosity is much appreciated.

Clarecare over 65s club is now up and running Monday to Thursday each week. Join us for fun and activities.

If interested, please contact Caroline on 0868328575



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

COur Lady: NBecker/HHerlihy Joe Dilleen

Doora: Marie Flanagan Seán Conlon

Barefield: BGalvin/MO'Loughlin Tom Duggan

Next week:

Cour Lady: NBecker/HHerlihy Claire Cremin

Doora: Seán Conlon Declan Bell

Barefield: CDeloughery/MClohessy Maeve O'Donnell

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

21st Feb: PPerill/HHerlihy

28th Feb:: DLenihan/THeath

Doora Sacristan Rota

22nd Feb: Teresa Hallinan

1st Mar: Margaret Liddy

Shannon Airport to Medjugorje - May 20th 2026 - €845 per person sharing. Price increases to €895 after Jan 30th. Full religious programmes operated by Marian Pilgrimages Medjugorje Team.

Bookings for this seven night pilgrimage can be made by contacting Kathleen and Jimmy Morris on: 061 362657 or 086 3271657.

Matt Talbot Novena

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, February 25th, at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr. Robert McCabe will be the celebrant on the night. Currently working in Navan as the Central Spiritual Director of the Pioneer Association and as a former military chaplain, he has served with Irish peacekeeping forces in Lebanon, Kosovo, Liberia and Chad. Attending this Novena could be a meaningful Lenten commitment.

Adult Faith Formation

The Adult Faith Formation Team of the Killaloe Diocese invites you to a Lenten series of Faith Exploration, Reflection and Renewal.

The gatherings will follow the Baptised and Sent Programme developed from the Irish Synodal Pathway.

Venue: Clarecastle Daycare Centre (V95NY67) on Monday nights, 23rd February, 2nd March and 9th March from 8pm-9 pm.

CASH FOR CLOBBER - BAREFIELD NS

Tuesday Feb 24th - Barefield Parents Association Cash for clobber. Recycle your unwanted clothing and help us to raise funds for Barefield National School at the same time! Over the mid-term break gather all your unwanted clothing, paired shoes, belts/handbags. Unacceptable Items include Dirty clothing, Mats/ Carpets, Single Shoes, Pillows/Duvets, Cut off Materials. Filled bags can be left inside the wall to the front of Barefield National School before 10.30am on the morning of Feb 24th. Keep an eye out for our Parents Association volunteers who will be there to assist on the morning.

‘God Is Love’ Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

Come and experience the joy of God's love! Join us every Monday St. Brecans Church Doora sacristy at 8:15pm for an uplifting time of Scripture, prayer, and fellowship. All are warmly welcome—bring a friend and be refreshed in faith!

Doora Barefield Parent, Baby & Toddler Group

 Volunteers Needed. Our Parish Parent, Baby & Toddler Group has been operating every Tuesday morning (during school term) in Fahy Hall for the past ten years. This facility is highly valued and much appreciated by the parents and children who attend and is run entirely on a voluntary basis.

We are now looking for two volunteers to help with its operation. If you have a few hours to give on a Tuesday Morning, please contact Cora in the Parish Office Tel. 065 6822225 - Mon - Wed.

Cora's Fundraising Coffee Morning for John Conroy's Uganda Project



Our Parish Secretary Cora is going to Uganda this July to volunteer with John Conroy's Hospice Jinja Project. Cora is paying all her own expenses and any funds raised will go directly to John's Hospice Jinja Account.

A Fundraising Coffee Morning has been arranged by the very kind ladies of Roslevan on Monday 9th March from 10.15am to 11.30am. Your generosity is much appreciated for this very worthy charity. Every donation, no matter how small can make a difference. All welcome.



The Annual Trócaire Lenten Campaign

begins on Ash Wednesday. Trócaire working for a just world. Trócaire boxes are now available in all churches and envelope in your parish donation box.

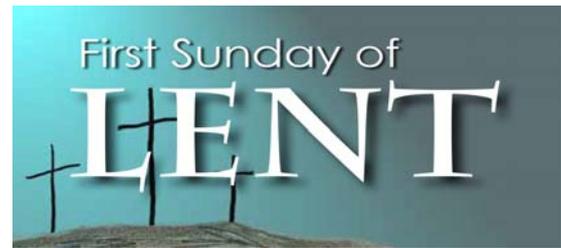
Free Traditional Skills Training Days for Clare community groups. This training is fully funded through LEADER and delivered on behalf of Clare Local Development Company by Common Knowledge. The training days are open to Tidy Towns groups, Community development organisations and CLGs, Men's, Women's and Queer Sheds, Residents' associations Environmental and heritage groups Social enterprises delivering community benefit Full details and registration are available here: <https://www.ourcommonknowledge.org/claretrainingdays>

Registration is open until 27th February.

Eucharistic Healing Retreat in Knock Shrine, led by gifted Croatian Priest, Fr Rozo Palic Saturday March 7th & Sunday March 8th.

Venue: St. John's Welcome Centre; Saturday 10:00 am - 6:30 pm & Sunday 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. He will be supported by his Croatian Music Ministry team; no prior booking required; everyone is most welcome and please bring a packed lunch. For further enquires please contact, Patricia on 089 9466193 or Fiona on fionatjennings@yahoo.com.

PRAYER FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



God, As we take this journey
That draws us ever closer to you
Walk with us Sustain us, Nurture us.
God, as we go through
The wilderness of lent and of our lives,
Send your manna to us,
give us wisdom to turn from temptation
And your grace to turn to.
God, as we walk through the pot holes of life,
The valleys, the pits of life,
Guide us with your hand
Keep our feet steady and our vision on you.
God, whether we choose
to give up something for lent
Or do something positive,
Let us not do it out of obligation
Or the tyranny of oughtness,
But out of love for you.
Keep us in your paths of love, mercy and grace.
Lord help us to remember we are not alone
but that we are walking
with our fellow travellers . Amen

Pope Leo's advice to young people on AI

It can process information, but it can't replace human intelligence. It cannot offer true wisdom and cannot judge between right and wrong. It cannot stand in wonder before the beauty of God's creation.



Be careful that your use of AI does not limit your true human potential. Use it in such a way that if it disappeared tomorrow, you will still know how to think, create, act on your own and form authentic friendships. Remember AI can never replace the unique gift you are to the world.

Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross at St.Brecan's Church, Doora at 7pm each Friday during Lent

'Come back to me with all your heart'
Joel 2:12 All Welcome



Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €11,600

Venue: Clubhouse.

Pat O'Shea Barefield,
Sharon Regan Fountain,
John Garvey Dublin,
Paul Dullaghan Roslevan

Thanks for your support.



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.**

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 book of Genesis.

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden, which is in the east; and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, "Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?"

The woman answered the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death." Then the serpent said to the woman,

"No! you will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like Gods, knowing good and evil." The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loincloths.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we have sinned.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
Put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
Nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

*Give me again the joy of your help;
With a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
And my mouth shall declare your praise. R*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Rm 5.12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, O Christ,
king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
But on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory!**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 4.1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.'

But he replied, 'Scripture says:
Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.'
The devil then took him to the holy city

and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, the angels appeared and looked after 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

**One does not live by bread alone,
But by every word that comes forth
From the mouth of God.**