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DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

8th February 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You are a Blessing to Me



World Day of Prayer for the sick was established by the late Pope St. John Paul II in 1993 to encourage prayers and care for all who are sick and their caregivers.

The feast celebrated each year on the 11th February coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, a day associated with showing solidarity and prayer with the sick.

The theme chosen for 2026 comes from the book of the Prophet Isaiah (43:3-4) “You are a Blessing to Me”

This message shifts the focus from illness as a burden to the sick person as a gift. All who are sick are reminded that their presence, their witness of courage and their vulnerability are a blessing to their families and communities. Their journey of sickness can teach us all about compassion, patience and the deeper meaning of human existence.

The message is also a challenge to all of us caregivers, family members, healthcare workers and society to see the person behind the illness as a blessing.

The day call us to a renewed commitment to prayer, practical support and advocacy for improved healthcare ensuring no one feels like a burden but knows they are a cherished blessing.

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

www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam

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Priest on Duty 8th February, 2026

Contact Fr. Joy - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

7th Feb: No intention booked.

14th Feb: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

8th Feb: Willie Slattery, Moyriesk.
Phyllis Flanagan, London & Moyriesk.

15th Feb: No intention booked.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

8th Feb: Mia Flanagan, Pine Grove. 1st Anniv.
Joe Whyte, Ballyline.
Eileen, Teresa & Eileen Loughnane, Tulla.
Michael & James Hassett & Hassett Family,
Barefield.
15th Feb: John Fitzgerald, Cragaweeelcross.
Maureen & Jimmy Carmody, Cahudotia.

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

Finance Development Fund

1st February, 2026

Barefield: €181

Doora: €180

Church of Our Lady: €410

Development: €1,603

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PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY

Dear God,

Thank You for Your great love and mercy in our lives. You have forgiven us of so much, giving us mercy and compassion that we do not deserve.

Help us to reflect that in our lives today. We want to be a light for You in the world. Show us where we need to be more loving and merciful in our lives.

May we glorify You in our lives today!
In Jesus' Name, Amen.



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

COOurLady: NBecker/HHerlihy

Deirdre Rafferty

Doora: Mary Barry

Tom Meade

Barefield: LCorcoran/NKennedy

Nuala Galvin

Next week:

COOurLady: NBecker/HHerlihy

Joe Dilleen

Doora: Anne Marie Custy

Noreen O'Connor

Barefield: LMurphy/MHassett

David Culligan

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

7th Feb JOConnor/JReynolds

14th Feb: PPerrill/HHerlihy

Doora Sacristan Rota

8th Feb: Seamus Enright

15th Feb: Anne Marie Custy

Priests' Collections in the Parish

Parish Envelopes: Parish envelopes for contributions to the various collections in the parish during 2026 are currently available. Thank you to all who distribute the envelopes and to all of you who contribute to our collections. This year you will note that the number of Priest Collections in our Parish have increased from 4 to 6. This arises out of a decision by the Diocesan Finance Committee that there will be 6 collections in all parishes for the priests of the Parishes in our Pastoral Area. Accordingly, the Diocesan Finance Committee have instructed all parishes to have six in these collections..

The dates of the collections to be the same in all parishes of the Pastoral Area. We hope this will not inconvenience any of our parishioners, and we assure you the priests of our Pastoral area are very appreciative of your generosity. There are many new people who have taken up residence in our parish and we invite you if you are not already doing so to request a box of envelopes and contribute in that manner. You can do so by calling the Parish Office, or by contacting Fr Tom or any member of the Pastoral Council or Parish Finance Committee.

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.

*Thought for the week.....
Don't fret about the future
or be consumed by cares;
instead take all your worries
and turn them into prayers.*



'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!

Free Adult Classes

Now Enrolling: Free Adult Beginners Sewing courses, commencing in February 13th 2026 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

Totus Tuus 2026 Fatima Pilgrimage

The Totus Tuus annual pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from 28th August to 4th September. Learn about the Fatima Message, the Rosary, the First Saturdays, the lives of the three visionaries, and visit the tomb and home of Blessed Alexandrina Da Costa, who lived solely on the Eucharist for 13 years. The cost is €915 which includes, flights, half board accommodation, airport transfers, day trip to Balasar, trip to Valinhos and Adjustrel, trip to the Irish Dominican Sisters' Convent. There are places available to fly from Cork Airport, and also from Dublin Airport. Limited places are available. For more information call Damien on 087 20 49 048

SVP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in Clare is seeking volunteers to help us continue our work supporting people in need. Our mission is to empower economic independence, self-sufficiency, and personal self-worth through friendship and assistance in times of need.

Make a real difference in your community:
Visit svp.ie/volunteer or call 061-317327.

Lourdes Novena

The annual novena in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes and in preparation for World Day of the Sick will take place in the Cathedral Ennis from Tuesday 3rd February to Wednesday 11th February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Weekdays 7.30pm, Saturday 11am, Sunday 11.30am.

The novena can be viewed on Cathedral webcam ennisparkish.com

This year's Diocesan pilgrimages to Lourdes will take place from 24th to 29th June €990 and 18th September to 3rd October €960 Bookings to joewalshtrips.ie tel: 012410800

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND.

Knock, Co. Mayo, 20 -22 March 2026. Supporting marriages at all stages. Online: www.marriageencounter.ie



St Annes School Fundraiser Bingo, Treacy's West County Hotel, Sunday 8th February @ 6pm. Doors open @ 5pm.



Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €11,200

Venue: Clubhouse.

Aoife Lydon, Kevin Dilleen,
Sheila O'Connor, Marian Flynn

Thanks for your support.



Prayer for the Coming Week.



Dear Lord, prepare me for the coming week.

You know my heart and all the situations

I am dealing with

and you know the things that are happening beyond my control.

Please give me your peace and help me to accept what I cannot change.

Take away my stress, my worries, my disappointments, my frustrations and my sadness.

Help me to live with an attitude of gratitude, live each moment to the fullest and take nothing for granted.

Help me to remember that no matter what comes my way, your grace, love and strength are sufficient to carry me through.

Please wrap your arms around those who are sick and hurting

and let them feel how much you love them.

Bless my family and friends and guide us through this week.

Help each of us to act responsibly and ease the anxiety felt by many.

Comfort the lonely and especially the bereaved.

In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Bio Diversity Workshop

Are you fascinated by bugs, beetles, and all things small but mighty? Join us for a hands-on Invertebrate Biodiversity Workshop, part of the Citizen Science Training Series 2025–2026 with Clare Local Development Company.

Meet at Clare Local Development Company, Westgate Business Park | Kilrush Road, Ennis V95 PXY3. February 21st | 10AM – 1:30 PM

Free adult-level biodiversity training (indoor talk and practical component to this session). The practical component at Ballyalla Lake is 10 minutes' drive after the theory component at the meeting point (CLDC offices V95 PXY3). Car-pooling is encouraged (if possible/desired).

Indoor talk • Introduction to terrestrial invertebrates • Their roles in ecosystems – pollination, decomposition and indicators of environmental health • How to identify key species using field guides and simple tools • The role of invertebrates in citizen science and biodiversity monitoring

Field Trip to Ballyalla Lake: • Search for invertebrates in grasslands, hedgerows and lakeside habitats • Learn hands-on sampling techniques: sweep nets, beating trays and more • Practice identification and simple recording methods • Observe insect-plant relationships and habitat preferences.

What to Bring: • Sturdy footwear and waterproof clothing • A notebook and pen • Curiosity and a keen eye for detail!

This event is FREE, but places are limited – pre-booking is essential.

Book now here:

<https://naturenetworkireland.ie/support/attend-events/>

Today's Scripture Readings

<p>Entrance Antiphon O come, let us worship God And bow low before the God who made us, For he is the Lord our God.</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 58:7-10</p> <p>Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.</p> <p>The Word of the Lord</p>	<p>Responsorial Psalm Response: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright</p> <p>He is a light in the darkness f or the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. R.</p> <p>The just man will never waiver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trust in the Lord. R.</p> <p>With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. R.</p> <p>A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 Cor 2:1-5</p> <p>When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.</p> <p>The Word of the Lord</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, Anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia</p> <p>A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mt 5:13-16</p> <p>Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.' 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top</p>	<p>cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven.'</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 Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, His wonders for the children of men For he satisfies the thirsty soul, And the hungry he fills with good things.</p>
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