



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The woman went every day to draw water from an ancient well that dated back to the Patriarch Jacob. On this particular day she found Jesus sitting beside the well, "wearied from his journey"

Jesus' weariness is a sign of his real humanity. In the encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well, the idea of Jesus "thirst" stands out. We can think of how on the Cross he cried "I thirst" (Jn 19:28). This thirst, like his weariness, had a physical basis. Yet Jesus, in a sense also thirsted for the faith of that woman, as he thirsts for all of us to have faith.

God the Father sent him to quench our thirst for eternal life, giving us his love, but to give us this gift Jesus asks for our faith. The all-powerful nature of God's Love always respects human freedom; it knocks at the door of our hearts and waits patiently for us to answer.

Physical thirst is most often quenched with water and in the meeting with the Samaritan woman the symbol of water also stands out, reminding us of the sacrament of Baptism, the source of new life for faith in God's Grace. "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give", Jesus said, "will never thirst; the water that I shall give will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life"



This water represents the Holy Spirit, the great "gift" that Jesus came to bring on the part of God the Father. Whoever is reborn by water and by the Holy Spirit, that is, in Baptism, enters into a real relationship with God and can worship him "in spirit and in truth" (Jn 4:23, 24), as Jesus went on to reveal to the Samaritan woman. Through our meeting with Jesus Christ and to the gift of the Holy Spirit, our faith attains fulfilment. This life-giving water sustains us on our journey through this world as fresh water sustains the weary traveller.

Each one of us can identify ourselves with the Samaritan woman: Jesus is waiting for us, especially in this Season of Lent, to speak to our hearts, to my heart. Let us pause a moment in silence, in our room or in a church or in a separate place. Let us listen to his voice which tells us "If you only knew what God is offering...". May the Virgin Mary help us not to miss this appointment, on which our true happiness depends.
(Pope Benedict XVI)

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

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Priest on Duty 8th March, 2026

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Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

7th Mar: Patricia & John Leahy.
 14th Mar: Peggy O'Keeffe, Kincora Park.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

8th Mar: Anselm Brooks & Brooks Family, Creggaun.
 15th Mar: James & Delia, Sheedy & Sheedy Family, Bunnow.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

8th Mar: Oonagh Hogan, Faurusk.
 Anne, Flan & Bernadette Lyons, Larchill.
 15th Mar: Seán & Peggy Howard, Drumquin.

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

Finance Development Fund 1st March, 2026

Barefield: €123 Doora: €202
 Church of Our Lady: €153 Development: €783

Míle 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 €990 pps and Monday 28th September to Saturday 3rd October cost €960 pps.

Book directly with joewalshstours.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



REST IN PEACE
Remember in your prayers

Kieran Connell

Castlecoote,
Co. Roscommon
father of David Connell Drumquin, Barefield



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

COur Lady:	BBurke/SGarvey	Claire Cremin
Doora:	Maria Considine	Seamus Enright
Barefield:	CLeamyMRowland	Margaret Carden

Next week:

COur Lady:	BBurke/SGarvey	Michael Guilfoyle
Doora:	Martha Neylon	Seán Garvey
Barefield:	JDevitt/MWhyte	Bernard Casey

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

7th Mar: :DLenihan/THeath
 14th Mar: Mwilliams/PMockler

Doora Sacristan Rota

8th Mar: Mary Enright
 15th March: Margaret Hosty

Adult Faith Formation



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

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

Venue: Clarecastle Daycare Centre (V95NY67) on Monday nights 9th March from 8pm-9 pm.

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. **All welcome.**

Stations of the Cross



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

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

'God Is Love' Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

Come and experience the joy of God's love! Join us every Monday St. Breacan's 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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Doora Barefield Parent, Baby & Toddler Group

Volunteers Needed. Our 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.



Accord Marriage Preparation Programmes – Are you getting married in 2026? Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service provides Marriage Preparation programmes for couples choosing to get married in the Catholic Church.

Make a booking today for courses in Nenagh or Ennis at www.accord.ie

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC ENNIS

Blood Donor Clinic at West County Hotel Ennis Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th March 4:50pm - 8:10pm Phone 1800 222 111 for appointment. New Donors welcome at all clinics.

Former UK residents now welcome to donate.

When You Can't Donate, You Can Still Save Lives – Encourage Someone Who Can. This would help us greatly as 2026 has seen a spike in demand for blood. The Blood Transfusion service are under pressure to maintain supply of all types of blood to Irish hospitals.

CLARE ROOTS SOCIETY LECTURE

Irish Surnames and Sources: Through Origins, Invasions, Conquest and Colonisation by Lorna Moloney is Clare Roots next lecture on Thursday, 19 March at 7:30pm at the Clare Education Centre, Government Buildings, Kilrush Road, Ennis, V95 F782. All welcome.

POPE FRANCIS' WORDS



Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Annual Matt Talbot Novena

Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, March 11th, at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Bishop Ger Nash will be the celebrant on the night. Tulla Native, Bishop Nash was appointed by Pope Francis to be Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Ossory along with his current responsibility as Bishop of Ferns.

During the Mass, we will remember in a special way our Faithful Departed, praying particularly for all the founding members of the Matt Talbot Novena.

You are warmly invited to join us on this pilgrimage through Lent. Attending the Novena could be a meaningful Lenten resolution.

Silent Retreat at Mount St. Joseph Abbey, Roscrea

Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..."

Preached by: Fr. Kilian Byrne, Tinteán na hÉireann (Foyer of Charity) at Mount St. Joseph's Abbey, Roscrea May 18th to 24th next.

Contact: Helen : 086 1678027/ hellywilliams@gmail.com

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €12,000

Venue: Clubhouse.

Winners of €50

Anne Lyons,

Jim McNicholas,

Ciara Duggan,

Sarah Jane Gernaine



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon
My eyes are always on the Lord,
For he rescues my feet from the snare
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
For I am alone and poor.

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 Exodus.
Ex 17.3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the people of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

O that today you would listen to His voice:
'Harden not your hearts'.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
 Hail the rock who saves us.
 Let us come before Him, giving thanks,
 With songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
 Let us kneel before the God who made us
 For he is our God and we
 The people who belong to his pasture,
 The flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
 'Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah,
 as on the day at Massah in the desert,
 when your fathers put me to the test;
 When they tried me,
 though they saw my work.' **R.**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.
Rm 5.1-2, 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given us. We were still helpless when at the appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Lord, you are really the Saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Jn 4.:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

"If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you:
 Give me a drink,
 you would have been the one to ask,
 and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well

and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again:
 but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.'

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

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life