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DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

19th April 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus Appears on the Road to Emmaus



THE BIBLE

The Emmaus story in today's Mass invites us to open our eyes to the presence of the Risen Lord in our lives. It tells of the encounter of Cleopas and his companion with a stranger as they walked away from Jerusalem downcast and deflated after the cruel and humiliating death of Jesus, crucified between two thieves on the hill of Calvary, betrayed by Judas, one of his disciples.

They are discussing the tragic and dramatic events that took place as people gathered to celebrate the great feast of Passover. Sad and disappointed they share with the stranger their feelings of grief and puzzlement as to why this good man who had been welcomed so enthusiastically a few days earlier had to die so violently.

Jesus, the Nazarene, who was a mighty prophet, had offered them such great hope to redeem Israel in these troubled times. It had been rumoured that he was alive.

Then the stranger opened up, "Oh, how foolish you are! So slow to believe." He proceeded to interpret the scriptures for them helping them to understand "why the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory."

At the end of their 10 km journey, they invite the stranger to an Inn to stay and dine with them. "As it happened, he took bread said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them "Their eyes were opened and they recognised him. He disappeared from their sight. They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning as we conversed with him on the road."

So Cleopas and his companion returned to Jerusalem where they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

We too are reminded of times in our lives when we were totally discouraged...we walked aimlessly along the road, our faces downcast, disappointed in a relationship or hurt by a friend. Then Jesus came in the guise of a stranger, who listened as we told our story!

The narrative of the journey to Emmaus is a model of our liturgy. At Mass on Sunday, the Scriptures are read and explained and Bread is broken. Hopefully this leads us to a recognition of the Risen Lord and fires us with enthusiasm to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth.

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 19th April, 2026

Contact Fr. Pat Malone

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

18th April: No intention booked.
 25th April: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

19th April: No intention booked.
 26th April: No intention booked.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

19th April: Joe 1st Anniv. & Brid Stapleton, Barefield.
 26th April: No intention booked.

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

Finance Development Fund

12th April, 2026

Barefield: €135
 Doora: €69
 Church of Our Lady: €185
 Development: €588
Mile buiochas



In this life we cannot always do
 great things, But we can do small
 things with great love.
 - Mother Teresa

REST IN PEACE

Remember In your prayers



Shay Cronin,
 Deerpark,
 Doora.



*Suffer little children to come unto me
 For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

COur Lady:	PMockler/MDilleen	James O'Connor
Doora:	Bernard Hallinan	Tom Meade
Barefield:	MWhyte/JDevitt	Nuala Galvin

Next week:

COur Lady:	: PMockler/MDilleen	James O'Connor
Doora:	Mary Barry	Noreen O'Connor
Barefield:	LCorcoran/NKennedy	Tommy Duggan

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

18th April: PPerrill/HHer;thy
 25th April: DLenihan/THeath

Doora Sacristan Rota

19th April: Margaret Hosty
 26th April: Cora Burke

Prayer for Renewal and Fresh Beginnings.



Father, thank you for a fresh start today.
 Thank you for the reminder of "renewal"
 that spring represents to us in the earth.

You "spring forth" a new thing!
 I am excited and
 Thank you, Father!

Prepare me for all the new
 and wonderful things you have for my life.

Help me to let go of the old things
 that hold me back,
 the things that do not bring me life,
 the things that keep me living in the past.

I will cling to my new identity in Christ!
 Help me to keep "springing forward"
 in my journey with you!

Volunteers Needed – Doora Church Cleaning



We are looking for volunteers to help keep Doora Church clean and welcoming for all.

If you can spare some time to assist, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Anne-Marie 086 353 0928 if you would like to get involved.

We also need help with the upkeep of the Church Grounds eg grass cutting, strimming, etc.

The Triskel Ensemble with soprano Helen Hancock will perform an uplifting concert of musical theatre, opera, Irish airs, movie themes, and popular classical music on Saturday 25th April 2026 at 8pm at St Columba's Church, Bindon Street, Ennis. Tickets €22 general admission and €10 children, plus booking fee.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1982685059385?aff=oddtcreator>

National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on 18th May - 25th May. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek.

Clare Roots Society Lecture

The 1926 census at last! What this means for genealogy in Ireland will be delivered by Claire Bradley in the Clare Education Centre, Government Buildings, Kilrush Road, Ennis, V95 F782, on Thursday, April 30th at 7:30pm.

Free Talk on Bereavement

Free Talk on Bereavement on ~Tuesday 27th April 7pm - 8.30pm at Milford Care Centre, Education Department, Castletroy, Limerick.

More info from 061 485800 or socialwork@milfordcarecentre.ie

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from May 20th to May 27th - there are still places available flying directly from Shannon to Mostar at a cost of €895.00. For further information, please contact Jimmy on (065) 9059328



St. Joseph's Doora Barefield Mothers & Others Training

every Tuesday at the Lower Pitch, Gurteen from 7.30pm.

For fun, fitness and football. No experience is necessary. Bring a friend or family member.

Training is a great way to build fitness, meet new people and have a laugh.



A gentle reminder to please return your Trócaire contributions or box. Your offering will make a difference to those most in need. Our thanks to all who have already done so.

Bless This Springtime



Lord, I ask you to bless the animals of the earth,
the lush gardens of our farmers,
and the fields full of crops.

Bless this planting season
so that every seed and sapling
is coated in Your touch.

Allow there to be enough growth for all people to
eat and enjoy Your goodness.

Help us to appreciate what You provide for us
and encourage us to be generous
with our supply.

I thank You for the loveliness
that springtime brings
and ask that You take us forward in this season
and lead us Your mighty hands.
In Jesus's name, I pray. Amen.

MÍLE BUÍOCHAS

Our Parish Secretary Cora travels to Hospice Jinja, Uganda in July with John Conroy's Team.

Cora was presented with the proceeds of collection at the recent Comhaltas 75th Anniversary Concert at Fahy Hall. The sum of €920 was collected.

Cora sends her sincere thanks to all those who contributed so generously, Mary O'Halloran, Chairperson of Doora Barefield Comhaltas, Liam Hansbury, Committee and Seamus O'Sullivan, Fear a Tí. It was a wonderful night of amazing music. Míle buíochas to all involved in this great celebration.

Critical First Responders Fundraiser

Critical First Responders in County Clare are holding a Golf Classic Fundraiser on Saturday, April 25th at Ennis Golf Club, to raise funds for life-saving equipment and training. Please contact Helen on 0851295844 for further information and to book a tee time. Thank you for your support.



Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €13,200

Venue: Clubhouse.

Winners of €50

Sinead Murphy, Roslevan,
Brian Guilfoyle, Cappamore,
Donal Hogan, Barefield,
Anne Reynolds, Knockanean

Congratulations to Ellen Moloney – winner of match ticket!



Today's Scripture

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia

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 Acts of the Apostles.

Ac 2:14.22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the
Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice:
Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say:
Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to
you by God by the miracles and portents and
signs that God worked through him when he was
among you, as you all know. This man, who was
put into your power by the deliberate intention and
foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by
men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised
him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it
was impossible for him to be held in its power.

Brothers and Sisters, no one can deny that the
patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb
is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew
that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his
descendants succeed him on the throne, what he
foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the
Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to
Hades, and whose body did not experience
corruption. God raised this man, Jesus to life, and all
of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights
by God's right hand, he has received from the Father
the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see
and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Show us, Lord, the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you,
I say to the Lord: 'you are my God.'

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; It is you
yourself who are my prize. R.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
Who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight: Since he is
at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad,
Even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the
dead,
Nor let your beloved know decay. R.

You will show me the path of life,
The fullness of joy in your presence,
At your right hand happiness for ever. R.

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

1 P 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one
who has no favourites and judges everyone
according to what he has done, you must be
scrupulously careful as long as you are living
away from your home. Remember, the
ransom that was paid to free you from the
useless way of life your ancestors handed
down was not paid in anything corruptible,
neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious
blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely
Christ; who, though known since before the
world was made, has been revealed only in
our time, the end of the ages, for your sake.
Through him you now have faith in God, who
raised him from the dead and gave him glory
for that very reason - so that you would have
faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to
us. *Alleluia!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lk 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their
way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles
from Jerusalem, and they were talking
together about all that had happened. Now as
they talked this over, Jesus himself came up
and walked by their side; but something
prevented them from recognising him. He
said to them, 'What matters are you
discussing as you walk along?' They stopped
short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered
him, 'You must be the only person staying in
Jerusalem who does not know the things that
have been happening there these last few
days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about
Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who
proved he was a great prophet by the things
he said and did in the sight of God and of the
whole people; and how our chief priests and
our leaders handed him over to be sentenced
to death, and had him crucified.

Our own hope had been that he would be the
one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two
whole days have gone by since it all
happened; and some women from our group

have astounded us: they went to the tomb in
the early morning and when they did not find the
body, they came back to tell us they had seen a
vision of angels who declared he was alive.
Some of our friends went to the tomb and found
everything exactly as the women had reported,
but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So
slow to believe the full message of the
prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ
should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then,
starting with Moses and going through all the
prophets, he explained to them the passages
throughout the scriptures that were about
himself.

When they drew near to the village to which
they were going, he made as if to go on; but
they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly
evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.'

So he went in to stay with them. Now while he
was with them at table, he took the bread and
said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it
to them. And their eyes were opened and they
recognised him; but he had vanished from their
sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our
hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the
road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to
Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven
assembled together with their companions, who
said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen
and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told
their story of what had happened on the road
and how they had recognised him at the
breaking of bread.

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

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus
In the breaking of the bread, alleluia.