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DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

26th April 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



One year ago this weekend, Pope Francis was laid to rest in Rome. In the conclave that followed, Cardinal Robert Prevost recalled being asked about the conclave and he replied by saying:

“I think everything is in the hands of God, and I believe that profoundly”.

He also said at the conclave, as he saw how it was emerging he prayed:

“Here we go Lord. You are in charge, you lead the way”.

Ireland's vocational landscape in 2026 feels suspended between grief and quiet hope. Vocations to priesthood and religious life remain few but their nature is shifting. The challenge is no longer “How to attract more” but “how to recognise the Spirit already moving”.

Ireland's faith is being stripped back to essentials: hospitality; justice; care of creation and prayer. In that stripped back church, vocations emerge differently, not as a numbers game, but as a prophetic whisper.

While traditional pathways may be fewer, there remains a quiet but resilient call to service and community. The challenge now is not to lament decline but to recognise new forms of calling emerging in unexpected places, among lay people in small faith communities.

We need to be open to the unexpected as it may be revealing hidden treasures.

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 26th April, 2026

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Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

25th April: No intention booked.
 2nd May: Aedeen & Paddy Deane, Hazel Grove.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

26th April: No intention booked.
 3rd May: Norah Lynch, Kilbricken House.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

26th April: No intention booked.
 3rd May: PJ Flannery, Ballymaley.

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

Finance Development Fund

19th April, 2026

Barefield: €131

Doora: €102

Church of Our Lady: €220

Development: €690

Online: €216

Mile buiochas



First Friday Mass at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield on Friday 1st May at 7pm.

If you or someone you know would like a First Friday call please contact Fr. Tom or the Parish Office with details



Rosary & Prayer at St. Joseph's Well, Gort Road daily at 6pm for the month of May. All welcome.

REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

Margaret Noone (nee Conouly)

Ballyduff, Barefield,

Sister of Susan O'Brien, Cappamore & Breeda Conouly, Curate's Court, Roslevan

Now in God's hands, forever in our hearts



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

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

Next week:

COurLady:	TBohannon/KMorris	Seamus Hanrahan
Doora:	Anne Marie Custy	Orla Barry
Barefield:	EDrone/BGalvin	Bernard Casey

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector
 25th April & 2nd May : DLenihan/THearth

Doora Sacristan Rota

26th April: Cora Burke

3rd May: Mary Hallinan

Thank You Lord
 for all the blessings.

For flowers that bloom about our feet,
 Father, we thank Thee.

For tender grass so fresh, so sweet,
 Father, we thank Thee.

For the song of bird and hum of bee,
 for all things fair we hear or see,
 Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For blue of stream and blue of sky,
 Father, we thank Thee.

For pleasant shade of branches high,
 Father, we thank Thee.

For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
 for beauty of the blooming trees,
 Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For this new morning with its light,
 Father, we thank Thee.

For rest and shelter of the night,
 Father, we thank Thee.

For health and food,

for love and friends,

for everything Thy goodness sends,
 Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

R.W. Emerson

COMHGHAIRDEAS



Congratulations and every blessing to the girls and boys of Doora National School who received the Sacrament of First Communion this Saturday.

Blessing for Expectant Parents



The Abbey Pastoral Area have organised a blessing for the Gift of New Life for all expectant parents in St. Mary's Church, Quin on Tuesday 12th May at 8.30pm.

Please let any expectant parent know of this ceremony with a C ad M ile F ilte for everyone.

Clare Roots Lecture - the 1926 Census

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.

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.



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.

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

Milford Care Centre - Invitation

You are invited to attend a **Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving** for those people who have died under the care of Milford Care Centre.

We look forward to sharing with you this act of remembrance and thanksgiving at **Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Castletroy, on Sunday 10th May next at 3pm.** Please feel free to invite family and friends to join you in solidarity and support.

Prayer for Vocations



God, our Father,
in Baptism You called us by name
making us members of Your people,
the Church.

We praise You for Your goodness,
We thank You for Your gifts.
We ask You to strengthen us
to live in love and service to others
after the example of Your Son, Jesus.

Father, look upon Your Church with love
and bless Your people
with generous men and women,
with loving husbands and wives,
with understanding parents,
with trusting children
with dedicated priests, sisters,
deacons and brothers.

Help us to see our vocations
as a journey toward You.
You have called us,
not to set us apart,
but to bring us together
with others who need our love.

Make us faithful signs of Your
presence in their midst.
We ask You through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Rosary & Prayer at St. Joseph's Well, Gort Road
daily at 6pm for the month of May. All welcome.

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

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
By the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, 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 2:14.36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the
Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud
voice: "The whole House of Israel can be
certain that God has made this Jesus whom you
crucified both Lord and Christ."

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said
to Peter and the apostles, "What must we do,
brothers?" "You must repent," Peter answered
"and every one of you must be baptised in the
name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins,
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The promise that was made is for you and your
children, and for all those who are far away, for
all those whom the Lord our God will call to
himself." He spoke to them for a long time using
many arguments, and he urged them, "Save
yourselves from this perverse generation." They
were convinced by his arguments, and they
accepted what he said and were baptised.
That very day about three thousand were added
to their number.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

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He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff; with these you give me comfort.

R.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

R

Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

R

A reading from the first letter of St.

Peter

1 Pt 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in
bearing punishment patiently when you
are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to
do, because Christ suffered for you and
left an example for you to follow the way
he took.

He had not done anything wrong, and
there had been no perjury in his mouth.
He was insulted and did not retaliate with
insults; when he was tortured he made no
threats but he put his trust in the righteous
judge. He was bearing our faults in his
own body on the cross, so that we might
die to our faults and live for holiness;
through his wounds you have been
healed. You had gone astray like sheep
but now you have come back to the
shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know

me. Alleluia!

**Reading from the holy Gospel
according to John. Jn 10:1-10**

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly,
anyone who does not enter the sheepfold
through the gate, but gets in some other
way is a thief and a brigand. The one who
enters through the
gate is the shepherd of the flock; the
gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his
voice, one by one he calls his own sheep
and leads them out. When he has brought
out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and

the sheep follow because they know his
voice. They never follow a stranger but run
away from him: they do not recognise the
voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed
to understand what he meant by telling it to
them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of
them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be
safe: he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

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 Good Shepherd has risen,
Who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia**