



# DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

YEAR A

## NEWSLETTER

10th May, 2026

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

It's beginning to dawn on the disciples that Jesus could well be leaving them; are they to be on their own with the task of building church, sharing the Good News? Isn't it possible that they felt anxious at the task set out before them, how to tell people about the Way of living that Jesus taught and lived himself. And what does anxiety do except eat at layers of confidence we might have?

Jesus sees this, he knows this and he tells them that there will be help; in fact, something more than mere help but a powerful Advocate – someone on their side who will breathe life into their efforts to serve God, to continue keeping the commandments.

And it's interesting to reflect on what Jesus says about this – keeping the commandments is not done to win God's love – it's already been received. They keep the commandments out of their love for Jesus. God's love is already poured out on us, God's Spirit is already poured out upon us. That's often forgotten when we are struggling in life and in faith and many people are quick to point out mistakes and errors and point the fingers.

Indeed, there are many who say we have to keep seeking the mercy and love of God and confessing our sins, but doesn't that miss the point of the Resurrection? Peter's letter tells us that Christ died once for sins, and leads us to God. Isn't this why Jesus promises to ask the Father for 'Another Advocate'? So, we might struggle in faith but that's when we can recall that we have been given an Advocate to help us, for the Holy Spirit is a reminder that we in faith, we do not meet condemnation or judgement but salvation and freedom.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus repeats his teaching – the one who keeps my commandments will be one who loves me. This is a wonderful life-affirming passage to encourage us along our faith and life journey.



#### 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](http://www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam)

#### Contacts

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**Wed: 9am-1pm**

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# Priest on Duty 10th May, 2026

## Contact Fr. Ger Jones - Tel. 065 6869098

### Remembered in Masses this week

#### CHURCH OF OUR LADY

**9th May:** Roibeard O'Ceallaigh, Roslevan.  
Maureen & Michael Reidy. The Willows, Oakleigh Wood.  
Katherine Killeen, Knockanean (2nd Annoversary)  
**16th May:** No intention booked.

#### ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

**10th May:** Shay Cronin, Deerpark, Doora. MM.  
Frances (1st Anniv) & Jimmo McNamara,  
Greendale, Ennis & Creggaun.  
Marion Keane, Cappalawn.  
Betty Cullinan, Knockanean, Tulla Rd.  
Bill Condon, Fedamore, Co Limerick  
**17th May:** John Noel Guerin, Doora & Sixmilebridge. MM.  
Mabel Bell, Ballyvonnaun.

#### CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

**10th May:** Tess & Danny Malone, Templemaley.  
**17th May:** Patrick Conlon, Ballymacon.  
Raymond and Mary Greene, Reaskaun

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

Rosary & Prayer at St. Joseph's Well, Gort Road daily at 6pm for the month of May. All welcome.  
Rosary Rally at St. Joseph's Well, Gort Road, Ennis on Saturday 16th May at 4pm. All welcome.



### Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



**This week:**  
COur Lady: TBohannon/KMorris      Seamus Hanrahan  
Doora: Patricia Hassett      Seán Conlon  
Barefield: LMurphy/MHassett      Michael Clohessy

**Next week:**  
Cour Lady: TBohannon/KMorris      Maria O'Driscoll  
Doora: Marie Flanagan      Declan Bell  
Barefield: BGalvin/MOLoughlin      Maeve O'Donnell

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector  
9th & 16th May: MWilliams/PMockler

#### Doora Sacristan Rota

10th May: Seamus Enright  
17th May: Anne Marie Custy

### COMHGHAIRDEAS



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

## Abbey Pastoral Area



**Blessing the Gift of New Life**

for

**Expectant Parents**

**St Mary's Church, Quin**

**Tuesday 12th May, 8.30pm**

**Everyone Welcome**

Blessings  
WELCOME  
May

~Babz

May You be *happy.*

May You be *well.*

May You be *safe.*

May You find *comfort.*

May You have *strength.*

May You have *courage.*

May You find *healing.*

May You have *peace.*

May You have *joy.*

May You be filled with loving  
*kindness.*

MAY YOU BE BLESSED TODAY &  
*Always.*

DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH  
ROSLEVAN, ENNIS, CO. CLARE

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024		2024
	€	€	€	€
<b>Income</b>				
Development Fund	75,716		73,437	
Offertory Collection Baskets	29,911		25,192	
Graves	10,200		400	
Candles	7,182		6,722	
Bank Interest Received	668		451	
Rent - Fahy Hall/K. Doora CL	19,485		15,065	
Mass Cards	4,029		3,979	
Income Tax Rebate	22,609		24,309	
Special Collections	2,279		2,431	
Barefield Church - 150th Anniversary Book	600		710	
Bequest	500		-	
	173,179		152,696	
<b>Less Expenditure</b>				
Insurance	7,750		7,527	
Repairs and Renewals	11,686		24,118	
Alter hosts, Wine, etc	643		876	
Light and Heat	18,047		22,135	
Church Requisites	3,480		4,647	
Postage, Stationery, and Telephone	11,904		9,918	
Parish Levy	26,546		49,273	
Sundry Expenses Including Vouchers	11,411		14,208	
Bank Interest and Charges	980		1,000	
CES Schemes	3,000		3,000	
Wages	31,566		31,768	
Donations	1,990		3,140	
Professional Fees	842		3,318	
Barefield Church - 150th Anniversary Book	-		4,450	
Streaming And Website Costs	3,655		4,657	
Window Replacement - Barefield Church	-		68,421	
	133,500		252,456	
<b>Excess Expenditure Over Income</b>	39,679		(99,760)	

**Bank Accounts**

Bank of Ireland Current Account	72,000 CR	53,697 CR
Bank Deposit Accounts (Development Account)	561,801	631,956

  
MICHAEL J. CURTIN  
CHAIRMAN, PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATED: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026

  
FR TOM FITZPATRICK  
PARISH PRIEST

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Clare Youth Service Youth Leadership Programme, looking for youth leaders aged 16-18yrs to take part in Summer Camp focusing on building core leadership skills. More info from Helena on 0858047580

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

Bookings are now open for Helium's FREE Summer Art Camp in ENNIS for children and young people with long-term physical health conditions. Location: DeValera Library, Ennis; Ages: 8-12 years; Workshop Dates: 14, 15, 16 July; Contact Cadhla Brock, Community Outreach & Communications Officer M: +35386 8175093 / helium.ie

**ALONE seeking Volunteers**  
Are you willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking Visitation and Telephone volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please apply via the ALONE website at [www.alone.ie/volunteer](http://www.alone.ie/volunteer) or for further information please contact Aoife Dennehy on 086-0120221 or via email [Aoife.dennehy@alone.ie](mailto:Aoife.dennehy@alone.ie) If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call 0818 222 024.

**Prayer to Our Lady Queen of Peace**

May she who experienced the cares and hardships of earthly life, the weariness of daily toil, the hardships and trials of poverty, and the sorrows of Calvary, come to aid the needs of the Church and the human race. May she graciously lend an ear to the devout pleas of those all over the world who beg her for peace. May she enlighten the minds of those who rule nations.

And finally, may she prevail on God, who rules the winds and storms, to calm the tempests in men's warring hearts and grant us peace in our day. What we seek is true peace grounded on the sturdy foundations of justice and love —on a justice which recognizes the legitimate rights of the weak as well as those of the strong; on a love which keeps men from falling into error through excessive concern for their own interests. Thus each person's rights may be safeguarded without the rights of others being forgotten or violated.



# Today's Scripture Readings

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
Proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, 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 8:5-8.14-17**

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed  
 the Christ to them. The people united in  
 welcoming the message Philip preached, either  
 because they had heard of the miracles he  
 worked or because they saw them for  
 themselves. There were, for example, unclean  
 spirits  
 that came shrieking out of many who were  
 possessed, and several paralytics and cripples  
 were cured. As a result there was great  
 rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that  
 Samaria had accepted the word of God, they  
 sent Peter and John to them, and they went  
 down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to  
 receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not  
 come down on any of them: they had only been  
 baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then  
 they laid hands on them, and they received the  
 Holy Spirit.

**The word of the Lord**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Cry out with joy to God all the earth.**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
 O sing to the glory of his name.  
 O render him glorious praise.  
 Say to God: 'How tremendous your  
 deeds!' **R**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
 shall sing to you, sing to your name!'  
 Come and see the works of God,  
 tremendous his deeds among men. **R**

He turned the sea into dry land,  
 they passed through the river dry-shod.  
 Let our joy then be in him;  
 he rules for ever by his might. **R**

Come and hear, all who fear God.  
 I will tell what he did for my soul:  
 Blessed be God who did not reject my  
 prayer  
 Nor withhold his love from me. **R**

**A reading from the first letter of St  
 Peter. 1 Pt 3:15-18**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts,  
 and always have your answer ready for  
 people who ask you the reason for the  
 hope that you all have. But give it with  
 courtesy and respect and with a clear  
 conscience, so that those who slander you  
 when you are living a good life in Christ  
 may be proved wrong in the accusations  
 that they bring. And if it is the will of God  
 that you should suffer, it is better to suffer  
 for doing right than for doing wrong.  
 Why, Christ himself, innocent though he  
 was, had died once for sins, died for the  
 guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he  
 was put to death, in the spirit he was  
 raised to life.

**The word of the Lord**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
*Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will  
 keep my word,  
 And my Father will love him, and we  
 shall come to him.'*  
**Alleluia.**

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
 according to John Jn 14:15-21**

Jesus said to his disciples:  
 'If you love me you will keep my  
 commandments.  
 I shall ask the Father, and he will  
 give you another Advocate to be with  
 you for ever, that Spirit of truth  
 whom the world can never receive  
 since it neither sees nor knows him;  
 but you know him,  
 Because he is with you, he is in you.  
 I will not leave your orphans;

I will come back to you.  
 In a short time the world will no longer  
 see me;  
 but you will see me,  
 because I live and you will live.  
 On that day you will understand that I  
 am in my Father  
 and you in me and I in you.  
 Anybody who receives my  
 commandments  
 and keeps them will be the one  
 who loves me;  
 and anybody who loves me will be  
 loved by my Father,  
 and I shall love him and show myself  
 to 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**

**If you love me, keep my commandments,  
 says the Lord,  
 And I will ask the Father and he will send  
 you another Paraclete,  
 To abide with you for ever, alleluia.**