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DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

17th May, 2026

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Today we celebrate the glorious Feast of the Ascension, the moment when Jesus, after His resurrection, returns to the Father in heaven. But this is not just a farewell- it is a moment of hope and mission. The Feast of the ascension reminds us that even though Jesus has ascended into heaven and is no longer physically visible, we can still "feel the pull" of His presence through the Holy Spirit, guiding, strengthening, and leading us toward heaven. His Ascension is not an absence but a new way of being present with us always.

The message of Ascension is that, in this world of doubt and darkness, cruel deeds and act of kindness, the Lord is ever at our side. We may not have immediate answers to our nagging questions. But when we unite our sufferings, our meaninglessness, our brokenness, our infirmities to Christ we find meaning even amidst meaninglessness and consolation even amidst desolation. Jesus transforms our Gethsemane experience into an ascension experience.

The Ascension does not mean that Christ has abandoned us; rather, it means that His work continues through us. The disciples were not left helpless. Jesus promised them the coming of the Holy Spirit, who would give them the courage and strength to carry out His mission. And that same Holy Spirit is given to us

Each of us is called to be a witness of Christ's love in the world. Not everyone is called to preach from a pulpit, but all of us can preach through our lives-by showing kindness, by forgiving others, by being a source of hope in our families and communities. Think of the apostles before the Ascension. They had been fearful, uncertain, and hesitant. But after receiving the Holy Spirit, they went out with boldness and joy, proclaiming the Gospel to the ends of the earth. That same Spirit is alive in us today. Are we ready to live our faith boldly?

The Ascension is not an ending- it is a new beginning. It marks the moment when the disciples must take responsibility for their faith and actively live it out. The same is true for us.

St. Alphonsus Liguori, the great teacher of prayer and founder of the Redemptorists, often reminded us that Jesus is always near to those who trust in Him. Though He has ascended, He remains present in the Eucharist, in the Holy Spirit, and in our hearts. Alphonsus would encourage us to turn to Christ with great confidence, knowing that He intercedes for us and will never abandon us.

So, let us take these three messages to heart: Trust in Christ's intercession- He is at the right hand of the Father, praying for you at this very moment. Bring your struggles and hopes to Him with confidence. Embrace your Mission- Do not just stand still in your faith. Go and be a witness of Christ's love in your family, your workplace, and your community. Rely on the Holy Spirit- You are not alone. The Spirit of God is within you, giving you the courage to live as a true disciple.

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

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Priest on Duty 17th May, 2026

Contact Fr. Joy - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

16th May: No intention booked.
 23rd May: Paddy & Betty Hennessy, Cappamore.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

17th May: John Noel Guerin, Doora & Sixmilebridge. MM.
 Mabel Bell, Ballyvonnaun.
 24th May: No intention booked.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

17th May: Patrick Conlon, Ballymacon.
 Raymond & Mary Greene (nee Kitson), Reaskaun, Larchill.
 19th May: Ned Corcoran.
 24th May: Seán Finnerty, Cappamore. 1st Anniv.
 John & Christina Galvin, Ballycarroll.
 Brendan Roseingrave, Knockaclara.

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

Finance Development Fund

3rd May, 2026

Barefield: €121

Doora: €120

Church of Our Lady: €249

Development: €1,072

10th May, 2026

Barefield: €125

Doora: €361

Church of Our Lady: €231

Development: €662

Online Donations for April: €759

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COMHGHAIRDEAS



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



May

Month of Mary,
 Our Blessed Mother

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



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

Cour Lady:	TBohannon/KMorris	Maria O'Driscoll
Doora:	Marie Flanagan	Declan Bell
Barefield:	BGalvin/MOLooughlin	Maeve O'Donnell

Next week:

COur Lady:	TBohannon/KMorris	Maria O'Driscoll
Doora:	Seán Conlan	Seamus Enright
Barefield:	CLeamy/MRowland	Tara Donnellan

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

16th May: MWilliams/PMockler

23rd May: JReynolds.JOConnor

Doora Sacristan Rota

17th May: Anne Marie Custy

24th May: Patricia Hassett

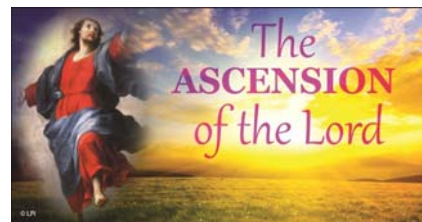
Doora Church Cross Clean Up - Wednesday 20th May 6pm



Join Doora Parishioners on Wednesday 20th May at 6pm for a clean up at Doora Church Cross.

You are encouraged to walk from home and collect any rubbish en route to Doora Church Cross.

Clare County Council environmental bags available for rubbish/weeds etc. Please join us for this lovely community event. Many hands make light work. Ní neart go cur le chéile.



Eternal God,

I give You honour and praise
 because You are great!

You sent Your Son to appear in the flesh,
 to then be vindicated by the Spirit.

Your Son was seen by angels,
 preached among the nations,
 believed on in the world and taken up in glory.
 Hallelujah for the hidden truth of godliness!

So on this Ascension Sunday,
 we thank You for allowing us to comprehend
 just a segment of Your awesome and divine power,
 Amen.

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 or for further information please contact Aoife Dennehy on 086-0120221 or via email 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

Summer "Taster" Violin and Fiddle Lessons, now enrolling in The Music Room, Barntick. Open to children (age 4+) and adults. A chance to try out the instrument before signing up for lessons in September. Violins available to rent. Please contact Cairiona for more information: 087-7735193

Irish Cancer Society urgently needs donations of clothes and bric a brac to help raise vital funds for cancer support. Tel. 065 6848826. Irish Cancer Society, Woodquay, Ennis. V95EP86.

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.

Residential Retreat

5-Day Residential Retreat July 2026: Led by Fr. Prince Clarence SJ This is an opportunity to reflect on life in light of God's boundless love and to develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of Jesus.

Dates: July 20th – 24th Venue: De La Salle Retreat Centre, Castletown, Co. Laois, R32 N6D8.

These retreats are strictly residential. Visit our website for more details: www.ruachcatholicministry.org Contact: Oonagh 086 1736181 or Phyllis 085 7733037

Thank you from Doora Apostolic Work Society

Doora Apostolic Work Society thanks all those who supported them at their Annual Church Gate Collection. The sum of €820 was collected. Thank you.

As the Apostolic Work Society in Killaloe Diocese has come to an end this year, we wish to thank everyone who supported us in Doora over the past 32 years. Mile buiochas.



Bealtaine

Ireland's national festival celebrating the arts and ageing.

Clare Arts

This Sunday, May 17th from 2 to 4 pm.

Free concert with the Ennis Choirs
hosted by Mike Hanrahan
The Square, O'Connell Street, Ennis
Everyone welcome.

Choirs:

2pm: St Michael's Villas Community Choir,
kicks off the afternoon festivities

2.20: Harmony Bro

2.40: Suara

3.00: Loinnir Chamber Choir

3.20: Jess Poole Truly Amazing Gospel Choir

3.40: Clare Community Choir

4.00: All Choirs:

*A Fabulous Afternoon of
singing guaranteed!*

All invited to join in the singing

Gardeners' Prayer

God Almighty first planted
a garden and indeed, it is
the purest of human
pleasures.

-Francis Bacon

Heavenly Father,
Great Gardener of all creation,
in this serene moment we come to You
with grateful hearts.

We pray for all gardeners
who toil and tend the earth,
planting seeds that bring forth new life
and grow food for our sustenance.
In Your Word, Gardeners learn faith, hope and joy.

Holy Spirit, we beseech You
to extend Your gracious hand
over their blessed gardens.

May they bloom with the fruits of their hard work
and your limitless power.

Jesus Christ, as every seed is planted
with a whisper of hope for a good harvest,
let us be ever-mindful and grateful
for the joy these verdant spaces bring into our lives.

As we cultivate our earthly gardens;
help us grow spiritually under Your divine guidance;
mirroring the great joy
that comes from tending to God's vineyards on earth.
In all things Lord, bless these artisans
of life with Your grace. Amen.

Ennis Flower & Garden Club

Ennis Flower & Garden Club present Bertranda Delaney, Tipperary for a floral demonstration on Tuesday May 19th at Treacys' West County Hotel. Doors open at 7.30pm, demonstration commences at 8.15pm sharp. Entry €10 non members. All welcome.

Let's Go Multi Activity Summer Camp.
Colaiste Muire, Ennis 6th - 10th July, 13th - 17th July
9.30am to 3.30pm Let the Fun Begin. www.lets-go.ie



Doora Barefield GAA Lotto
Next weeks Jackpot: €14,000
Venue: Clubhouse.



Winners of €50
Martin Brooks, Woodstock,
Eugene Moynihan, Cappamore,
Kenneth Slattery,
Marianne Flynn, Doora

Thanks for your support

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven

Will return as you saw him go, 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 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. "It is", he had said, "what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit." Now having met together, they asked him, "Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth."

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, "Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there."

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

God goes up with shouts of joy;

The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R**

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R**

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians Ep1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers.

This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come.

He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations;

I am with you always;

yes, to the end of time. Alleluia

Alleluia

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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

Behold, I am with you always, Even to the end of the age, alleluia.