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DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

19th July 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Patient Judgement

"Do you want us to go and weed it out?" ..but he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it"

Today's Gospel from St Matthew gives us a glance into possibly the time in which Matthew wrote this Gospel ... after Christ's death and Resurrection and some time into the life of the emerging Christian communities. Jesus would have foreseen these times ahead for his followers as they set seeds of faith and with them expectation of the quality of growth. Matthew writes this dialogue of what Jesus had shared in this parable with the benefit of some hindsight, by way of current context in which he finds himself.

Weeding is always necessary for seeds to flourish into their full potential, however, Jesus understandably is wary of the speed at which the weeding or judgement would happen.

As Christians, we may need the reminder of Jesus' words communicated through St Matthews Gospel, we, as Christians are custodians of the Masters treasure, Jesus, as the Master has given us this treasure like a seed, delicate and in need of an environment for growth, but as custodians, we need Jesus as our reference point.

Weeding as referred to in the Gospel is aligned to the judgements we feel qualified to make .. But like the field owner who held back the over eager servants who wanted to engage in rigorous weeding .. It might be true that Jesus uses the gift of Parable telling so we in our time might show a little restraint and leave such judgements to the one who sent him in the first place... ..a God of compassion.

We recognise compassion in the willingness of someone to imagine himself into the life of another person. We recognize its presence in the withholding of huge negative moralistic judgment. We see compassion in the expression of mercy, in the refusal to label someone with a short-circuiting terminology that condemns her, even though her actions may be awkward. We see compassion in an openness to the greater mystery of the other person.

The present situation, deed or misdeed is not the full story of the individual, there is a greater presence behind the deed or the person than society usually acknowledges. Above all, we see the presence of compassion as the vulnerability to be disturbed about awful things that are going on.

*John O Donohue
(from an interview entitled
"The presence of compassion")*



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 July, 2026

Contact Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

18th July: No intention booked.

20th July: Bernard Stewart, Stillorgan, Dublin & Galway.

25th July: Ned Ryan, Four Seasons Drive. 1st Anniv.
Finola Loftus, Woodside, Roslevan.
Peggy & Dessie Smith, Mornington, Co. Meath.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

19th July: Frances, Paddy & Pat Cullinan, Deeroark.
Dan & Michael Hogan, Ballaghboy.

26th July: No intention booked.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

19th July: Caitriona McMahon, Ballyalla.

24th July 7.30pm: Veronica Connell, Drumquin. MM.

25th July 7.30pm: Vanessa Whyte & James & Sara
Rutledge, Ballyline, Barefield. 1st Anniv.

26th July: Fr. Michael McNamara.
Laura Culligan, Rathangan, Kildare & Barefield.
Eilish Hurley, Larchill.

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

Finance Development Fund

12th July, 2026

Barefield: €148

Doora: €86

Church of Our Lady: €161

Development: €623

Míle buiochas

Burren Outdoor Retreat: Friday 4th to Sunday 6th September. Would you like to come with us on a journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of this place renew you in body and soul. Residential (people within easy reach may commute). Contact Mary at 087 970 1130 for information or Des at 085 161 4951 for bookings.



REST IN PEACE



Remember in your prayers

Moira O'Connor (née Lahiffe)
Barefield

*Goodbyes are for those who love with their eyes.
Because for those who love with their heart & soul
there is no separation.*



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

COur Lady:

JOConnor/DLeahy

Deirdre Rafferty

Doora:

Maria Considine

Bernadette Fitzpatrick

Barefield:

MWhyte/JDevitt

Tara Donnellan

Next week:

COur Lady:

JOConnor/DLeahy

Joe Dilleen

Doora:

Martha Neylon

Nuala Conlon

Barefield:

LCorcoran/NKennedy

Bernard Casey

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

18th & 25th July: James Reynolds & Joan O'Connor

Doora Sacristan Rota

19th July: Mary Enright

26th July: Margaret Hosty

PILGRIMAGES



Lough Derg: The season opens on 1st June to 13th August. Our Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from Bank Holiday Monday 3rd August to Wednesday 5th August. A bus will operate for this pilgrimage - more details later.

Lourdes: Our Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage will take place from Monday 28th September to Saturday 3rd October. To reserve a seat contact joewalshtours.ie

take time

take a moment to see the good.

to remember the smiles.

to remember the moments.

to remember the little things.

to be thankful.

to be grateful.

take time to see the wonderful
in this world.

the more you see the good,
the more you will inspire others
to see it as well.

Visit from Franciscan Missionaries of Mary



Franciscan
Missionaries of
Mary

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary from Limerick will visit our parish on the weekend of 18th & 19th July when the Sisters will speak after the Gospel at our three weekend masses.

There will be a door collection for the Sisters at the masses. Your support is much appreciated.

The Sisters are a congregation of just over 5,000 religious women coming from all the continents of the world, living in communities and reaching out in missionary work

This can be done through prayer support or practical work for the poor, the sick, the lonely and the underprivileged, hospital, school and prison chaplaincy, work with the homeless and marginalised all over the world.

They live their vocation in the Franciscan way by "living the Gospel in the midst of the world and following in the steps of the poor and humble Christ".

Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock

The annual Pioneer Pilgrimage Mass at Knock Shrine will be celebrated in the Basilica at 3pm next Sunday 19 July 2026.

Pioneers extend a welcome to families and relatives of people who are undergoing treatment for addiction at this time.

Pioneer emblems and certificates will be available in St John's Rest and Care Centre from 1pm.

People who are in recovery / aftercare and who live by the 12 Step Programme are particularly welcome to Knock during this Golden Jubilee Year of the Basilica of Our Lady Queen of Ireland.

Further information from Fr Robert: prayer@pioneers.ie

Now Enrolling: Fully Funded Adult Classes

Beginners Craft Class (making Scrabble pictures/Button Door Wreaths and Card Making). Advanced craft class (making a small Foot Stool) commencing September next in College of Further Education & Training, Ennis Campus.

All welcome.

To book a place or for more information contact 065 6897654/086 0752014 or email antoINETTE.houlihan@lcebtb.ie



Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €4,400

Venue: Clubhouse.

Winners of €50

James Gleeson,

Tom O'Halloran,

Dermot Lynch,

Eoin McNamara

Thanks for your support



A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH



*All powerful God,
you are present in the universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness
all that exists.*

*Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.*

*Fill us with your peace, that we may
live as brothers and sisters,
harming no one.*

*O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.*

*Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world
and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.*

*Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each
thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly
united with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite
light.*

*We thank you
for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle,
for justice, love and peace.*

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon
See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
And praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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 book of Wisdom.

Ws 12:13.16-19

There is no God, other than you, who cares for
everything, to whom you might have to prove
that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to
all.
You show your strength when your sovereign
power is questioned and you expose the
insolence of those who know it; but,
disposing of such strength, you are mild in
judgement, you govern us with great
lenience, for you have only to will, and your
power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to
your people how the virtuous person must be
kindly to his fellow men, and you have given
your sons the good hope that after sin you will
grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

*Response: O Lord, you are good and
forgiving.*

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
Full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
And attend to the sound of my voice. R

All the nations shall come to adore you
And glorify your name, O Lord:
For you are great and do marvellous
deeds,
You who alone are God. R

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
Slow to anger, O Lord,
Abounding in love and truth,
Turn and take pity on me. R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to
the Romans. Rm 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our
weakness. For when we cannot choose
words in order to pray properly, the
Spirit Himself expresses our plea in a
way that
could never be put into words, and God
who knows everything in our hearts
knows perfectly well what he means,
and that the pleas of the saints
expressed by the Spirit are according to
the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,
So that we can see what hope his call
holds for us.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

Mt 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds,
"The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a man who sowed good
seed in his field. While everybody was
asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel
all among the wheat, and made off.
When the new wheat sprouted and
ripened, the darnel appeared as well.
The owner's servants went to him and
said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you

sowed in your field? If so, where does the
darnel come from?" "Some enemy has
done this" he answered. And the servants
said —"Do you want us to go and weed it
out?"

But he said, "No, because when you weed
out the darnel you might pull up the wheat
with it. Let them both grow till the harvest;
and at harvest time I shall say to the
reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in
bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat
into my barn." ‘

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 stand at the door and knock,
says the Lord.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the
door to me,
I will enter his house and dine with him,
and he with me.