



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

This is a Day of prayer for Grandparents and we give thanks for each and everyone who has provided much in life. One of the joys of what Richard Rohr OFM calls 'the second half of life' is that one has enough material for review and reflection, if not quite total and accurate recall. But in the stories of so many lives, it is possible to see the God of surprise and joy at work.

There is a saying that runs, 'Bidden or unbidden, God is present.' It captures that God of joy who reveals himself at the most unexpected times and in the most unexpected ways in every day events.

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of God is like many things that are encountered daily; something you stumble on while out walking, or a pearl for which you give up everything or a net full of fish that you have to sort out the good and the useless. It's a continual search and who knows where we might find the kingdom.

As we listen and read these words, can we not see that in the ordinary tasks of life, there may well be God present to us, bidden or unbidden. And that we don't make the miracle happen – we respond to grace, we don't bring it into being.

Elsewhere Rohr writes that when Jesus says 'I am the way, the truth and the life, it means that you are not.' And that's probably the biggest surprise for many.



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 July, 2026

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Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

25th July: Ned Ryan, Four Seasons Drive. 1st Anniv.
Finola Loftus, Woodside, Roslevan.
Peggy & Dessie Smyth, Mornington, Co. Meath.
1st August: Mary O'Connor, Beechlaw, Tulla Rd.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

26th July: Pat & Maureen O'Dwyer, Deerpark.
2nd August: Mary O'Dwyer, Carrahan.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

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.
Nancy O'Brien, Ballyalla.
2nd August: Seán Torpey, Ballyogan. 1st Anniv.
Francie & Dinny McNamara, Barefield.
Margaret, John & Annie McNamara, Broadford.

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

Finance Development Fund

19th July, 2026

Barefield: €185

Doora: €147

Church of Our Lady: €275

Development: €833

Míle buiochas

PLEASE NOTE!



There will no First Friday Mass in Parish in August;

Parish Office will be closed for annual holidays on 3rd August for week and re-opens on Monday 10th August.



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

COur Lady:	JOConnor/DLeahy	Joe Dilleen
Doora:	Martha Neylon	Nuala Conlon
Barefield:	LCorcoran/NKennedy	Bernard Casey

Next week:

COur Lady:	MMcGuire/NBecker	Joe Dilleen
Doora:	Bernard Hallinan	Tom Meade
Barefield:	LMurphy/MHassett	Nuala Galvin

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

25th July: James Reynolds & Joan O'Connor
1st August: Paddy Perill & Harold Herlihy

Doora Sacristan Rota

26th July: Margaret Hosty
2nd August: Cora Burke

Check It Fits



This July, the RSA's Check it Fits service will be visiting Aldi, St. Francis Street, Ennis on Wednesday 29th July next.

Did you know it's the law that all children under 150cms or 36kgs must use a child car seat appropriate to their weight and height. In Ireland as many as 54% of child car seats are incorrectly fitted which can lead to serious injury or even death in a collision. Since the start of the service, the RSA's 'Check it Fits' Service has checked over 70,000 child car seats and restraints in Ireland.

The Check it Fits service is quick, it's easy, it's free. On the day our experts will advise on how to fix any problem, demonstrate how to fit the restraint correctly and answer any queries participants might have. Our experts aim to put parent's, grandparent's and guardian's minds at ease that their child's car seat is safely and securely fitted in their car.



REST IN PEACE

Remember In your prayers



Bridie Quinn,
Newry, Co. Down,
mother of Deirdre Canny, Ballyglass.

Solas na bhflaitheas ar a anam uasal

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 joewalshstours.ie

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.

Irish Red Cross



Crois Dhearg na hÉireann

Join the Irish Red Cross Clare Area Recruitment Drive. Make a difference in your community. Could you spare a few hours to help others? Enthusiastic volunteers sought to join the Irish Red Cross Team.

Whether you have existing skills or are completely new, you are very welcome. No experience needed. The Red Cross provide all the training you need. Excellent training opportunities, learn life-saving and practical skills, meet new people and #be part of a supportive team. Give back and make a difference.

Contact secretary.clare@irishredcross.com. Phone 085 129 5844.

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto
Next weeks Jackpot: €4,600
Venue: Clubhouse.



Winners of €50
Bridget Hoey,
Sean Duggan,
Mairead O'Loughlin,
Mikey Barrett



Thanks for your support

For surely.....



For surely there's always tomorrow
to make up for an oversight,
and we always get a second chance
to make everything right.
There will always be another day to say "I love you"
And certainly there's another chance to ask
"Anything I can do?"
But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get,
I'd like to say how much I love you
and I hope we never forget

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone,
young or old alike, And today may be the last chance you
get to hold your loved one tight.
So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today?
For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day
that you didn't take that extra time for a smile,
a hug, or a kiss, and you were too busy
to grant someone, what turned out to be their one last wish.
So hold your loved ones close today, whisper in their ear,
Tell them how much you love them and that you'll always
hold them dear.
Take time to say "I'm sorry," "please forgive me,"
"thank you" or "it's okay."

And if tomorrow never comes,
you'll have no regrets about today.
If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in more tightly and pray The Lord,
your soul to keep.
If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the
door, I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for
one more.
If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up
in praise, I would video tape each action and word, so I
could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time I could spare an extra
minute or two to stop and say
"I love you," instead of assuming you KNOW I do.
If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share
your day, I'd be sure it was your best,
before it slipped away.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon
 God is in his holy place,
 God who unites those
 who dwell in his house;
 He himself gives might and strength
 to his people.

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 first book of the Kings.
1 K 3:5.7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream
 and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give
 you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you
 have made your servant king in succession
 to David my father. But I am a very young
 man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant
 finds himself in the midst of this people of
 yours that you have chosen, a people so
 many its numbers cannot be counted or
 reckoned. Give your servant a heart to
 understand how to discern between good
 and evil, for who could govern this people of
 yours that is so great?

It pleased the Lord that Solomon should
 have asked for this. 'Since you have asked
 for this', the Lord said, 'and not asked for
 long life for yourself or riches or the lives of

your enemies, but have asked for a
 discerning judgement for yourself,
 here and now I do what you ask. I give
 you a heart wise and shrewd as none
 before you has had and none will have
 after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: Lord, how I love your
 law!**

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
 Is to obey your word.
 The law from your mouth means
 more to me than silver and gold. R

Let your love be ready to console me
 By your promise to your servant.
 Let your love come to me and I shall
 live
 For your law is my delight. R

That is why I love your commands
 More than finest gold.
 That is why I rule my life
 by your precepts:
 I hate false ways. R

Your will is wonderful indeed;
 therefore I obey it.
 The unfolding of your word gives light
 and teaches the simple. R

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul
 to the Romans.**

Rm 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to
 their good God co-operates with all
 those who love him, with all those that
 he has called according to his
 purpose.

They are the ones he chose specially
 long ago and intended to become true
 images of his Son, so that his Son
 might be the eldest of many brothers.
 He called those he intended for this;
 those he called he justified, and with
 those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I call you friends, says the Lord,
 Because I have made known to you
 Everything I have learnt
 from my Father. Alleluia*

**A reading from the holy Gospel
 according to Matthew.**

Mt 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of
 heaven is like treasure hidden in a field
 which someone has found; he hides it
 again, goes off happy, sells everything he
 owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a
 merchant looking for fine pearls; when he
 finds one of great value he goes and sells
 everything he owns and buys it.'

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

Blessed are the merciful,
 for they shall receive mercy.
 Blessed are the clean of heart,
 for they shall see God.