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DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

2nd August 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary



God Enters Our Wilderness with His Super abundance

Today's Gospel, Jesus is faced with a massive, hungry crowd. The disciples say, "Send them away... we have only five loaves and two fish (Mt 14: 15- 17)". That phrase- "only five loaves"- echoes our own lives: "I only have little time.... Only little money.. only a small voice". But Jesus takes the "only", blesses it, breaks it, and turns it into abundance. The miracle isn't just about bread; it's about how divine generosity begins when we offer our scarcity.

This conflict between divine generosity and human scarcity is at the heart of today's gospel. Jesus has just heard about John the Baptist's death. He seeks solitude but finds a needy crowd. Instead of turning them away, "He had compassion on them and healed their sick (Mt 14:14)". He doesn't start with full baskets. He starts with what the disciples think is not enough. But in God's hands, what is insufficient becomes more than enough. The leftovers- twelve baskets full – are not an afterthought: they are a sign of god's overflowing grace.

Feeding the Multitude is indeed a Miracle of Sharing the generosity of God.

What does this mean for us today? We live in a world where the fear of scarcity rules. In this world of economic uncertainty, climate crises, rising inequality, and spiritual exhaustion, the temptation is to cling- to hold back, to retreat. But the Gospel calls us to a different logic. Can we trust that what we offer, even if small, will be enough in God's hands?. Can we build communities not of competition, but of communion? In a divided world, the miracle of the loaves is not just a story- it is a blueprint for Christian living.

How will we live this out? Will we continue to say, "I only have..?" Or will we dare to bring our small gifts to Jesus, trusting that He will multiply them? Maybe it's time to call someone who's lonely. Maybe it's a small donation, a word of hope, or the courage to pray for someone who's struggling. As Jesus said in Luke 6:38, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure.. will be poured into your lap". Let's challenge ourselves this week: where do we operate from fear, and where can we begin to act in faith?.

Give,
**AND IT WILL BE
GIVEN
TO YOU.**

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 2nd August, 2026

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Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

1st August: Mary O'Connor, Beechlaw, Tulla Rd.
8th August: Bro. Sean O'Dugáin, Dun Laoghaire & Balymacuiggin, **1st Anniv.**
 Meta Duggan, Balymacuiggin.
 John & Patricia Leahy.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

2nd August: Mary O'Dwyer, Carrahan.
9th August: No intention booked.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

2nd August: Seán Torpey, Ballyogan. **1st Anniv.**
 Francie & Dinny McNamara, Barefield.
 Margaret, John & Annie McNamara, Broadford.
9th August: Laura Rowland, Ballycarroll &
 Deceased Rowland, Harvey & Kelly Families,
 Mayo & Barefield.
 John Butler, Ballymaley.

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

Finance Development Fund
26th July, 2026
 Barefield: €195
 Doora: €96
 Church of Our Lady: € 284
 Development: €726
 Online for July: €695
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Aoife Represents Parish in Rose of Clare

Local girl **Aoife Carey** will be representing Doora Barefield in the annual Rose of Clare Festival from Saturday 1st August to Friday 7th August. Interviews of the Roses take place on Tuesday 4th August and Wednesday 5th of August. Aoife will be interviewed on stage on Tuesday 4th August by Marty Morrissey at 8.30pm. Tickets go on sale on Friday the 24th July. Link for tickets is available on 'The Rose of Clare' social media pages - Instagram and Facebook, for both nights.

Thank you God for all
 Your blessings to me
 and my family. For the
 strength You give me
 each day and for all
 the people around me
 who make life more
 meaningful...



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

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

Next week:

COur Lady:	MMcGuire/NBecker	Claire Cremin
Doora:	Mary Barry	Noreen O'Connor
Barefield:	EDronev/CLeamy	Carmel McGovern

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

1st & 8th August: Paddy Perill & Harold Herlihy

Doora Sacristan Rota

2nd August: Cora Burke
 9th August, : Seamus Enright

**PLEASE
NOTE**

**There will no First Friday
Mass in Barefield in August**

**sorry, we're
CLOSED**

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



Lord, I dedicate the month
 of August to You,
 confident in Your love and guidance.
 I trust in Your plans for me
 and ask for Your continuous presence.

May I walk in faith,
 reflecting Your love and compassion
 in all that I do.
 In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen!

August, Month of Immaculate Heart of Mary

The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart. The physical heart of Mary is venerated because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life.



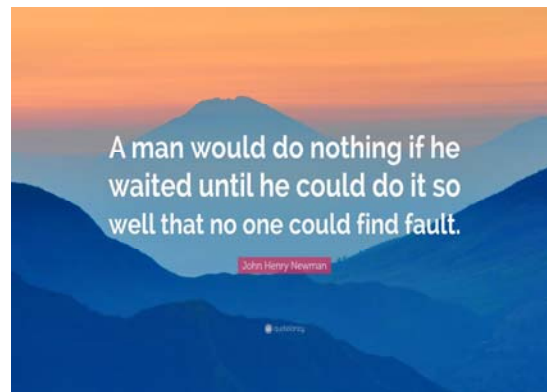
Immaculate Heart of Mary,
full of goodness,
show your love towards us.
Let the flame of your heart,
O Mary, descend on all people.
We love you immensely.
Impress true love in our hearts
so that we have a continuous
desire for you.
O Mary, gentle and humble of heart,
remember us when
we are in sin. **Amen**

The **Immaculate Heart of Mary** is a devotion that reveals the inner life of Mary. It encompasses her joys, sorrows, virtues, and hidden perfections. Above all, it symbolizes her virginal love for God the Father, her maternal love for Jesus Christ, and her compassionate love for all humanity.

Traditionally depicted as a heart pierced with seven swords or wounds, it pays homage to the seven dolors of Mary. Roses, usually red or white, are often wrapped around the heart. The devotion aims to unite humanity to God through Mary's heart, emphasizing consecration and reparation.

Mary's Meals Step by Step to Feed the Next Child

Global school feeding charity Mary's Meals will hold their annual Step by Step to Feed the Next Child - Walk to Knock from 7th to 15th August. Walkers will arrive in Ennis around 4pm on Saturday 8th August and will be leaving Barefield at 8.30am on Sunday 9th August, heading for Gort. Please come out and encourage the walkers, and if you're able to do so, donate in the buckets or visit marysmeals.ie to donate online. It costs just €22 to feed a child for a whole school year, and 11c provides one school meal. All donations, big or small, are very welcome.



Warning.....

Young Peter returned from his summer holiday with his Grandparents, and with a shy smile, handed his Mam a small and rather crumpled paper bag. He insisted the gift had been paid for with his own pocket money and Granny confirmed that this was indeed the case.

However, Mam suspected that Granny had helped with his choice for the bag contained a fridge magnet with these words:

***'Warning! The road to success
is always under construction.'***

The fridge magnet was given pride of place as Mam considered the wisdom and truth of these words.

Very rarely does success come overnight—it has to be worked for, something which young Peter will need to find out for himself!

***'I would do nothing at all
if I waited till I could do it so well
that no one could find fault with it.'***

John Henry Newman

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €4,800

Venue: Clubhouse.

Winners of €50



Joan O'Connor Roslevan,
Brian Gillespie Corofin,
Diane Clohessy Johnno's,
Niamh McNamara

Thanks for your support

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**O God come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.**

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 the prophet Isaiah.

Is 55.1-3

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are
thirsty;

though you have no money, come! Buy corn
without money, and eat, and, at no cost,
wine and milk.

"Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good
things to eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your
soul will live. With you, I will make an
everlasting covenant,

out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

**You open wide your hand, O Lord,
you grant our desires.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
Compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you,
and you give them their food in due
time.

You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways,
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts **R.**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Rm. 8.35, 37-39

Nothing can come between us and the
love of Christ, even if we are troubled or
worried, or being persecuted or lacking
food or clothes, or being threatened or
even attacked.

These are the trials through which we
triumph, by the power of him who loved
us. For I am certain of this: neither death
nor life no angel, no prince, nothing that
exists, nothing still to come, not any
power, or height or depth, nor any
created thing, can ever come between
us and the love of God made visible in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.**

Alleluia.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt. 14.13-21

When Jesus received the news of John
the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat
to a lonely place where they could be by
themselves. But the people heard of
this and, leaving the towns, went after
him on foot.

So as he stepped ashore, he saw a
large crowd; and he took pity on them
and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went
to him and said, "This is a lonely place,
and the time has slipped by; so send the
people away, and they can go to the

villages to buy themselves some food.'

Jesus replied,

'There is no need for them to go:

Give them something to eat yourselves.
But they answered, 'All we have with us is
five loaves and two fish.'

'Bring them here to me', he said. He gave
orders that the people were to sit down on
the grass; Then he took the five loaves
and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven
and said the blessing.

And breaking the loaves he handed them
to his disciples who gave them to the
crowds. The all ate as much as they
wanted and they collected the scraps
remaining, twelve baskets full.

Those who ate numbered about five
thousand men, to say nothing of women
and children.

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
**I am the bread of life, says the Lord;
whoever comes to me will not hunger
and whoever believes in me
will not thirst.**