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# DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

## NEWSLETTER

16 August 2026

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"The key of Persistence opens all doors closed by Resistance"**

**John Di Lemme**



The Canaanite woman shouted to Jesus, *'take pity on me'* yet her need was about her daughter not herself.

Initially, it seems as the story is told in St Matthews Gospel, Jesus ignores her pleading. His Disciples no doubt knew she was not 'of the house of Israel' but would be willing to ignore this fact just to stop her hassling them and Jesus.

The story speaks to conviction and perseverance. Nothing would prevent her begging for her daughter's well-being.

Jesus appears to begin a discourse with the unnamed woman in which she matched Jesus word for word. His argument and apparent insult, as to taking the children's food and throwing it to the house dogs ... gets her to respond that even the house dogs can eat the scraps that fall from the masters table. ... to which he has no answer, or maybe, the answer he already knew he would be making. 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.'

The unnamed Canaanite woman, had done the unthinkable, approach Jesus even in desperation, not of the house of Israel, but having already recognised Jesus in a way the disciples had yet to have fully revealed to them .. She had addressed him as "Lord, son of David" and again as "Lord" when she asks for him to help her.

If there is a lesson for us in our prayer relationship with Jesus then it is surely to firstly recognize Jesus for who he really is to us, and for us. If there is good news for us, which there should be, as coming from a Gospel story, Persistence and faith filled recognition will win the day.

***"Faith is taking the first step  
even when you don't  
See the whole staircase"***

Martin Luther King Jr.

The lessons we can learn from the Canaanite woman, as we set about taking the first step of the staircase we might not be able to see points to being humble yet strong, putting away pride, persistent in faith no matter what others think and finally, that God is in the business of helping us grow in faith in a God who will respond.

### 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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# Priest on Duty 16th August, 2026

## Contact Fr. Joy - Tel. 065 6869098

### Remembered in Masses this week

#### CHURCH OF OUR LADY

**15th Aug:** Devlin (Dev) Becker, Lios Ard, Tulla Rd.  
**1st Anniv.**  
 James & Babs Corry, Roslevan.  
 Bernie Hoey, Newpark, Roslevan

**22nd Aug:** Jackie Morris, Newpark, Roslevan.

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

**16th Aug:** Teresa Torpey, Kilfenora.  
**23rd Aug:** Maura O'Connell, Knockhogan, Doora. MM.  
 Tadhg Hayes, French Court, Clonroad.  
**1st Anniv.**  
 Brian Byrnes, Finanagh.

#### CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

**16th Aug:** John, Michael & Kathleen O'Connell, Drumgloon.  
**23rd Aug:** Pauline O'Grady, Larchill.

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

#### Finance Development Fund

##### 2nd August

Barefield: €186; Doora: €128  
 Church of Our Lady: €227  
 Development: €708

##### 9th August

Barefield: €164; Doora: €92  
 Church of Our Lady: €212  
 Development: €560

#### Mile Buiochas

#### REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers



**Martin Morrissey,**  
 Tobarkeel, Ennis  
 & Trinaderry, Barefield.



**Carmel Callinan,**  
 Shannon Park,  
 sister of Denise O'Loughlin, Doora

**Margaret Kiernan & Patricia Whelan**  
 sisters of Stephen Kane,  
 Four Seasons Drive, Roslevan.

*Goodbyes are for those who love with their eyes.  
 Because for those who love with their heart & soul*



### Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



#### This week:

|            |                    |                 |
|------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| COur Lady: | MMcGuire/NBecker   | Claire Cremin   |
| Doora:     | Marie Flanagan     | Seán Conlan     |
| Barefield: | BGalvin/MOLoughlin | Margaret Carden |

#### Next week:

|            |                       |                   |
|------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| COur Lady: | MMcGuire/NBecker      | Michael Guilfoyle |
| Doora:     | Seán Conlan           | Declan Bell       |
| Barefield: | CDeloughrey/MClohessy | David Culligan    |

#### Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

15th & 22nd August: Dan Leniham & Tom Heath

#### Doora Sacristan Rota

16th August: Patricia Hassett  
 23rd August: Mary Hallinan

#### Priests' August Collection

Thank you to all who supported the Priests' August Collection. If you were away you can still contribute by using envelope from box, you can use envelope from porches of our churches or you can donate on line via our parish website.

Thank you for your generosity to our parish

#### Prayer to Our Blessed Mother



Take my hand, O Blessed Mother,  
 hold me firmly lest I fall,  
 I am nervous when I'm walking,  
 and to Thee I humbly call.

Guide me over every crossing,  
 Watch me when I'm on the stairs,  
 Let me know you are beside me,  
 listen to my fervent prayer.

Bring me to my destination,  
 safely every single day.  
 Help me with each undertaking  
 as the hours pass away.

And when evening falls upon me,  
 and I fear to be alone,  
 Take my hand O Blessed Mothe  
 once again and lead me home.

## Killaloe Diocesan Autumn to Lourdes



Our Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes is now fully booked and a waiting list is operating in the event of a cancellation.

More information from Joe Walsh Tours on 01 241 0800; [info@joewalstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalstours.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.



**Free Talk on Bereavement** on Tuesday 25th August next at Milford Care Centre, Education Department, Castletroy, Limerick. 7pm to 8.30pm.

For more information please contact Social Work Department 061 485800 or [socialwork@milfordcarecentre.ie](mailto:socialwork@milfordcarecentre.ie)

**Join us for a**  
**Family**  
**Fun Day At**  
**CAHERCALLA COMMUNITY CARE**

**SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2026**  
**2.00PM TO 5.00PM**

**MINI PETTING ZOO**  
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**COMPLIMENTARY BBQ**  
**RAFFLE**

**ACTIVITIES**

- Face Painting
- Lawn games
- Dog Show
- Teddy Bear Clinic
- Ice cream van/stalls

- Competitions
- Best dressed Lady
- Best dressed Gent
- Wackiest Hair
- Bonny Baby

**ADMISSION: FAMILY PACK**  
**(2 ADULTS & 3 KIDS) €20**  
**ADULT €10**  
**CHILD €5**

## Just for a Minute.....



I remember when I was only four,  
Mother would bring me round to the store,  
and just outside of the Church she's stand,  
and 'Come in' she'd say, reaching down for my hand  
– 'Just for a minute'.

And then I started going to school  
she'd bring me down every day as a rule  
But first the steps to the Church we would climb  
And she's say: 'We'll go in –  
you've always got time' - 'Just for a minute'.

Then I got real big, I mean seven years old, and I went by myself,  
but was always told when you're passing the church,  
don't forget to call and tell the Lord  
about lessons and all - 'Just for a minute'

Sometimes I run most of the way or meet some guys  
and we stop to play but I manage to squeeze out time enough  
to make the church where I pant and puff - 'Just for a minute'.

And now it's sort of a habit I've got in the evening  
coming from Casey's lot  
though it takes me out of my way a bit  
to slip into Church with my hat and mitt - 'Just for a minute'

But sometime I see the other fellows standing around  
and I just go yellow I pass by the door  
but a Voice within seems to say, real sad,  
'So you wouldn't come in' - 'Just for a minute'.  
There are things inside of me bad and good  
that nobody knows and nobody could  
excepting our Lord and I like him to know and  
He helps when in for a visit I go - 'Just for a minute'.

He finds it lonesome when nobody comes  
(There are hours upon hours when nobody comes)  
and he's pleased when anybody passing by steps in  
(though it's only a little guy) - 'Just for a minute'.  
I know what happens when people die,  
but I won't be scared and I'll tell you why:  
when Our Lord is judging my soul,  
I feel He'll remember the times I went to kneel -  
'Just for a minute'.

Author unknown



## Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €5,200

Venue: Clubhouse.

Winners of €50

John Garvey Dublin,  
Aidan Coll, Roslevan,  
Bernie O'Loughlin Roslevan,  
Jerry Carey

**Thanks for your support**



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
And look on the face  
of your anointed one;  
One day within your courts  
Is better than a thousand elsewhere

## 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 Fa-  
ther, 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 prophet Isaiah

**Is 56:1.6-7**

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice,  
act with integrity, for soon my salvation will  
come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to  
the Lord to serve him and to love his name and  
be his servants - all who observe the Sabbath,  
not profaning it, and cling to my covenant -  
these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will  
make them joyful in my house of prayer.

Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be  
accepted on my altar, for my house will be  
called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. Let the peoples praise you,  
O God;**

**Let all the peoples praise you.**

O God, be gracious and bless us  
And let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
And all nations learn your saving help.

**R**

Let the nations be glad and exult  
For you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
You guide the nations on earth.

**R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
Let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing

Till the ends of the earth revere him. **R**

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

**Rm 11:13-15.29-32**

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been  
sent to the pagans as their apostle, and  
I am proud of being sent, but the  
purpose of it is to make my own people  
envious of you, and in this way save  
some of them.

Since their rejection meant the  
reconciliation of the world, do you know  
what their admission will mean?

Nothing less than a resurrection from  
the dead! God never takes back his gifts  
or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being  
disobedient to God, and now enjoy  
mercy because of their disobedience, so  
those who are disobedient now - and  
only because of the mercy shown to you  
- will also enjoy mercy eventually. God  
has imprisoned all men in their own  
disobedience only to show mercy to all  
mankind.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**The sheep that belong to me listen to  
my voice, says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me.**

**Alleluia!**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Mt 15:21-28**

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to  
the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out  
came a Canaanite woman from that

district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of  
David, take pity on me. My daughter is  
tormented by a devil.' But he answered  
her not a word. And his disciples went and  
pleaded with him. 'Give her what she  
wants,' they said 'because she is shouting  
after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only  
to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.'  
But the woman had come up and was  
kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help  
me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the  
children's food and throw it to the house-  
dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even  
house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall  
from their master's table.' Then Jesus  
answered her, 'Woman, you have great  
faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from  
that moment her daughter was well again.

## 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 spo-  
ken 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

**With the Lord there is mercy;  
In him is plentiful redemption.**