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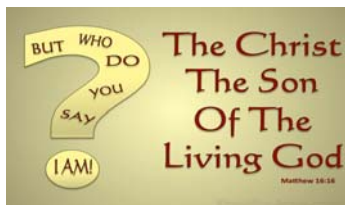
DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

23 August 2026

Twentiy-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

What do the people say What do you say



So much easier to relay what is generally perceived to be the case ... but ... when asked to put your own statement out there, it can be a different matter entirely.

St Matthews account of a conversation between Jesus and his Disciples where Jesus makes an attempt to make himself truly known to them begins with the question "Who do THE PEOPLE say the Son of Man is"? As the conversation continued it might appear Jesus was setting up his Disciples because, the answers came freely it seems from a number of them and they quoted a number of sources.

Once they had confidently poured out their responses the teacher in Jesus, turns the question in on themselves ... "But you, who do YOU say I am"? It seems only one had the temerity to attempt a response, and **Peter**, steps outside his comfort zone. "You are THE CHRIST, the Son of the Living God.

We live in a age when the phrase .. What defines you trips off our tongues - well, it appears Peter defined himself as he defined Jesus, the promised Messiah who would save his people. Jesus' definition of self would not turn out to be what even his close Disciples expected it might be. The moment of the Last Supper when he washed the Disciples feet saying "What I have done for you, you must do for each other" and that only a very short few hours before some would deny him, run away from him as he is set upon and crucified.

He was and indeed remains the consummate teacher, who shows the way to unravel the puzzle as to who HE is and who WE might see Jesus to be. When we find a way towards the answer for ourselves, that's when we will begin to define ourselves by way of our relationship with him. Just as Peter did "You are Peter, and on THIS ROCK I will build my church" ... Peter was to deny him and yet, Peter remains THE ROCK. That's why we have to continue to find OUR WAY towards our answer ... "WHO DO YOU SAY I AM"???? Peter may have answered but he would soon discover how difficult it would be to maintain that conviction - once Peter began to find a way towards an answer to Jesus' question .. "WHO DO YOU SAY I AM" .. It was then Jesus saw Peter and defined him in a new way. John O Donohue imagines in his poem "**The Eyes of Jesus**" how Jesus might see us too as we journey towards our answer

*"I imagine the eyes of Jesus
Were harvest brown,
The light of their gazing
Suffused with the seasons:
The shadow of winter,
The mind of spring,
The blues of summer,
And amber of harvest.
A gaze that is perfect sister
To the kindness that dwells
In his beautiful hands."*

John O Donohue

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 23rd August, 2026

Contact Fr. Michael Collins - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

22nd Aug: Jackie Morris, Newpark, Roslevan.
29th Aug: Tom O'Connor, Roslevan. **1st Anniv.**

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

23rd Aug: Maura O'Connell, Knockhogan, Doora. **MM.**
Tadhg Hayes, French Court, Clonroad.
1st Anniv.
Brian Byrnes, Finanagh.
30th Aug: No intention booked.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

23rd Aug: Pauline O'Grady, Larchill.
30th Aug: John Halpin, Ashfield Park.

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

Finance Development Fund

16th August

Barefield: €98

Doora: €102

Church of Our Lady: €272

Development: €927

Míle Buiochas

Making your Will

Please remember Doora Barefield Parish as a beneficiary in your Will. Donations made in this manner will greatly assist the parish.
Your generosity is much appreciated.

Please support Soroptimists Ireland Ennis and District fundraising Coffee Morning in Le Chéile Café, Barefield

Sat. 5th Sept from 11-1pm. Funding to transport children from Ennis Special schools to enjoy Riding for the Disabled Association provided sessions.

All donations welcome. Any queries contact 086 6011971.



REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers



Elizabeth (Liz) Studgeon (nee O'Donohue)

Florida, USA & late Corofin,
sister of the late Sean O'Donohue,
Ballaghboy, Doora.

Solas na bhflaitheas ar a anam uasal



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

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

Next week:

COur Lady:	MMcGuire/NBecker	Michael Guilfoyle
Doora:	Maria Considine	Seamus Enright
Barefield:	JDevitt/MWhyte	Nuala Kennedy

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

22nd August: Dan Lenihan & Tom Heath
29th August: Michael Williams & Paul Mockler

Doora Sacristan Rota

23rd August: Mary Hallinan
30th August: Margaret Liddy

Best of luck to all as the new school year begins shortly



For Our Children's Light to Shine

God, there is a reason You tell us to have faith like that of a child.
They are bursting with curiosity and full of love.
Protect their innocence and preserve the spark in their eyes
from the darkness of the world.
Let them be little lights to their parents and teachers.
Allow them to grow and have a fair opportunity to learn.

May they be kind on the playground and quiet in the hallways.
Protect our children from gossip and bullying.
May they know and hear Your voice
louder than all the others.
Godly friends are important, and we pray
that You bless our children with those friends today.
May their friendships be innocent and light
and filled with kindness, understanding,
and compassionate consideration for one another.

Comhgairdeachas!

Congratulations and Best Wishes to all students who have received their Leaving Cert results this week.
'Believe you can and you're halfway there.'

Theodore Roosevelt

Now enrolling for September: Violin/Fiddle Lessons for children (age 4+) and adults in The Music Room Barntick, Clarecastle. Instruments available to rent! Contact Caitríona for more information 087-7735193

Diabetes Documentary Screening

Thriveabetes presents *Imperfect Days*, an Irish documentary about living with diabetes and advances in diabetes research and care. The event includes a diabetes technology exhibition, film screening, and panel discussion with some of the film's participants.

Event Details:

- Saturday, 19 September, 10.30am–2pm
- Treacy's West County Hotel, Ennis
- Tickets €20; under-16s free

Advance booking required.

Find out more or book tickets at: <https://thriveabetes.ie/diabetes-documentary-screening>

Family Fun Day at Cahercalla Community Care

Saturday 29th August 2pm to 5pm. Live entertainment; mini Petting Zoo, Complimentary BBQ, Raffle and much more.

Admission Family (2 adults & 3 children) €20;

Adult €10; child €5.

The Clare Older People's Council, supported by the Clare Age Friendly Programme, is holding a public open event on: Tuesday, 8th September at Shannon Library 2pm to 4pm.

Join us for an afternoon of engaging talks and feel-good inspiration!

Whether you're interested in helpful resources or an uplifting afternoon of connection, this event has something for you! Everyone is welcome

Colaiste Muire 50th Reunion - Colaiste Muire students 1971-1976 are invited to 50th reunion in the Old Ground Hotel on Sat October 17th at 7pm.

Sit down meal €50. Should be a great night, catching up with everybody. Please contact Martina 0857137837, Antoinette 0868289635, Gwen 0872353714, Emer 0851607264.

Helium Autumn Art Camp

Bookings are now open for Helium's FREE Autumn Art Camp in ENNIS for children and young people with long-term physical health conditions. Ennis Autumn Camp: Location: C.B.S National School; Ages: 8–12 years; Workshop Dates: 28-30 October; +35386 8175093 / helium.ie

RNLI LIFEBOATS TO THE RESCUE



The RNLI Lifeboats 'Flaggy Shore Burren Ramble' will take place on Sunday 6 September.

Parking in Mairtin Fahy's meadow field Eir Code H91 DWR3 on the shore from 11am. Walk will start at 12 noon. Meeting point for people who don't know the area is New Quay Church where a steward will guide you the short distance to Parking.

Summer Cruise to the Aran Islands and the Cliffs of Moher takes place on Friday evening 28 August from Doolin pier. Enquiries for the fundraisers to 0876260301.

Positivity Prayer to Start the Day



Lord, in the morning I start each day,
by taking a moment to bow and pray.

Beginning with thanks,

I then give praise for all your kind and loving ways.

Today if sunshine turns to rain,
if a dark cloud brings some pain,
I won't doubt or hide in fear.
For you, my God, are always near.

I will travel where you lead;
I will help my friends in need.
Where you send me, I will go;
with your help, I'll learn and grow.

Hold my family in your hands,
as we follow your commands.
And I will keep you close in sight
when I crawl in bed tonight.

Mary Fairchild

Study Theology Online, is this for you?

The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home.

Register now to begin on 19 September. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com

Flute and Tin-Whistle Classes - commencing in Ennis from September. Contact Bríd for more information 0876217337. New students welcome.

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot

Winners of €50.00

James O'Connor, Knockanear

Niall Deloughery, Ballyalla,

Carolyn Meaney,

Theresa Madden Ennis



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you,
my God.

Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.

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 prophet Isaiah.

Is 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the
master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his fathers house.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
Discard not the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
Which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
You increased the strength of my soul.

R.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the
lowly

And the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
Discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

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

Rm11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God - how
deep his wisdom and knowledge - and
how impossible to penetrate his motives
or understand his methods! Who could
ever know the mind of the Lord? Who
could ever be his counsellor? Who could
ever give him anything or lend him
anything?

All that exists comes from him; all is by
him and for him. To him be glory for
ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You are Peter and on this rock I will
build my Church.**

**And the gates of the underworld can
never hold out against it.**

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of
Caesarea Philippi he put this question to
his disciples, 'Who do people say the
Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some
say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah,
and others Jeremiah or one of the
prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you
say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up,
'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of
the living God.'

Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you
are a happy man! Because it was not flesh
and blood that revealed this to you but my
Father in heaven. So I now say to you:
You are Peter and on this rock I will build
my Church. And the gates of the
underworld can never hold out against it. I
will give you the keys of the kingdom of
heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall
be considered bound in heaven; whatever
you loose on earth shall be considered
loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the
disciples strict orders not to tell anyone
that he was the Christ.

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

**The earth is replete with the fruits of
your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart**