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DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

30 August 2026

Twentiy-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

EMBRACING THE CROSS



Peter the apostle had ambitions not so much for himself but for Jesus. He wanted a Messiah who would be victorious, powerful, and successful - not one who would suffer. And we can understand him so well. We live in a world that often tells us to avoid suffering at all costs. We are encouraged to protect ourselves, pursue comfort, achieve success, and make life as easy as possible. We naturally want our problems solved quickly. We want illness cured, relationships repaired, disappointments removed, and difficult circumstances changed. There is nothing wrong with wanting those things. But Jesus reminds us that the Christian life cannot be measured simply by how comfortable or successful we are.

The call of Jesus to his followers is quite stark: "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." To us the call is quite baffling. But Jesus is not telling us that we should go looking for suffering. He is telling us that following Him means being willing to love even when love is difficult, to forgive when forgiveness is painful, to remain faithful when faithfulness costs us something, and to serve others even when there is no applause or recognition.

Every one of us has a cross. Sometimes it is an illness or the loss of someone we love. Sometimes it is disappointment, loneliness, family difficulties, financial struggles, or an uncertain future. Sometimes our cross is simply the daily responsibility of caring for another person, keeping a promise, or doing what is right when doing what is right is not easy. The question is not whether we will have crosses. The question is what we will do with them. Jesus does not promise to eliminate every cross from our lives. He promises something greater: He will walk with us through them. The cross is not the end of the Christian story. Jesus says that after suffering and death comes resurrection. That is the hope at the heart of our faith.

What looks like defeat may become the place where God brings new life. What appears to be an ending may become a beginning. What seems meaningless may, in God's hands, become an opportunity for love, grace, and transformation.

The Gospel therefore invites us to reconsider what truly counts. Jesus calls us to put down the illusion that life is about avoiding every hardship and instead to discover the deeper joy that comes from giving ourselves away in love. To follow Jesus is to walk the road He walked - not alone, not without struggle, but with the confidence that beyond every cross stands the promise of new life.

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 30th August, 2026

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Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

29th Aug: Tom O'Connor, Roslevan. **1st Anniv.**
 Kevin Barron, Dublin. **MM.**
 Colm Barron, Newpark.
 5th Sept: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

30th Aug: No intention booked.
 6th Sept: Seán Grogan, Corebeg & his Grandson
 Seán Óg Grogan Tran, USA

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

30th Aug: John Halpin, Ashfield Park.
 1st Sept: Marie Moroney, Boloughera, Lissycasey.
1st Anniv.
 6th Sept: Seán & Evelyn Griffin, Ballyalla.
 Niamh Collins, Ballymaconna.
 Thomas Hogan, Caherina.

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

Finance Development Fund

23rd August

Barefield: €153

Doora: €181

Church of Our Lady: €209

Development: €1,098

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First Friday Mass



First Friday Mass at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield on Friday 4th September at 7pm. If you or someone you know would like a First Friday call please contact Fr. Tom or the Parish Office with details.



REST IN PEACE

Robert (Robbie) Clarke

Ballinacloy, Cappataggle, Co. Galway.
 Knockaluskruan, Barefield &
 St. Joseph's Nursing Home, Ennis.

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

Next week:

COur Lady:	HHerlohy/BBurke	Marie Moore
Doora:	Martha Neylon	Seán Garvey
Barefield:	LCorcoran/NKennedy	Sinead Roseingrave

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

29th August: & 5th Sept Michael Williams & Paul Mockler

Doora Sacristan Rota

30th August: Margaret Liddy

6th September: Mary Enright



As the end of a month approaches, it's natural to pause and reflect on the journey we have just completed. Each month is filled with its own challenges, victories, lessons, and blessings.

Whether the month has been smooth and filled with joy or difficult and marked by trials, closing it with heartfelt prayer is one of the most powerful ways to honour God and prepare our hearts for what lies ahead.

Prayer allows us to release our burdens, express our gratitude, seek forgiveness, and ask for God's guidance in the new month.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Month's Blessings

Dear Lord, as this month comes to an end,
 I pause to reflect on Your goodness.
 Thank You for the gift of life, health, provision,
 and the many blessings seen and unseen.

I am grateful for Your mercy that sustained me
 and Your grace that carried me through every challenge.

Lord, may my gratitude be genuine and my praise unending.
 Help me to never take Your blessings for granted
 and to continually honour You with my life. Amen

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.

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



Organist required

Organist required for Barefield Church
Please contact Parish Office if interested
Tel. 065 6822225.

HSE Mid-West Community Healthcare are running the 'Living Well' Programme which is a free of charge group self-management programme for people with long term health conditions or their carers. The programme, which is run in a friendly and non-intrusive manner, addresses topics such as fatigue, sleep, pain, stress, physical activity, healthy eating, difficult emotions, low mood, depression and general wellbeing. It takes place over 6 weeks, 2.5 hours per week with up to 15 people on the programme. A programme will commence on Tuesday September 15th at Ennis Primary Care Centre at 10.30am and continues for 6 weeks, finishing on Tuesday October 20th.

Prior registration is necessary, numbers are limited. Call Frances at 086 2105721 or Philip at 087 1799396 to register or for more information.

Flute and Tin-Whistle Classes- resuming in Ennis from September. Contact Bríd for more information 0876217337. New students welcome. Group and individual classes available.

Please support Soroptimists Ireland Ennis and District fundraising Coffee Morning in Le Chéile Café, Barefield Sat. 5th September from 11am -1pm. This event is to raise funds to transport children from Ennis Special schools to enjoy Riding for the Disabled Association provided sessions. All donations welcome. For more info contact 086 6011971.

Dementia Cafe opening in Shannon Family Resource Centre on the 14th of September from 11am-1pm. All welcome.

Prayer for Family & Friends



Dear heavenly Father,
there are so many people in our lives
that we would like to remember in prayer.
You know the needs of our friends
and family members,
and You want to help us with those concerns.

We lift up their burdens to You today.
Please give them whatever they need to face this day.
Whether they are struggling in their health,
finances, jobs or relationships,
we ask that You will bless them in every way,
including helping them to draw close
to each other and closer to You.

We pray for a hedge of protection
around each one
that calls upon Your Name.
Almighty God, I pray that in all your goodness
you will bless my friends and family,
and keep them safe from harm.

Please let them be happy and healthy,
and give them the strength
to get through the difficult times.
I pray for those who are ill
that you will give them a speedy recovery,
so they can return to their lives, rejoicing.

Lord please help me get through
this trying time in my life,
so I can again have peace,
love and happiness in my life.

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Guard our home as well, God,
that no harm will fall on it as we are away.
May it continue to be a sanctuary
of blessing, comfort, and love
for each one of us.

Let it always be a restful place
for our tired bodies at the end of the day.

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto
Next weeks Jackpot €5,600
Winners of €50.00

Eamon Clohessy, Roslevan,
Tess Twomey, Roslevan,
Niamh Duggan Ballymacuigan,
Nora Meade c/o Hogans Shop



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

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, for
give 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 Jeremiah.

Jr 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord,
and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me:
you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and
proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my
heart, imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me
I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. For you my soul is thirsting,
O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
For you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
Like a dry, weary land without water. R

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
To see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
My lips will speak your praise. R

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
My mouth shall praise you with joy. R

For you have been my help;
in the shadows of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
Your right hand holds me fast. R

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

Rm 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and
worship him, I beg you, in a way that is
worthy of thinking beings, by offering
your living bodies as a holy sacrifice,
truly pleasing to God. Do not model
yourselves on the behaviour of the world
around you, but let your behaviour
change, modelled by your new mind.
This is the only way to discover the will
of God and know what is good, what it is
that God wants, what is the perfect thing
to do.

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 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his
disciples that he was destined to go to
Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the
hands of the elders and chief priests
and scribes, to be put to death and to be
raised up on the third day. Then, taking
him aside, Peter started to remonstrate
with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,'
he said. 'This must not happen to you.'

But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get
behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in
my path, because the way you think is not
God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone
wants to be a follower of mine, let him
renounce himself and take up his cross
and follow me. For anyone who wants to
save his life will lose it; but anyone who
loses his life for my sake will find it. What,
then, will a man gain if he wins the whole
world and ruins his life? Or what has a
man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in
the glory of his Father with his angels,
and, when he does, he will reward each
one according to his behaviour.'

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 peacemakers,
For they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted
For the sake of righteousness,
For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven