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DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

13 September 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Forgiveness is for Heroes**

Though centuries old, Portia's words to Shylock still speak with the eloquence of God, "The quality of mercy is not strained, it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It is twice blessed: it blesseth him that gives, and him that takes." Being "Twice Blessed" means not only embracing God's forgiveness, but it means becoming a forgiving child of God, too.

Forgiveness is for heroes, because true forgiveness takes great courage of heart. Thomas Kepler once wrote that "forgiveness is for heroes." Lawrence Stern, the eighteenth century novelist, wrote that "only the brave know how to forgive."

Only the brave know how to forgive, because forgiveness takes great courage when everyone around you is shouting for a "pound of flesh" and revenge. C. S. Lewis wrote that "everybody thinks forgiveness is a good idea until they have something serious to forgive."

For Dom Helder Camera, it's the slums of Brazil. For Mother Theresa it was the slums of Calcutta. For Jesus Christ it was all humanity mired down in the slum of its own sin on Calvary. As they taunted him and crucified him, I'm sure the disciples and others wondered why Jesus didn't retaliate. Whatever happened to good old divine retribution? Instead he hung there and took it. Why? Because long ago he figured out that God had stopped keeping score. If God has stopped keeping score on us, why are we still keeping score on those around us?

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 13th September, 2026

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Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

12th Sept: John & Eileen McCormack, Gaurus.
Josephine & Martin Horan, Castletown, Doora.
19th Sept: Ciaran Scanlon, Ballaghboy, Doora.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

13th Sept: Nellie, PJ & Jackie McCarthy.
John Joe, Martin, Tim & Agnes Kenny.
20th Sept: No intention booked.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

13th Sept: Tom Kelly & Brother Frank Kelly, Barefield.
Seamus O'Halloran, Carhudotia.
Thomas Droney, Ballyduff.
20th Sept: Rose Conlon, Ballymaconna.

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

Finance Development Fund

6th September, 2026
Barefield: €149: Doora: €114
Church of Our Lady: €203
Development: €1,476
Mile Buiochas

**"Be faithful in small things
because it is in them that your strength lies."**
— Mother Teresa



REST IN PEACE
Remember in your prayers



Brendan Hogan,
Templemaley & UK
Memorial Mass at Church of the
Immaculate Conception, Barefield
on Saturday 10th October at 11.30am
with internment of ashes thereafter
in Templemaley Graveyard.

Kathleen Geraghty,
Castleblakeney,
Ballinasloe, Galway,
Mother of Tom, Stonepark, Ballyalla.

*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:	HHerlihy/BBurke	Marie Moore
Doora:	Bernard Hallinan	Maria Garvey
Barefield:	EDroney/MHassett	Maeve O'Donnell

Next week:

COur Lady:	HHerlihy/BBurke	Dan Lenihan
Doora:	Mary Barry	Olivia O'Connor
Barefield:	CLeamy/MRowland	Tommy Duggan

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector
12th Sept & 19th James Reynolds & Joan O'Connor

Doora Sacristan Rota
13th September: Margaret Hosty: 20th Sept: Cora Burke

Annual Graveyard Masses Remembering our Beloved Dead

Monday 14th September 7pm	Killabella Graveyard
Tuesday 15th September 7pm	Bunnow Graveyard

Synodality: Walking Together as a Church

The word Synodality may sound complicated, but its meaning is quite simple: **walking together**.

For the Church in Ireland, synodality is an invitation to listen to one another, to listen to the Holy Spirit, and to ask where God is leading us at this particular moment in the life of the Church. Through our Baptism, we are all part of God's family, and everyone has gifts and experiences that can enrich our Christian community.

The Irish Church is changing. We have fewer priests, changing patterns of Mass attendance, and many people—especially younger generations—who feel less connected to the Church. But this can also be a time of opportunity and renewal. Rather than simply asking how we can preserve the past, synodality encourages us to ask: **What is God calling us to become?**

It is about listening, sharing, praying and discerning together. It invites us to build parish communities that are welcoming, caring, prayerful and open to the gifts of everyone. To help us reflect on what synodality might mean for our own parish and where the Spirit may be leading us, **you are warmly invited to two evenings of discussion** in the Parish Centre at Ennis Cathedral on **Saturday, September 26th, and Saturday, October 24th.**

Come along, listen, share your thoughts and join the conversation. **Everyone is welcome.**

Together, let us ask where God is calling our parish—and trust that Christ walks with us on the journey.



Culture Night - Doora Barefield Comhaltas
Seisiún at Fahy Hall for Culture Night on Friday 18th
September 7.30pm Cupán tae. Beidh fáilte roimh gach
duine.

Cahercalla Community Care & Ennis RFC
Free Family Fun Day

Cahercalla Community Care & Ennis RFC Free Family Fun Day on Saturday 19th September at Ennis Rugby Club. 10am start. All welcome. See Ireland's Fittest Family Live with Davy Fitzgerald. Free Entry. No tickets required. No fitness required to watch!! All proceeds to Cahercalla Community Care and Ennis RFC.



The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. As a volunteer driver you would be bringing patients undergoing

chemotherapy to the hospital and back home for their treatment. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment.

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

The feedback we receive from patients who have relied on the Transport Service in the past is heart-warming and underlines the need of its existence. We would be extremely grateful for your support, as it will help us to continue supporting those who are impacted by cancer.

Please support Clare's Alzheimer's Memory Walk, taking place on Sunday 20th September in Lee's Road, Ennis at 11am. Meeting beside the entrance to the children's playground. Registration online at www.memorywalk.ie or on the day from 10.30 am. Two routes, 1.3km and 5km. Face painting for kids and refreshments. Dogs welcome.

Golf Classic in support of Clarecastle Day Care Centre

Friday September 25th at Woodstock Golf Club, Ennis. Fantastic Prizes, Team of 4 €120. Please support this very worthy cause. Enquiries and to reserve your tee time please call Woodstock Golf Shop at 065 6829463.

Doora National School - Cleaner Wanted

13-15 hours per week; Rate €15 to €17 per week depending on experience. General daily and weekly cleaning of floors, toilets, desks etc.

To apply email office@doorans.com - include CV & details of experience and your contact details. Must be available for immediate start.



Doora Barefield GAA Lotto
Next weeks Jackpot €6,000
 Winners of €50.00



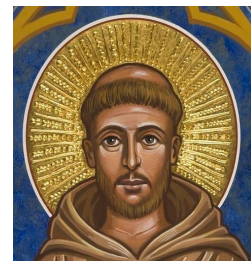
Jerry Clancy, Doora, Michelle & Aisling McMahon, Doora, Aoife Breslin, Doora, Laura Garvey Daly, Lahinch
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Accord Marriage Preparation Programmes

Are you getting married in 2027? Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service provides Marriage Preparation Programmes for couples choosing to get married in the Catholic Church. Places are filling quickly so book today for courses in Ennis or Nenagh at www.accord.ie

Jubilee Year of St. Francis 1226 – 2026

Franciscan Family Gathering on Sat. 26th Sept. at the Franciscan Friary Multyfarnham, Co. Westmeath N91 Y540 from 11am to 4pm with Mass at 3pm. Individuals and communities welcome. To register by 21st September contact francis.cotter@franciscans.ie or text 086 0235999.



Poor Clares Galway Monastic Experience Day



An opportunity to experience and learn more about the Poor Clare way of life for women aged 18-35 years on Saturday 19th September from 10am to 5pm.

For more information contact events@poorclares.ie. X, YouTube, FB poorclares.ie

Ennis Flower and Garden Club

Ennis Flower and Garden Club present Bernie Dunphy for a floral demonstration on Tuesday September 15th, at Treacys' West County Hotel. Doors open at 7.30pm and demonstration commences at 8.15pm sharp, €10 non members. All welcome. Demonstrators arrangements raffled on the night, contact ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**Give peace, O Lord,
to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.**

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 Ecclesiastics.

Si 27:30 - 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the
vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If
a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the
Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh,
he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him
his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death,
and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not
bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the
covenant of the Most High, and overlook the
offence.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

**R. The Lord is compassion and love,
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my
being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord and
never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who
heals everyone of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion. **R**

His wrath will come to an end; he will not
be angry for ever. He does not treat us
according to our sins nor repay us
according to our faults. **R**

For as the heavens are high above the
earth so strong is his love for those who
fear him.

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **R**

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

Rom 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its
influence on others; if we live, we live for
the Lord; and if we die, we die for the
Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to
the Lord. This explains why Christ both
died and came to life, it was so that he
might be the Lord both of the dead and
of the living.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Speak, Lord, your servant is
listening: You have the message of
eternal life. Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord,
how often must I forgive my brother if he
wrong me? As often as seven times?'
Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you,
but seventy seven times'.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who decided to
settle his accounts with his servants.
When the reckoning began, they
brought him a man who owed ten
thousand talents; but he had no means
of paying, so his master gave orders
that he should be sold, together with his
wife and children and all his
possessions, to meet the debt. At this,
the servant threw himself down at his

master's feet. "Give me time", he said "and
I will pay the whole sum." And the
servant's master felt so sorry for him that
he let him go and cancelled the debt.
Now as this servant went out, he
happened to meet a fellow servant who
owed him one hundred denarii; and he
seized him by the throat and began to
throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he
said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and
implored him, saying, "Give me time and I
will pay you." But the other would not
agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown
into prison till he should pay the debt. His
fellow servants were deeply distressed
when they saw what had happened, and
they went to their master and reported the
whole affair to him. Then the master sent
for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I
cancelled all that debt of yours when you
appealed to me. Were you not bound,
then, to have pity on your fellow servant
just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger
the master handed him over to the
torturers till he should pay all his debt. And
that is how my heavenly Father will deal
with you unless you each forgive your
brother from your heart.'

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

**How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the
shadow of your wings.**