



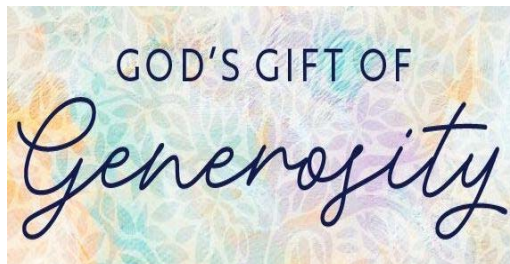
YEAR A

DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

20 September 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



One of the most striking things about the parable in the Gospel reading is the landowner's relentlessness in pursuing labourers, his willingness to hire the ones that others overlooked or did not want, and his payment of a full day's wage.

Jesus tells us that the kingdom of heaven is like this landowner. God takes the initiative in seeking us out. Choosing us despite our weakness and generously giving himself to us. God invites us to work for his kingdom each and every day. Each has a special role to play.

Work done by a parent in the home, for example, is real work even if it's unpaid. So too is work done when people help their neighbours or take an active part in local community organisations.

Gaelic footballers/ camogie players / hurlers work very hard for many years to get themselves into a County, Provincial or All-Ireland Final. There are many other examples of real work that are not paid employment that could be cited here.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story of the workers in the vineyard. In this story we can see how people's attitude towards payment for their work changed as people who worked shorter hours received the same remuneration. This story challenges us to reflect on our attitudes towards paid employment.

The Gospel challenges us to reflect on our understanding of what work really is. Meaningful work is very important for everyone. It plays a huge role in defining how people engage in shaping the world in which they live. People need meaningful work. It contributes to developing one's skills, one's sense of self-worth and so much more. Work is anything that contributes to one's own development, the development of community or the wider society. Society ignores the value of such work at its peril.

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 20th September, 2026

Contact Fr. Pat Malone - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

19th Sept: Ciaran Scanlon, Ballaghboy, Doora.
 21st Sept: Liz Studgeon (nee O'Donohue),
 Florida & Corofin. **MM.**
 26th Sept: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

20th Sept: No intention booked.
 27th Sept: No intention booked.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

20th Sept: Rose Conlon, Ballymaconna.
 27th Sept: Baby Charlie Alain Patrick Gaulier, Ballyduff.
1st Anniv.
 Noel Purcell, Oakleigh Wood & Ballyduff, Barefield

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

Finance Development Fund

13th September, 2026

Barefield: €106; Doora: €72

Church of Our Lady: €204; Development: €1,046
Míle Buíochas

Ten Years of Episcopal Leadership



On Friday next 25th September, we join the Diocese of Killaloe in wishing Bishop Fintan Monahan a very happy 10th anniversary of his episcopal ministry. Bishop Fintan was ordained Bishop of Killaloe in the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul Ennis on Sunday 25th September 2016.

We give thanks for ten years of dedicated service, steadfast faith and compassionate leadership, and we pray that the Lord will continue to bless Bishop Fintan as he shepherds the people of Killaloe Diocese with grace and wisdom. May St Flannan's and St Senan continue to bless and guide him in his ministry.



REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

Angela Dennehy

Maynooth, Kildare & Salthill, Galway,
 Sister of Carmel Warner,
 Girroga Heights, Gort Road.

*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	Dan Lenihan
Doora:	Mary Barry	Olivia O'Connor
Barefield:	CLeamy/MRowland	Tommy Duggan

Nest Week:

COur Lady:	HHerlihy/BBurke	Dan Lenihan
Doora:	Anne Marie Custy	Michael Cusack
Barefield:	MO'Loughlin/BGalvin	Michael Clohessy

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

19th Sept: James Reynolds & Joan O'Connor
 26th Sept: Paddy Perrill & Harold Herlihy

Doora Sacristan Rota

20th Sept: Cora Burke; 27th Sep: Seamus Enright

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 sessions** in the Parish Centre at Ennis Cathedral on **Saturday, September 26th from 10am - 1pm** and **Saturday, October 24th, 10am - 1pm.**

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.

St Faustina Weekend will take place in St Mary's Church, Convoys Co Donegal F93FX66 on 3 and 4 October. It will consist of prayer and reflection on Divine Mercy Devotions.

Led by Fr Eamonn Kelly, the weekend will invite all to come to know the Person of Divine Mercy. You are invited to come to all or part of the weekend

Peer Led Wellness Café

Drop in for social connection at peer led café in Glór. Supportive space to meet others. Every Monday except Bank Holidays 10.30am to 12 noon. More info from Rosemary 087 6560854

Learn the Brush Dance!

Learn the Brush Dance & other dances. Great exercise. No experience necessary Every Tuesday in Cois na hAbhna, Ennis 11am -12 noon. €5. Contact Mary 0877530235

Golf Classic for Clarecastle Day Care Centre

Golf Classic in support of Clarecastle Day Care Centre Friday September 25th at Woodstock Golf Club. 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

Clare's Alzheimer's Memory Walk



Please support Clare's Alzheimer's Memory Walk, taking place this Sunday 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.

GRATITUDE

Turns what we have into
Enough, and more.
It turns denial into acceptance,
Chaos into order, confusion into clarity,
It makes sense of our past,
Brings peace for today,
And creates a vision for tomorrow.
Melody Beattie

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto
Next weeks Jackpot €6,200
Winners of €50.00



Helen Clancy,
Liam Doyle, Bodyke,
Fintan Lahiffe, Barefield,
Raymond Power, Knockanean

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Prayer for Our World



Heavenly Father,
We seek Your guidance in healing our planet.
Help us to address the damage we have caused,
to restore habitats,
and to protect endangered species.

May our actions reflect our responsibility
as stewards of Your creation.
Lord, awaken us to the realities
of climate change.

Inspire leaders and individuals alike
to take meaningful action
to combat this global challenge.
May we work together to create a safer,
more resilient world for future generations.

Vacancy: Executive Director, Accord CLG



Accord CLG is the national agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland, providing marriage preparation, relationship counselling and relationship education services across 25 counties.

We are currently recruiting for the position of Executive Director. For further information and applications contact Forvis Mazars execrecruit@mazars.ie, +353 (1) 4494400.

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

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

**I am the salvation of the people,
says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them,
and I will be their Lord for ever.**

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 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call
to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man
abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let
him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on
him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my
thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not
your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the
heavens are as high above earth as my ways
are above your ways, my thoughts above your
thoughts.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R: The Lord is close to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
And praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
His greatness cannot be measured.

R.

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

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians. Ph 1:20-24.27

Christ will be glorified in my body,
whether by my life or by my death. Life
to me, of course, is Christ, but then
death would bring me something more;
but then again, if living in this body
means doing work which is having good
results - I do not know what I should
choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I
want to be gone and be with Christ,
which would be very much the better,
but for me to stay alive in this body is a
more urgent need for your sake.
Avoid anything in your everyday lives
that would be unworthy of the gospel of
Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King

Peace in heaven

And glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The
kingdom of heaven is like a landowner
going out at daybreak to hire workers for
his vineyard. He made an agreement
with the workers for one denarius a day,
and sent them to his vineyard. Going out
at about the third hour he saw others
standing idle in the market place and
said to them, "You go to my vineyard too
and I will give you a fair wage." So they
went. At about the sixth hour and again
at about the ninth hour, he went out and
did the same. Then at about the
eleventh hour he went out and found
more men standing round, and he said
to them, "Why have you been standing
here idle all day?" "Because no one has
hired us" they answered. He said to
them, "You go into my vineyard too." In
the evening, the owner of the vineyard

said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and
pay them their wages, starting with the last
arrivals and ending with the first." So those
who were hired at about the eleventh hour
came forward and received one denarius
each. When the first came, they expected
to get more, but they too received one
denarius each. They took it, but grumbled
at the landowner. "The men who came
last" they said "have done only one hour,
and you have treated them the same as us
though we have done a heavy day's work
in all the heat." He answered one of
them and said, "My friend, I am not being
unjust to you; did we not agree on one
denarius? Take your earnings and go. I
choose to pay the last-comer as much
as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I
like with my own? Why be envious
because I am generous?"
Thus the last will be first and the first, last.

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 Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.**