DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

YEAR A | **NEWSLETTER** | **27 September 2026**

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Actions Speak Louder than Words - Prayer Grounded in Honesty & Integrity

The regular scene in the Gospel of the vineyard situates this conversation between Jesus and the religious leaders of Jerusalem who had been very suspect of Jesus' predecessor John the Baptist who had been popular among many. Tax Collector and prostitutes had responded to John's call to repentance. So when asked by Jesus to decide between the two sons in his parable….

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said , "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ""I go, sir", but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said , "The first". (Matthew 21:28-32). It seems they fell straight into the trap Jesus had laid for them.

Their self righteousness was a regular target for Jesus who was clear what he wanted was mercy nor sacrifice (Matthew 9:13).

Their apparent piety was rarely matched by their actions and judgments that were meant to flow from such an informed religious position. If asked of us, not our neighbour, not someone regarded as 'holy' …US…..what might our answer have been if asked by Jesus before we see his response. 'Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

For John come to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him." (Matthew 21:28-32 cont.)

When we say "YES" in our "AMEN" and receive Jesus in this "HOLY COMMUNION" are we prepared to have our moment of reflection in a given day realising we may falter with many moments of "NO" in a given day that may need a Gospel recalibration and renew our YES, to go into the "Vineyard" of our day trusting we will be accompanied by Jesus as we respond to his call to go into his vineyard.

Lord help me believe that nothing will happen me today that you and I can's handle together.

Mass Times

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan
Daily Mass Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9.30am
Saturday Vigil Mass: 6pm

St. Brecan's Church, Doora
Sunday: 9.45am

Immaculate Conception, Barefield
Sunday 11.15am
Tuesday 9.30am

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Priest on Duty 27th September, 2026
Contact Fr. - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

26th Sept: No intention booked.
3rd Oct: Mary Hopkins, Oakleigh Wood, Tulla Rd.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

27th Sept: No intention booked.
4th Oct: No intention booked.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

27th Sept: Baby Charlie Alain Patrick Gaulier, Ballyduff. 1st Anniv.
Noel Purcell, Oakleigh Wood & Ballyduff.
4th Oct: Margaret Hassett, Ballycarroll;
O'Shaughnessy Family, Knockaclara.
Mary McNamara, Ballymaley.

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

Finance Development Fund

20th September, 2026
Barefield: €121; Doora: €110
Church of Our Lady: €206
Development: €1,017

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PRIESTS' OCTOBER COLLECTION

Priests' October Collection takes place next weekend 3rd & 4th October. Envelope in parish donation box or available in porches of our three churches
You can also donate on line on

www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/donate using the Priests Collections tab or by scanning the QR code.

Many thanks to all for your continued generosity to our parish.

"Creation is the order of love.
God's love is the fundamental moving force
in all created things."
Laudato Si

REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

Joe O'Neill,
Fort Aengus, Roslevan, Ennis.

Solas na bhflaitheas ar a anam uasal

Ministers of Eucharist & Readers

This week:

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

Nest Week:

C Our Lady:	SGarvey/PMockler	James O'Connor
Doora:	Patricia Hassett	Patricia Clune
Barefield:	Mclohessy/CDeloughery	David Culligan

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector
26th Sept: & 3rd Oct: Paddy Perrill & Harold Herlihy

Doora Sacristan Rota
27th Sep: Seamus Enright
4th Oct: Teresa Hallinan

Farewell September

Dear Lord, as September draws to a close,
I pause to thank You
for the blessings, lessons,
and moments this month has carried.

For the days of sunshine and the days of rain,
for the laughter shared and the quiet reflections,
I am grateful.

I release any burdens I carried through these weeks,
trusting that You will turn them into wisdom and strength.
I carry forward the joy, the growth, and the peace
You have planted in my heart.

Bless the days ahead, and may the seeds sown in September
bear fruit in the months to come.
Guide my steps into October with hope, courage,
and a spirit ready for new beginnings.

FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday Mass at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield on Friday 3rd October at 7pm.

If you or someone you know would like a First Friday call please contact Fr. Tom or the Parish Office with details.

MAKE BAREFIELD BLOOM

Barefield Tidy Towns Group is looking for new members and are doing a clean up in the village on Saturday 3rd October at 3pm for 45 minutes, followed by tea and coffee for volunteers in Hassett's bar. Children are welcome to come along and help. Meeting point is Clare Crusaders at 3pm. Come one, come all.

St Flannan's College Night Classes and Saturday Workshops for Adults will resume on Wednesday 7th October. Classes include: Beekeeping, Creative Short Fiction, Cross-stitching, Stained Glass, Memoir Writing, Copper Jewellery, Drawing and Painting, Cake Decorating, QiGong, Clare Embroidery, Papermaking & Book-Binding and Felting.
Text/phone 083 1090039 for further details and bookings

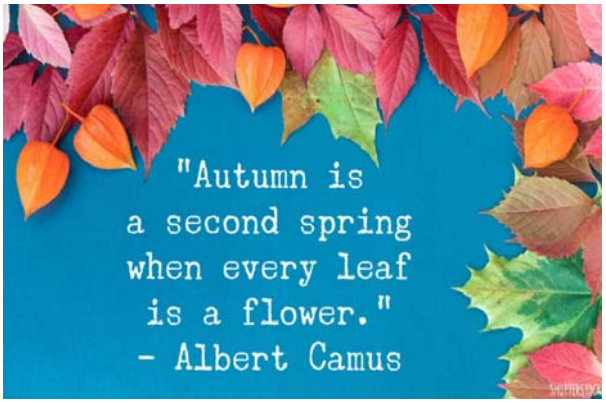
Glenstal Abbey Retreats

Mystagogy of the Forest with Fr Anthony Keane OSB. Discover the buried treasure of your inner self in the woods of Glenstal Abbey. Surrounded by ancient trees that have stood in praise of the Creator for generations, you are invited to step into the quiet, explore creation, and reconnect with your soul.
24th October Saturday, 10am – 4.30pm
Email: events@glenstal.com €90 (Lunch included)
Dying to Live - October 31st What matters most? What keeps us from becoming fully alive? What does it actually mean to live well? Saint Benedict offered a surprising tool for finding peace, purpose, and profound joy 31st October Saturday, 10am-4.30pm
Email: events@glenstal.com €90 (Lunch included)

Irish Girl Guides - Ladybirds

Ladybirds open to all girls aged 5 to 7 years.
Location: Room upstairs in Scout hall.
Time: 6pm to 7pm.
Ladybirds have a few spaces available for this term.
Please contact Sarah-Kate 0857409943 if interested.

Autumn Prayer



Gracious and loving Lord,
Thank you for the seasons
we can count on, find routine in,
and that will never cease while the earth remains.
As we enter into autumn,
when the cooler winds drift in
and the days grow shorter,
draw us closer to you.
Let us feel your warm and loving presence.
May we imagine ourselves in your arms,
close to your heart,
surrounded by your light,
and find comfort in your consistency
when the world around us
seems to be constantly changing.
Thank you for your loving kindness that engulfs us
and your light that drives the darkness away.
We praise you for being a God who loves
us and takes care of us.
We are grateful you are with us
in all circumstances and seasons. Amen.

History Week at Clare Libraries

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Libraries

History Week at Clare Libraries will take place from 3-10 October with lunchtime lectures in Ennis Library, a *Women of Clare* exhibition and a walking tour of Ennis.

Contact history@clarecoco.ie or 065 6891317 for details.
All events are free of charge.

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot €6,200

Winners of €50.00
Alan O'Neill Knockanean,
Anne Whelan Ballybeg,
Sean Flynn Ballyalla,
Stacey Noonan Roslevan
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon
All that you have done to us, O Lord,
You have done with true judgement,
For we have sinned against you
And not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
And deal with us according
to the bounty of your mercy.

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 Ezekiel.
Ezk 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die'.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm
Response
Remember your mercy, Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth,
and teach me:
For you are God my saviour. R

Remember your mercy, Lord,
And the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me,
Because of your goodness, O Lord. R

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path he teaches his way to the poor. R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians. Ph 2:1-11
If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than your self, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
If anyone loves me
he will keep my word,
And my Father will love him,
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Mt 21:28-32
Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today."
He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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 an 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
Remember your word to your servant,
O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort
when I am brought low