DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

YEAR A | **NEWSLETTER** | **6 September 2026**

Twentiy-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. [...] Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing." (Ezek 47:9,12)

This year's **theme, "Living Water",** explores Ezekiel 47:9 and 12 as a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole creation. The context of this text is one of political, social, theological and national catastrophe.

Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

A BLESSING FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

May the God who sprung water from a rock, quenching the thirst of those who wandered in fear, spare us from the drought of a senseless life.
May the God who flows from the wells of salvation, and who is Living Water to the foreigner, the stranger, and the unknown, keep us in peace.
May the God who rolls on like a river, changing the course of the world with streams of righteousness that guide the Church's vessel in this world, empower us to work for transformation.
And may the blessing of our merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, keep us and preserve us in eternal life.
Amen.

Season of Creation
1st September - 4th October

Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

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 6th September, 2026
Contact Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

5th Sept: No intention booked.
12th Sept: John & Eileen McCormack, Gaurus.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

6th Sept: Seán Grogan, Corebeg & his Grandson
Seán Óg Grogan Tran, USA
13th Sept: No intention booked.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

6th Sept: Seán & Evelyn Griffin, Ballyalla.
Niamh Collins, Ballymaconna.
Thomas Hogan, Caherina.
Flan Moroney, Drumgloon.
13th Sept: Tom Kelly & Brother Frank Kelly, Barefield.
Seamus O'Halloran, Carhudotia.
Thomas Droney, Ballyduff.

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

Finance Development Fund

30th August
Barefield: €127
Doora: €107
Church of Our Lady: €325
Development: €1,044

Míle Buiochas

Organist required

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

'Kind words can be short and easy to speak,
but their echoes are endless –
echoing like birdsong in the woods.'
Mother Teresa

REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

Jim Lyons,
(Séamas O'Liatháin)
Ballaghboy, Quin Road,
Ennis & Westport, Co. Mayo.

Vincent Brohan
Ballytigue, Ruan,
father of Damien Brohan,
Cloonteen, Ballyalla.

Ministers of Eucharist & Readers

This week:

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

Next week:

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

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector
5th Sept Michael Williams & Paul Mockler
12th Sept: James Reynolds & Joan O'Connor.

Doora Sacristan Rota
6th September: Mary Enright
13th September: Margaret Hosty

The theme for the Season of Creation 2026 is "Living Water," inspired by the biblical text Ezekiel 47:9-12.

This theme reflects the vision of water flowing from God's sanctuary, bringing life and restoration to ecosystems and communities.

The season is an opportunity for Christians to renew their relationship with their Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment. Activities include prayer, worship, community action, education, and advocacy.

The official symbol for 2026 is "Immersion in Living Water," representing both spiritual reflection and ecological awareness. The season concludes on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on 4th October which is recognised as the World Day of Prayer for Creation

Creator of all life,
You gift us with living water
that renews the earth
and sustains every creature.
Open our hearts to cherish
and protect this precious gift
so rivers may flow clean,
fields may flourish,
and all beings may share in Your abundance.
Amen

Ennis Active Retirement will resume on Tuesday 8th September at 11am in the Scout Hall.
Please note no parking at Scout Hall or Cathedral. All welcome.

Help Us Find Clare's Recorded Voices!
Clare County Council's Heritage Office, with Mac Conmara Heritage and the Heritage Council, is undertaking a county-wide audit of recorded memories, oral history and folklore relating to Clare.
We are particularly interested in recordings that may be held privately, old cassettes, reel-to-reel tapes, CDs or digital recordings of any subject related to the county.
If you know of material that may be relevant, please contact: macconmaraheritage@gmail.com or ring 086 2747230

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or email mariek@employabilityclare.ie
Website: www.employabilityclare.ie

Evelyn MacMahon School of Speech & Drama
Classes resuming. Classes available for primary and secondary pupils. For further info: Tel: Evelyn Mac Mahon 085 1884158

Doora Barefield Parent & Toddler Group Re-Opens!!

The Parent & Toddler Group re-opens at Fahy Hall on Tuesday 7th September 10am to 12 noon. Parents, Grandparents & Child Minders very welcome.

Clare Youth Service CTC are NOW recruiting for Leaving Cert Applied and QQI Level 3 Education Programmes. Drop in to the centre on Kilrush Road for an application form. Age 16 to 19 years, training allowances apply.

Chair exercise for over 60's Classes resume Wednesday 9th September, Kincora Park 11am -12 noon & Cloughleigh Community Centre 12.30 -1.30 Contact Trish for more information 086 850 7227

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary
This Sisters of the Franciscan Missionaries wish to thank all who supported their Mission Appeal at masses in the Cathedral last weekend. €1,998.24 was raised for their missionary work.

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

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

Always Remember…….

Always Remember

One song can spark a moment;
One flower can wake the dream.
One tree can start a forest, One bird can herald spring.
One smile begins a friendship, One handclasp lifts a soul.
One star can guide a ship at sea, One vote can change a nation.

One sunbeam lights a room. One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom. One step must start each journey;
One word must start each prayer. One hope will raise our spirits;
One touch can show you care. One voice can speak with wisdom.

One heart can know what's true. One life can make the difference;
You see it's up to You! Amen.

Shawnee Kelli

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto
Next weeks Jackpot €5,800
Winners of €50.00
Amy Duggan, Ballymaquigan,
Ronan Lambe,
Kenneth Kennedy, Drim,
Steve Lahiffe, Barefield
Thank you for your support

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon
You are just, O Lord,
and your judgment is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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 Ezekiel
Ezk 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm
R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. R

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. R

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me,
though they saw my work.' R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans. Rm 13:8-10
Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour, that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 18:15-20
Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or tax collector.
'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you lose on earth shall be considered lost in heaven.
'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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
Like the deer that yearns
for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you,
my God; my soul is thirsting for God,
the living God.