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# DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

## NEWSLETTER

11th October 2026

### Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Prisoners' Sunday

#### PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST

Matthew 22:14-17



The king in this story is certainly not like the God of love and mercy that we are led to believe in by Jesus himself in much of his teaching. So, to understand this Gospel means we must be prepared to dive deeper into them. Could it be that those invited did not come to the banquet as a sign of protest? That they did not drop everything and go because the promises of the king were false, or because in this king's reign there was no justice, or because the poor were left in their poverty. Maybe they did not go to celebrate with the king because the king was not worthy of the title?

Certainly, some people who live in oppressive regimes wind up behaving in ways which are otherwise reprehensible simply because they feel they have no other choice. And it is worth noting that not everyone behaved in this way and yet the king, in his vengeful ways, not only punishes the 'murderers,' but everyone else who called that city home.

I wonder if Jesus would have found himself to be the one who would not pretend to honour a tyrant king by putting on that wedding robe — who on behalf of all of us was thrown into the outer darkness where there was weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The kingdom of heaven is surely a place of equality and justice – but if those who seek to lead and fill it do not act out of love, then which is right, to bow down to them or to refuse to play along. More than ever, the question is for you – how do you understand this parable and why do you take that view?

#### 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

[www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam](http://www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam)

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# Priest on Duty 11th October, 2026

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### Remembered in Masses this week

#### CHURCH OF OUR LADY

**10th Oct** Ann O'Looney, Kilfenora & Roslevan. **1st Anniv.**  
Carmel Collins, Roslevan.  
**17th Oct:** Mary O'Dea, Creggaun

#### ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

**11th Oct:** John Cleary, College Rd.  
**18th Oct:** Jim Lyons, Ballaghboy, Quin Rd. **MM**  
Mike Cullinan, Knockanean, Tulla Rd. **1st Anniv.**

#### CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

**11th Oct:** Anthony Griffin, Cappamore. **1st Anniv.**  
Sally McNamara, Drumquin.  
Marcella McNamara, Ballyogan.  
**18th Oct:** Tommy Malone, Old Military Barracks, Kilrush Rd.  
& Parnell St., Ennis. **1st Anniv.**  
Pappy & Delia Hogan, Templemaley.  
Gerard Deloughery, Ballyalla.

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

#### Finance Development Fund

**4th October, 2026**

Barefield: €91

Doora: €123

Church of Our Lady: €206

Development: €569

*Mile Buiochas*

#### THANK YOU PRIESTS' OCTOBER COLLECTION

Thanks to all who contributed to the Priests' October Collection. If you were away or overlooked same, you can still contribute by using your envelope or envelope from Church porch. You can donate online on our parish website

[www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/donate](http://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.**

*In the entire circle of the year  
there are no days so delightful  
as those of a fine October.*



### Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



#### This week:

|             |                    |                |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------|
| C Our Lady: | SGarvey/PMockler   | James O'Connor |
| Doora:      | Marie Flanagan     | Mary Corry     |
| Barefield:  | MWhyte/John Devitt | Bernard Casey  |

#### Next Week:

|             |                    |                        |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| C Our Lady: | SGarvey/PMockler   | Maria O'Driscoll       |
| Doora:      | Seán Conlan        | Bernadette Fitzpatrick |
| Barefield:  | NKennedy/LCorcoran | Tara Donnellan         |

**Church of Our Lady Basket Collector**  
10th Oct & 17th Oct: Dan Lenihan & Tom Heath

#### Doora Sacristan Rota

11th Oct: Patricia Hassett

18th Oct: Anne Marie Custy

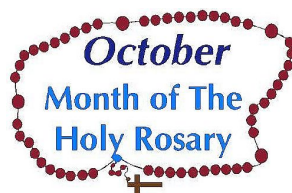
### Tax Back Scheme for Eligible Charities



Our Parish is an Eligible Charity within above Scheme. All donations of €250 and over from both PAYE Tax Payers and Self-employed Persons qualify for a Tax Refund of 31%. This Tax Refund can now only be claimed by a qualifying Charity. A Tax claim form was completed by many eligible Parishioners and this form extends for a five year period.

We have now sent out a Tax Claim form to all parishioners who are eligible this year or may not have returned the completed form in previous years. **We would urge you to return it before the 30th October deadline.**

We sincerely thank all of you, our Parishioners, for your continued generous donations to our Parish and your diligent completion of the necessary forms to enable us reclaim this Tax which now forms a very important part of our annual income.



**The Rosary is recited in St. Breacan's Church, Doora every Sunday morning at 8.45am for October, Month of Holy Rosary.**

**All welcome**

# PLEASE NOTE

Please note there will be no daily Mass in the parish next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 12th, 13th and 14th October as Fr. Tom will be attending an In Service for Priests in Loughrea.

Morning mass as usual on Thursday and Friday of next week.

There are masses in the Cathedral at 7.40am and 7.30pm and 10am in the Friary on next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

## World Mission Sunday next Sunday 18th October

Collection at all Masses next weekend for World Mission Sunday. You can also donate on line. Envelopes in your donation box and in porch of church. Thank you for your generosity.



**Abbey Pastoral Area Blessing the Gift of New Life for Expectant Parents at SS Peter & Paul's Church, Clarecastle at 7pm on Tuesday 20th October next. All welcome**



**Congratulations and well done to all students who received their Junior Certificate results recently.**

## Creating a Safe Parish



A safe parish is one where children and young people are cherished, listened to and protected.

Our safeguarding policies, training and procedures help us to provide safe environments for everyone involved in parish activities.

We are grateful to our Parish Safeguarding Representatives, clergy, staff and volunteers for their continued commitment to this important work.

**Grow Mental Health-** Friendly Community based peer support groups for anyone experiencing mental health issues through 12 Step Program of connection, hope, identity by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing and personal growth.

Ennis Meeting- Maria Assumpta Hall. Monday 7.30pm/Tuesday 2pm. Contact Celia 086-1526966/Www.grow.ie

## Prayer for the Sick



O God bless our sick this night  
Help them to relax in mind and body.  
Take from them the tensions that make rest impossible.  
Take from them the worries which fill their minds with thoughts which destroy their sleep.

Take from them the fears that come their way when day is over and there is too much time to think.

Help the sick this night to cast their cares upon you that they may feel your protection throughout the night.

Help them to sleep this night not just the sleep of tiredness but the sleep of peace  
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.



**Doora Barefield GAA Lotto**  
**Next weeks Jackpot €6,800**

Winners of €50.00

Sean Meaney Barefield,  
Donal Cahill Barefield,  
Leo Duggan Barefield,  
Michelle Hassett

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



## Prayer for Prisoners



We pray your grace Lord Jesus for prisoners, and their families who walk their sentence with their loved ones.

We pray you healing Lord for the trauma that has caused them to hurt themselves, their families, and their victims

We pray they will turn to You and begin their journey of recovery, finding compassionate support in our Christian society  
Jesus we trust in you.

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?

But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of 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 prophet Isaiah.

**Is 25:6-10**

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,  
of food rich and juicy,  
of fine strained wines.  
On this mountain He will remove the mourning  
veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
He will destroy Death for ever.  
The Lord will wipe away the tears from every  
cheek; he will take away his peoples shame  
everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.  
That day, it will be said:  
See, this is our God in whom we hoped for  
salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice  
that he has saved us;  
for the hand of the Lord  
rests on this mountain.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. In the Lord's own house shall I  
dwell for ever and ever.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
There is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
Where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
To revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;  
He is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
No evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook  
and your staff;  
With these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
In the sight of my foes  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
My cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness  
shall follow me  
All the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
For ever and ever. **R**

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

**Ph 4:12-14.19-20**

I know how to be poor and I know how  
to be rich too. I have been through my  
initiation and now I am ready for  
anything anywhere: full stomach or  
empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There  
is nothing I cannot master with the help  
of the One who gives me strength. All  
the same, it was good of you to share  
with me in my hardships. In return my  
God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ  
Jesus, as lavishly as only God can.  
Glory to God, our Father, for ever and  
ever. **Amen.**

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Word was made flesh  
and lived among us;**

**To all who did accept him**

**He gave power to become children of  
God. Alleluia!**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Mt 22:1-14**

Jesus said to the chief priests and  
elders of the people: 'The kingdom of  
heaven may be compared to a king who  
gave a feast for his son's wedding. He

sent his servants to call those who had  
been invited, but they would not come.  
Next he sent some more servants. "Tell  
those who have been invited he said "that  
I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen  
and fattened cattle have been slaughtered,  
everything is ready. Come to the  
wedding." But they were not interested:  
one went off to his farm, another to his  
business, and the rest seized his servants,  
maltreated them and killed them. The king  
was furious. He despatched his troops,  
destroyed those murderers and burnt their  
town. Then he said to his servants, "The  
wedding is ready; but as those who were  
invited proved to be unworthy, go to the  
cross-roads in the town and invite  
everyone you can find to the wedding." So  
these servants went out onto the roads  
and collected together everyone they  
could find, bad and good alike; and the  
wedding hall was filled with guests.

## 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

**The rich suffer want and go hungry  
But those who seek the Lord  
lack no blessing**