DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

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ALL SAINTS' DAY

Feast of all Saints – Deferring fleeting wins for an eternal reward



There is a story told of a young family in a supermarket doing their weekly shop. As they come to the till their children spots the strategically placed sweets just where they joined the que. And so begins the stream of "I want, "can I have", "please, please, please." The young children know no better. If there are sweets, they need to be eaten right now. But their parents have another idea. Yes, you can have a packed of sweets, but you won't eat them until after your dinner. They are teaching their child the value of delayed gratification. We put off the reward for a later time when it will mean so much more and be a real and richer reward. We postpone short term gains that rob us of something much more valuable.

These are not easy learnt lessons but lessons the child will need to learn as they try and navigate a world that prizes instant gratification. How else will training before the match make any sense. Or practicing a musical instrument before being able to play be wort it. In life we must wait. Life, love and faith rarely rewards us instantly. They take time to mature and grow. But for those who wait and persevere, they experience something that the impatient or rash miss out on.

This is the "they shall be" that Jesus speaks of in our Gospel. Realising the rewards of faith takes time. Striving for peace takes time, effort and the ability to endure many failures. Justice and peace rarely come quickly. They can take years to achieve and many more years to establish themselves. It can take time before we allow mercy to touch our hearts in a way that changes us so that we can gift mercy to another. And for those of us who have had reason to mourn, we know all too well that it takes time before we can begin to glimpse new life and new hope in our hearts.

We live in an impatient world. A world that trains us to expect and demand instant gratification. But our Gospel seems to remind us that sometimes the best things in life come slowly. The Gospel seem to tell us that sometimes it is best put off that instant gain, for a more long-term reward. This is as true of love as it is of faith. Both need time. Both benefit from an investment that takes time to realise themselves.

On this Feast of All Saints this is the "they shall be" we pray for our departed loved one's. The saints are those who trusted that in the next life a reward would be gifted to them for the times they deferred their own needs in the interest of love of God and love of neighbour. They deferred a perceived fleeting win for a prize that was eternal. And this is our prayer for all our departed loved ones that they may now rejoice and be glad about their reward in heaven. Yes, in life they may have had to wait, or defer what the world said they should have embraced because in faith they believed in a reward whereby they would be embraced in the eternal love of God. May they rest in peace.

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 1st November, 2026
Contact Fr. Pat Malone - Tel 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ROSLEVAN
31st Oct: Pat O'Connor, Beechlawn.
7th Nov: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA
1st Nov: Teresa Mullins, Gaurus.
8th Nov: No intention booked.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD
1st Nov: Michael & Kathleen Purcell, Ballyduff.
Maura Dowling, Auganteeroe, Gort Rd.
Thomas & Rita McGuane, Cappabeg.
Lott O'Halloran, Ballyalla.
8th Nov: Liam & Pat Harvey, Ballycarroll. **1st Anniv.**
Ann & Tommy Kelly, Ballycarroll.

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

Finance Development Fund
18th October
Barefield: €266: Doora: €328
Church of Our Lady:€204: Development: €735
25th October:
Barefield: €351: Doora: €107
Church of Our Lady: €183: Development: €677

PLEASE RETURN YOUR SIGNED TAX FORM
We sincerely thank all who have returned the tax form. We are appealing to those who have not yet returned it to do so right away. This enables the parish to reclaim this Tax which now forms a very important part of our annual income.

Blood Donors Needed – Clinic at West County Hotel, Ennis
Monday 2nd November: 4:40pm – 8:10pm
Tuesday 3rd November: 4:40pm – 8:10pm
New donors are very welcome.
Appointments can be made by calling 1800 222 111.

REST IN PEACE
Remember in your prayers

Mary Teresa Mannion,
Coolourty, Abbeyknockmoy, Co. Galway,
Mother of Dermot Mannion, Ballaghboy,. Doora
& Christina Hogan, Barefield.

Solas na bhflaitheas ar a anam uasal

Ministers of Eucharist & Readers

This Week:

COur Lady:	MDilleen/TBohannon	Seamus Hanrahan
Doora:	Martha Neylon	Nuala Conlon
Barefield:	MWhyte/CLeamy	Nuala Kennedy

Next Week:

C Our Lady:	MDilleen/TBohannon	Seamus Hanrahan
Doora:	Mary Barry	Noreen O'Connor
Barefield:	BGalvin/MO'Loiughlin	Margaret Carden

Church of Our Lady Basket Collectors
31st Oct: Michael Williams/Paul Mockler
7th Nov: James Reynolds/Joan O'Connor

Doora Sacristan Rota
1st Nov: Margaret Liddy
8th Nov: Margaret Hosty



Masses on All Saints Day
Sunday 1st November

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan **Sat Vigil**	6pm
St. Brecan's Church, Doora	9.45am
Immaculate Conception, Barefield	11.15am

Masses on All Souls Day
Monday 2nd November

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan	9.30am
Immaculate Conception, Barefield	7pm
St. Brecan's, Doora	8pm



Sunday 1st November:
Templemaley 1pm; Kilraghtis 2pm

Sunday 8th November
Doora after Mass Bunnow 1pm

In November We Remember



During the month of November, Mass will be offered each day for all on our November Dead List of the parish.
Envelopes containing the list are now available in the porches of our churches.

Completed lists should be returned to our churches or parish office by November 2nd All Souls' Day.

Meditation and Gentle Movement for the next 6 Mondays in Cloughleigh Community Hall V95 K31X from 10 am to 11.45 am. Facilitated by Mary Lillis. Supported by EWCG. Enquiries: 086 1035633. All are welcome.

Templemaley Graveyard

Please note that dogs are now allowed in Templemaley Graveyard or any of our graveyards.
Kindly assist us in keeping our graveyards clean and neat and places of peace for our deceased loved ones and the bereaved.

CASH 4 CLOBBER

If you're clearing out the presses this Halloween break keep in mind the Parents Association have an upcoming collection to raise funds for Barefield NS

DATE: Wednesday 4th Novemeber
TIME: 8:15 am - 10 am
LOCATION : Front gate of Barefield NS



ITEMS ACCEPTED: All good quality reusable clothes, matching shoes, handbags and belts.
NO bedding, towels, curtains or soft toys.



Clare Libraries, Age Friendly Clare and DigiClare are hosting a series of free, friendly information sessions for older adults across the county. Learn how to set up and use your MyGovID account to access online government services and discover how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can support everyday activities. Friendly support and guidance will be available throughout each session. **Ennis Library** – 9 & 10 December All welcome.

Limerick Maternity Hospital Annual Remembrance Service.

At Church of the Holy Rosary, Limerick Sunday 8th November at 3pm. All welcome.

Clare's Fittest Superstars

Fundraiser for Cahercalla Community Care and Ennis RFC, Friday 13th November, 6pm, Treacy's West County Hotel. Obstacle course, live DJ and raffle. Admission €15 at the door. All welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration in our Parish

All welcome to join Eucharistic Adoration in our parish

Barefield Church: Tuesday 10am – 7pm
Doora Church: Wednesday 5.30pm – 9pm
Roslevan Thursday 9.45am – 10.45am

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Entrance Antiphon
Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in hour of all the Saints, at whose festival the angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

PENITENTIAL RITE

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord
C. **For we have sinned against you.**
D. 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 Apocalypse Apoc 7:2-4. 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, "Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.
After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, "Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words: "Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, "Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?" I answered him, "You can tell me, my Lord." Then he said, "These are the people who have been through the great prosecution and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm
Response: *Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.*

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made firm R.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. R.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. R.

A reading from the first letter of St John 1 Jn 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,
And I will give you rest , says the Lord.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 5:1-12

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Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:
'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn,
They shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called children of God,
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.