DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

NEWSLETTER

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 8TH November, 2026

Rituals and how they call us to attention.
Context and reference point

Jesus comparing events at a wedding celebration to the "Kingdom of Heaven" is far from rare and yet here this parable has it's own reference point to a particular moment of traditional ritual of the day ….Here Jesus introduces us to one of the roles the bridesmaids perform by way of the welcoming procession of the couple from the brides home to her new home with her husbands family, as they would draw near the ten bridesmaids represent the ladies who would be there to welcome the couple on their final steps with lighted torches …. Here Jesus draws the picture for us … for reasons not shared there had been a delay … the five wise and prepared bridesmaids had planned for this eventuality while the other five seem to have been somewhat complacent and got caught off guard.

Having been sent away to get some extra oil the couples arrival sees celebrations get underway and their return finds them left outside not recognised by the groom … a little harsh it would appear … here there is room for allegory … the Bridegroom represents Jesus and the procession, our waiting for HIS RETURN … the bridesmaids surely relayed to US as we wait for Jesus' return at a time we do not know.

The message is relatively simple but carries in it's simplicity the reality of living in a world that for us is our lifetime and how we as Christians chose to live it … wise and prepared or foolish and complacent. The time referred to is that time in theological terms between Resurrection and the return of the Son of Man which is not meant to be an "empty time" but a time to remain alert with "our lamps lit" SO .. **When I say I am Christian**

When I say ..."I am a Christian," I'm not shouting "I am saved." I'm whispering "I was lost!"
That is why I choose this way.
When I say… "I am a Christian," I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble
And need someone to be my guide.
When I say …"I am a Christian," I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak
And pray for strength to carry on.
When I say… "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed
And cannot ever pay the debt.
When I say… "I am a Christian," I'm not claiming to be perfect, My flaws are too visible
But God believes I'm worth it.
When I say… "I am a Christian," I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches
Which is why I seek his name.
When I say… "I am a Christian," I do not wish to judge. I have no authority.
I only know I'm loved.

By Carol Wimmer

Mass Times	Contacts
Church of Our Lady, Roslevan Daily Mass Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9.30am Saturday Vigil Mass: 6pm	**Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick, P.P.** **Tel. 087 272 0187**
St. Brecan's Church, Doora Sunday: 9.45am	Doora Barefield Parish Office, 3 The Woods, Cappahard, Tulla Rd., Ennis
Immaculate Conception, Barefield Sunday 11.15am Tuesday 9.30am	**Cora, Parish Office - Tel. 065 6822225;** **Opening Hours: Mon & Tues: 9am-5pm;** **Wed: 9am-1pm**
www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam	Email: info@doorabarefieldparish.ie Website : www.doorabarefieldparish.ie Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/doorabarefieldparish

PRIEST ON DUTY 8TH November, 2026

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Remembered in Masses this week:

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan

7th Nov: Michael & Bridget Clune, Ballymacahill
14th Nov: Canon Caimin O'Carroll.
Pat McGuire, Ballymacahill.
Eva Corry, Roslevan.

St. Brecan's Church, Doora

8th Nov: No intention booked.
15th Nov: Molly & Patrick Lynch, Kilbricken.

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield

8th Nov: Liam & Pat Harvey, Ballycarroll. **1st Anniv**
Anne & Tommy Kelly, Ballycarroll.
Barry Family, St. Michael's Villas, Ennis.
15th Nov: Bridget & John Malone, Ballyalla.
Michael Lyons, Larchill.

Finance Development Fund
1st November
Barefield: €211
Doora: €139
Church of Our Lady: 169
Development: €602
Thank you for your support of our Parish

REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

Maura Kyriacou, (nee Fitzgerald)
Bridge View, Roslevan & Corofin.

Katherine (Kitty) McNamara (nee Barry),
Moyriesk, Quin.

The light of heaven to them

Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week

COur Lady:	MDilleen/TBohannon	Seamus Hanrahan
Doora:	Mary Barry	Noreen O'Connor
Barefield:	BGalvin/MO'Loughlin	Margaret Carden

Next week:

COur Lady:	MDilleen/TBohannon	Jimmy O'Loughlin
Doora:	Anne Marie Custy	Orla Barry
Barefield:	CDeloughery/MClohessy	Maeve O'Donnell

Church of Our Lady Basket Collectors
7 & 14 Nov: James Reynolds/Joan O'Connor

Doora Sacristan Rota
8th Nov: Margaret Hosty
15th Nov: Cora Burke



Blessing of Graves This Sunday 8th November
Doora: after Mass; Bunnow 1pm



During the month of November, Mass will be offered each day for all on our November Dead List of the Parish.

Envelopes containing list are now available in the porches of our Churches. Please return to the Church or Parish Office. Thank you.

PLEASE RETURN
YOUR SIGNED TAX FORM



We sincerely thank all who have returned their tax form duly signed. We are appealing to those who have not yet returned it to do so immediately. This enables the parish to claim this tax which now forms a very important part of our annual income.

Templemaley Graveyard

Please note that dogs are NOT 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.

Week of Witness for Persecuted Christians
One in ten Christians, 220 million people, live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. The charity Aid to the Church in Need, which works to support them, is organising a Week of Witness from November 15-22 to highlight their plight with a special appeal for parishioners to pray for the suffering Church on 'Red Wednesday' November 18. More information is available at www.acnireland.org

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Annual Mass of Remembrance



Annual Remembrance Mass for all who have died in our parish in the last year and all our faithful departed at **Church of Our Lady, Roslevan on Wednesday 18th November at 7pm.**

All welcome.

On passing a Graveyard

John O'Donohue



May perpetual light shine upon
the faces of all who rest here,
May the lives they lived unfold
further in spirit.
May all their past travail find ease
in the kindness of clay.
May the remembering earth
mind every memory they brought.
May the rains from the heavens
fall gently upon them.
May the wildflowers and grasses
whisper their wishes into light.
May we reverence the village of
presence
in the stillness of this silent field.

Meditation & Gentle Movement on Mondays in Cloughleigh Community Hall V95 K31X from 10am to 11.15am. Facilitated by Mary Lillis. Supported by EWCG. Enquiries 086 1035633. All welcome.

Start your career in Beauty Therapy with our Free Apprenticeship Programme, starting 11 January 2027. Gain training at the College of FET Ennis, industry experience in a salon / spa, and a Level 6 recognised Beauty Qualification. For more information, contact:
beautytherapyapprenticeship@lcetb.ie

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto
Next weeks Jackpot €7,600
Winners of €50.00
Pat Casey, Deirdre Guilfoyle,
Ian Carolan, Margaret Hackett



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon
Let my prayer come in to your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help,
O Lord.

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 book of Wisdom
Ws 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm
R. For you my soul is thirsting,
O God, My God

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
For you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
Like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
To see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
My lips will speak your praise **R.**

So I will bless you all my life
In your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
My mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
In the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.
1 Thess 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and stand ready,
Because you do not know the hour
When the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Mt 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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 disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.