# DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH

## NEWSLETTER

### Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 15th November, 2026

### The Lord Is the Refuge of the Poor

**On the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Church marks the World Day of the Poor. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, comes from Psalm 14: "The Lord is the refuge of the poor." It reminds us that God is never indifferent to those who struggle, and that the Church is called to make God's compassion visible.**

**Poverty is often imagined as having too little money or not enough food. These are needs, but poverty has many faces. It can be the anxiety of a family trying to keep a roof over its head, the isolation of an older person whose phone rarely rings, the insecurity of someone without work, or the shame of a person who cannot make ends meet. Some people are poor in material things; others are burdened by loneliness, illness, grief or the feeling that nobody notices them. Many carry their difficulties silently.**

**Pope Leo reminds us that people who are poor can be robbed not only of bread, but also of their voice and dignity. It is possible to pass someone in need every day and never see them. We can become so occupied with our own concerns that another person's hardship becomes invisible. The World Day of the Poor challenges that indifference. This is not optional generosity; it belongs at faith's heart. It asks us to look again, to listen and to recognise the person before the problem.**

**The message challenges the Church. Our parishes must be places where people find welcome rather than judgement, friendship rather than embarrassment, and practical help rather than empty words. A food parcel, a listening ear, a lift to an appointment, a visit, or help in finding support can restore hope. But concern cannot stop at acts of kindness. We must ask why people are left without housing, resources or a fair chance, and be willing to speak for justice.**

**The poor are not simply people to whom we give. They are our brothers and sisters, with gifts, wisdom and faith to share. When we stand beside them, we often discover that they strengthen our community and teach us what truly matters.**

**May this World Day move us beyond sympathy to solidarity. May our churches and homes become places of refuge, where nobody is invisible and nobody is left to struggle alone. When we make room for the poor, we make room for Christ himself.**

## 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 15TH November, 2026
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**Remembered in Masses this week:**

**Church of Our Lady, Roslevan**
**14th Nov**: Canon Caimin O'Carroll.
Pat McGuire, Ballymacahill.
Eva Corry, Roslevan.
**21st Nov:** Pat Bennett, Gaurus. 1st Anniv.
Seán O'Donohue, Ballaghboy.
William Meaney & Meaney Family, Caherina, Barefield.

**St. Brecan's Church, Doora**
**15th Nov:** Molly & Patrick Lynch, Kilbricken.
**22nd Nov:** No intention booked.

**Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield**
**15th Nov**: Bridget & John Malone, Ballyalla.
Michael Lyons, Larchill.
**22nd Nov:** Mary Casey Moorhead, Ashfield Park.

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**Finance Development Fund**
8th November
Barefield: €141: Doora: €243
Church of Our Lady: €207
Development: €1,842
Thank you for your support of our Parish

"November whispers the beauty of endings and the promise of new beginnings," capturing the month's themes of reflection, gratitude, and quiet renewal."
Author unknown

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# REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

**Breda Thomas (nee Slattery),**
London & Moyriesk, sister of Pat Slattery,
Moyriesk, Quin;

**Frances Frawley (nee Kelly)**
New York & Lissycasey
sister of Breda Culligan, Barefield

**Dympna O'Sullivan (née MacNamara),**
Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath & Barefield

**Mary Downes (nee O'Connell)**
25 Croi Na mBaile Kilmihil,
sister of Breda Galvin,
Faunrusk, Barefield

## Ministers of Eucharist & Readers

**This week**

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

**Next Week**

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| COur Lady: | MDilleen/TBohannon | Jimmy O'Loughlin |
| Doora: | Patricia Hassett | Seán Conlan |
| Barefield: | JDevitt/MWhyte | Nuala Galvin |

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**Church of Our Lady Basket Collectors**
14 Nov: James Reynolds/Joan O'Connor
21st Nov: Paddy Perrill/Harold Herlihy

**Doora Sacristan Rota**
15th Nov: Cora Burke
22nd Nov: Seamus Enright

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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.




**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.

## Invitation from Clare COPD

Clare COPD Ennis group invite those diagnosed with COPD to attend Maria Assumpta Hall Ennis on Wednesday 18th Nov from 12 to 1.30 pm for an excerise class with Louis Stapleton.

Tea/ Coffee and refreshments served until 2pm, info available also.

## Send Christmas Greetings from your area of the Parish



Christmas Triduum Mass Bouquet Cards from Barefield, Doora and Roslevan with images of our churches now available in the porches of our three churches and also in Parish Office during office hours. €3 per Mass Bouquet.

Also Sympathy Cards, Mass Bouquet and Get Well Cards Novena and Individual Masses similarly available.

## Watchful Hearts – 5th December, 2026

A one day Advent Retreat at Glenstal Abbey guided by monks through prayer, reflection and the rhythm of monastic life. This Advent Retreat offers a space for stillness, deep listening and spiritual renewal.
Email: events@glenstal.com – phone 061 621005.

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## Caretaker Required - Barefield NS

Caretaker Required for Barefield National School
Full-time position, 40 hours per week,
For job specification and application process, email ger.ruane@barefieldns.com

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### A Prayer for Those Who Have Died

God of Consolation we remember those wo have died.
For those who passed away quietly,
We ask for a joyful passage into your spacious heart.
For those who suffered great pain We ask for respite
and the comfort of your compassionate embrace.
For those who died too soon, suddenly & unexpectedly,
We ask for peace and surrender into your loving care.
Grant all those who have died
the grace of your eternal light and love. Amen.

## "A Blessing For Absence"

John O'Donohue




May you know that absence
is full of tender presence
and that nothing is ever lost or forgotten.
May the absences in your life
be full of eternal echo.

May you sense around you the secret Elsewhere
which holds the presences
that have left your life.
May you be generous
in your embrace of loss.
May the sore of your grief
turn into a well of seamless presence.

May your compassion reach out
to the ones we never hear from
and may you have the courage
to speak out for the excluded ones.

May you become the gracious and passionate
subject of your own life.
May you not disrespect your mystery through
brittle words or false belonging.

May you be embraced by God
in whom dawn and twilight are one
and may you longing inhabit its deepest dreams
within the shelter
of the Great Belonging.

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## St. Joseph's Monthly Men's Prayer Group

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal 2nd Monday of every month 7.30pm. 1 hour Corpus Christi Parish, Moyross V94 V2W0, Limerick Adoration, rosary and talk. Optional tea & chat.

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Doora Barefield GAA Lotto
Next weeks Jackpot €7,800
Winners of €50.00
Kieran McManus,
Loretto Mescall,
Robert O'Brien,
DB Camogie Club




THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

# TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Entrance Antiphon**
The Lord said:
I think thoughts of peace
and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**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 Proverbs.**
**Pr. 31:10-13.19-20.30-31**
A perfect wife - who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husbands heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

**The word of the Lord**

**Responsorial Psalm Response:**
**O Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
And walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.
R
Your wife is like a fruitful vine
In the heart of your house;
Your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. R

Indeed thus shall be blessed
The man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
In a happy Jerusalem
All the days of your life. R

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.**
**1 Th 5:1-6**
You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it . But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.
T**he word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
Keep faithful, and I will give you
The crown of life. Alleluia!

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt. 25:14-30**

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples:
'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to hem. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward
bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

**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
To be near God is my happiness, To place my hope in God the Lord