

DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

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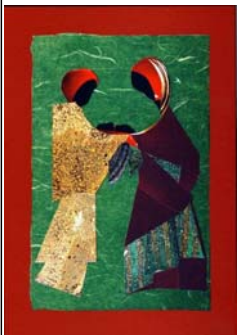
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Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C) 22nd December, 2024

'LOVE'

Celebration is an attentive and gracious joy of presence. When you celebrate, you are taking time to recognize, to open your eyes and behold in your life the quiet miracles and gifts that seek no attention; yet each day they nourish, shelter, and animate your life. The art of belonging in, with, and to your self is what gives life and light to your presence; it brings a radiance to your countenance and a poise to your carriage. When your heart is content, your life can always find the path inwards to this deep stillness in you.

John O'Donohue excerpt from 'ETERNAL ECHOES'



Mary greets Elizabeth
In a moment of
“attentive and gracious joy of presence”

“Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled”

The moment Mary greeted Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-44) these words uttered by Elizabeth referring to Mary as the one blessed by her ‘belief’ in God’s promise. The fruits of this ‘blessed belief’ resided deep within and would be born as God’s promise to humanity, as God’s promised son, Messiah.

His God given gift, in fulfilling this promise of God, to be born to us as the messenger of peace and forgiveness ... reflecting a Love only God could promise ... a Love that would last the ages and beyond .. An eternal embrace.

With Mary as our guide, blessed we will be to believe the promise made us by the Lord would be fulfilled. For us on this fourth Sunday of Advent our pilgrim journey to Christmas nears its goal .. To celebrate being blessed with the belief that we celebrate God’s promise fulfilled, not just in Bethlehem all those years ago, but again and again as we encounter each other as Mary and Elizabeth encountered each other recorded in today’s Gospel.

From the first Sunday of Advent we have marked each Sunday’s themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and today’s theme ‘Love’ paving the way for us to see the birth of Christ as humanity’s life caught up in divine eternal life. That we might look to these coming days in trust, surrender and belief.

The babe of Bethlehem held that promise, a promise to be fulfilled on Calvary’s Cross. May the babe of Bethlehem, same Risen Christ of Easter morning, fulfill his promise for those caught up in eternal life.

Priest on Duty: 22nd December, 2024
Contact: Fr. Tom Ryan - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY
 ROSLEVAN**

21st Dec: Mary Cabey, Lios Ard, Tulla Rd.
 Stephen Killeen, Knockanean.
 24th Vigil Mass 6pm: Vincent Gardner, Millbank, Roslevan
 Triduum Mass Christmas Intentions.
 Christmas Day: Triduum Mass Christmas Intentions.
 28th Dec: Mary & Noel Murphy, Dublin.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

22nd Dec: Margaret McMahon, Ballyglass.
 24th Vigil Mass 9pm: John & Teresa Carolan, Kilfilum.
 Triduum Mass Christmas Intentions.
 Christmas Day: Triduum Mass Christmas Intentions.
 29th Dec: No intention booked.

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE
 CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD**

22nd Dec: No intention booked.
 24th Vigil Mass 7.30pm: Triduum Mass Christmas
 Intentions.
 Christmas Day: Triduum Mass Christmas Intentions.
 29th Dec: No intention booked.
 9.30am Mass each Tuesday in Barefield Church.
 Novena Mass in Church of Our Lady each Monday
 9.30am

Finance Development Fund 15th December
 Barefield: €185; Doora: €168
 Church of Our Lady: €178; Development: €574
 Mile buiochas

Priests Christmas Collection

Christmas Collection for the Priests of our Parish at all Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. Envelopes are now available in the porches of our three churches or you can use your own envelope, with your name and address on it or donate on line on our website
www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/donate



QR Code Scan with your phone.
 You can also scan this code with the camera of your phone and it will bring you to the donate button of our parish website and makes it easier for you to donate to the Parish
Mile Buiochas.

REST IN PEACE



Mary Murphy Jordan,
 Ashfield Park

Paddy Clancy,
 Lavalla, Ballynacally,
 brother of Mary Whelan, Larchill
 & Frances Woods, Knockaderry.



May they rest in peace



**Ministers of Eucharist
 & Readers**



This week:

Cour Lady:	DLeahy/MO'Callaghan	Dan Lenihan
Christmas Eve:	DLeahy/JOConnor/NBecker	Maria O'Driscoll
Christmas Day:	Joan O'Connor	Jimmy O'Loughlin
Doora:	Marie Flanagan	Mary Corry
Christmas Eve:	Seán Conlon	Bernadette Fitzpatrick
Christmas Day:	Maria Considine	Anne Marie Custy
Barefield:	MClohessy/CDeloughery	Maeve O'Donnell
Christmas Eve:	LCorcoran/BGalvin	Tommy Duggan
Christmas Day:	LMurphy/MHasett	Tara Donnellan

Next week:

Cour Lady:	DLeahy/MO'Callaghan	Maria O'Driscoll
Doora:	Martha Neylon	Eamon O'Halloran
Barefield:	BGalvin/MOLoughin	Bernard Casey

Doora Sacristan Rota

22nd Dec: Mary Enright;	24th Dec: Margaret Hosty
25th Dec: Cora Burke;	29th Dec: Mary Hallinan.

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

Dec 21st, 24th & 28th: Dan Lenihan & Tom Heath.

Barefield National School is now accepting enrolment of new pupils for September 2025. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 31/01/2025. If you require an application form please contact the school by phone (065) 6820303 or email to info@barefieldns.com with your name, address and contact no. Also, for your information, Application Forms, Admission Policy and Admission Notice can be downloaded from our website : <https://www.barefieldns.com/documents/enrolment/>



Christmas Candlelight Walk All proceeds raised to the **Future Care Fund for Joe Slattery**. This Sunday 22nd December, 5pm Gurteen GAA. All welcome. Your support is much appreciated.

Clare Crusaders Children's Clinic Annual Bag Packing - Dunnes Stores, Ennis Sunday 22nd December 9am to 10pm & Monday 23rd December 9am to 10pm If you have some time to spare this Christmas and Volunteer for a Children's Charity, please Volunteer for a 2 hours slot. To book a slot, please ring the Clare Crusaders on 065 6896015 or Text 087 7178108

Parish Office Christmas Holidays

The Parish Office will close on Monday 23rd Dec. at 1 pm and will re-open on Monday 6th January at 9am. If urgent, kindly contact the Priest on duty Tel. 065 686 9098.

Our Parish Calendar is now available for collection in the porches of our churches. Please also take for family, neighbour and friends, with very best wishes.

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €12,800 Venue: Clubhouse,
 Winners of €50 Helena Dixon, Tulla Rd, Joe Clune, Ballymacahill,
 Helen Clancy, Ennis, Dymrna Flannery, Ballymaley

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Christmas - The Feast of Emmanuel.



Christmas 2024 comes to us as after a long and challenging year. Once again we are invited at the darkest time of the year to step out of the shadow and reach into the light. It is a time of reappraisal of personal, family and community values in the light of the One who came as the Christ Child of Bethlehem to bring us Good News. Every Christmas is a reliving of that event which changed human history. Each Christmas is an invitation to walk in the light of Christ and to view our neighbours in that light. It is essentially a family feast, an occasion for exchanging gifts and sharing the warmth of our homes in the company of our friends. It is important that we take time to celebrate what we have and to give thanks for those who are dear to us.

For some, this may be the happiest Christmas of your lives; the first Christmas in your new home or perhaps with your new baby or maybe just together. For others, it may be a sad Christmas filled with the memories of a loved one who died during the course of the year. For some it may be the first time in years that all the family managed to make it home. For others, it may be the very opposite experience. For some families it will surely mean the excitement of Santa Claus and for others it will mean trips to hospitals or nursing homes to visit family members. But whatever our Christmas experience, let us remember that behind it all, is the presence among us of one who came into our world as a fragile baby. Someone who came to bring a message of love and peace. Someone who came to tell us how we should live and the kind of people we should be, and above all, someone who became a member of each one of our families.

Christmas always comes to us with a hint of new beginnings. The early Christians always celebrated the birth of Christ as a new beginning, as the coming into the world of a light that darkness could not overpower. Christmas challenges us to believe that new beginnings are possible and to take seriously our responsibility to begin anew. Christmas is God's great intervention in our lives as we move towards new horizons. It is God telling us that we are not alone, that His Word becomes flesh in all of our lives in the person of his son Jesus born to bring hope in times of doubt and light in times of darkness.

This Christmas, may we discover the surprises of God's love, the depth of His compassion, and the warmth of His welcome. The message of Christmas is one of hope and a better way. The One who lay in the crib also knows the pain of the cross. He is Emmanuel, God with us. He welcomes us. May we welcome Him!

In the words of one traditional seasonal blessing, we wish you and yours the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Mary and Joseph, and most especially, the peace of the Christ-child for this Christmas 2024 and for the New Year.

Nollaig shona daoibh go léir agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise

Sam Fitzpatrick.

Christmas Masses in our Parish

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan	6pm
Immaculate Conception, Barefield	7.30pm
St. Breacan's, Doora	9pm

Christmas Day Masses

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan	9am
St. Breacan's, Doora	10am
Immaculate Conception, Barefield:	11.15am



Christmas Confessions

Ennis Cathedral	
Monday 16th Dec.	7.30pm

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan	
Thurs 19th Dec.	7pm

Immaculate Conception, Barefield	
Fri 20th Dec.	7pm

St. Breacan's Doora	
Mon 23rd Dec.	7pm

Daily Morning Masses as usual in Church of Our Lady, Roslevan on 26th & 27th

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above,
you heavens, and let the clouds rain
down the Just One;
Let the earth be opened
And bring forth a Saviour.

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.

A reading from the prophet Micah. Mi

5:1-4

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant
past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to
abandon them till the time when
she who is to give birth gives birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers
will come back to the sons of
Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his
God.

They will live secure, for from then
on he will extend his power
to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*Response: God of hosts,
bring us back;
Let Your face shine on us
and we shall be saved.*

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
Shine forth from Your cherubim throne.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
Look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
The vine Your right hand has planted.

R

May your hand be on the man
you have chosen,
The man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
Give us life that we may
call upon your name.

R

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews Heb 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into
the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or
oblation,
prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in holocausts
or sacrifices for sin;
then I said,
just as I was commanded in the
scroll of the book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to do
your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not
want what the Law lays down as the
things to be offered, that is: the
sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts
and the sacrifices for sin, and you took
no pleasure in them; and then he says:
Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.
He is abolishing the first sort to replace it
with the second. And this will was for us
to be made holy by the offering of his
body made once and for all by Jesus
Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:
Let what you have said be done to me.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 1:39-45

Mary set out and went as quickly as she
could to a town in the hill country of
Judah. She went into Zechariah's house
and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as
Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the
child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth
was filled with the Holy Spirit.

She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of
all women you are the most blessed,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
Why should I be honoured with a visit
from the mother of my Lord? For the
moment your greeting reached my
ears, the child in my womb leapt for
joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed
that the promise made her by the Lord
would be fulfilled.'

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

**Behold a virgin shall conceive
And bear a son;
And his name will be Emmanuel.**