

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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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 22nd September, 2024

THE FIRST SHALL BE LAST

"If any one would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all". If you want to be first, you need to get in line, be last, and serve everyone. Through this shocking phrase, the Lord inaugurates a reversal: he overturns the criteria about what truly matters. The value of a person does not depend any more on the role they have, the work they do, the money they have in the bank. No, no, no, it does not depend on this. Greatness and success in God's eyes are measured differently: they are measured by *service*. Not on what someone *has*, but on what someone *gives*. Do you want to be first? Serve. This is the way.

Today, the word "service" appears a bit hackneyed, worn out by use. But it has a precise and concrete meaning in the Gospel. To serve is not a courteous expression: it means *to act like Jesus*, who, summing up his life in a few words, said he had come "not to be served, but to serve" (Mk 10:45). This is what the Lord said.

Therefore, if we want to follow Jesus, we must follow the path he himself traced out, the path of service. After having spoken of the *primacy of service*, Jesus does something precisely to illustrate this. We have seen that Jesus' actions are stronger than the words he uses. And what is that action? He takes a child and puts him in the midst of the disciples, at the centre, in the most important place. In the Gospel, the child does not symbolize

innocence so much as littleness. For like children, the little ones depend on others, on adults, they need to receive. Jesus embraces those children and says that those who welcome a little one, a child, welcome him. The ones who are to be served above all are: those in need of receiving who cannot give anything in return. To serve those who need to receive and cannot give anything in return. In welcoming those on the margins, the neglected, we welcome Jesus because *He is there*. And in the little one, in the poor person we serve, we also receive God's tender embrace.

Dear brothers and sisters, challenged by the Gospel, let us ask ourselves: Am I, who follow Jesus, interested in the one who is neglected? Do I understand life in terms of competing to make room for myself at others' expense, or do I believe that being first means serving? And, concretely: do I dedicate time to a "little one". Am I concerned about someone who cannot give me anything in return, or only with my relatives and friends? These are the questions we need to ask ourselves. May the Virgin Mary, the humble servant of the Lord, help us understand that to serve does not belittle us, but helps us grow. And that there is more joy in giving than in receiving.

(Pope Francis)

Priest on Duty: 8th September 2024
Contact: Fr. Tom Ryan - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY
ROSLEVAN**

21st September: Ciarán Scanlan, Ballaghboy (1st Anniv)

28th September: No intention

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

22nd September: No intention

29th September: No intention

**Church of the Immaculate
Conception, Barefield**

22nd September: Greta Hynes, Drumquin, (M.M.)
Rose Conlon, Ballymaconna

29th September: Noel Purcell, The Maples, Oakleigh
Wood and Ballyduff, (1st anniversary)
Mary McNamara, Ballymaley,
(2nd anniversary)

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

**Finance Development Fund
8th September**

Barefield: €192

Doora: €150

Church of Our Lady: €232

Development: €595

Recent Deaths

Pray for: Páirc Mullen, Crossmolina,
Mayo, brother of Brendan,
Newpark

Fr. Martin O' Brien, Tulla

May they rest in God's eternal embrace!

The Clare Branch of the Alzheimer Society

continues its Information Cafe on the third Wednesday of each Month, in our Ennis Centre, V95P9V9, from 11.30-13.30. Join us for tea and a chat. For more information contact Linda Murphy 0879152151, e-mail : linda.murphy@alzheimer.ie
The Clare Alzheimer Society Memory walk will be held in Lees Road, Ennis on Sunday the 22nd of September at 11am. By taking part in this year's event, you are helping raise urgently needed funds for vital dementia services in Co Clare. You can register for your pack at www.memorywalk.ie or give a donation on the day.

**Ministers of Eucharist
& Readers**

This week:

Cour Lady: H. Herlihy/ B. Burke Ciaran Redmond

Doora: Martha Neylon Mary Corry

Barefield: M White/ J Devitt Bernard Casey

Next week:

Cour Lady: H. Herlihy/ B. Burke Ciaran Redmond

Doora: Owen O' Mahony Ber Fitzpatrick

Barefield: Mary White/ John Devitt M. Carden

Doora Sacristan Rota

22nd September: Patricia Hassett

29th September: Martha Neylon

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

21st September: M Williams/ Paul Mockler

28th September: Joan O' Connor/ James Reynolds



Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland is a Weekend experience is for married couples who want something more in their marriage ~ more fun, spontaneity, excitement, communication, understanding, romance, intimacy, passion, joy

Our next Marriage Enrichment
Weekend is Friday 8 - 10 November
2024

Venue: Focolare Centre, Prosperous,
Co. Kildare

Online booking only:

www.marriageencounter.ie

St Michael's Holy Well

Mass will be concelebrated this year by Bishop Fintan Monahan and Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick on Friday the 27th September, 2024 at 6.30 p.m.. Pilgrims will gather at 6.00 p.m. at the top of the farmers access road next to N18 By-Pass Bridge, Quin Road, Ennis, for onward pilgrim walk to St. Michael's Holy Well, Kilbreckan.

Join us in the footsteps of our ancestors on this ancient pilgrim path. All welcome.

**Sesquicentennial Celebration
150 years of the Church of the
Immaculate Conception Barefield**

This year the Church of the Immaculate Conception Barefield is 150yrs old (1874 - 2024). The Pastoral Council plan a celebration on Sunday October 6th. We are now looking for any old photos or memorabilia which parishioners may have to include in our publication for the celebrations. If you have any old photos etc. you wish to have included please drop them into the parish office or the sacristy in Barefield after mass. Please put the year of the photo and your name on the back so that it can be returned to you at a later date.

SCRABBLE FOR FUN

Every Tuesday at the Junction Café 10am
[beside Cloughleigh school].
All ages and levels welcome.

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE
PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2024**

7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request.

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Sustainable Development Goals Week 2024.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are 17 global goals set by the UN in 2015 to achieve a more sustainable and equitable future by 2030. As part of SDG Week 2024, Clare Libraries will host events encouraging us to live more sustainably through practical tips and resources. The following FREE events will take place in DeValera Library, Ennis:

Tuesday 17th September 6.00 - 7.45pm

Nicola Barnes: Sewing and upcycling

Breathe new life into your clothes with a free workshop on basic sewing techniques, taught by Nicola Barnes. Sewing tips and techniques, sashiko darning, hemming, hand sewing, threading a sewing machine (bring your own). Bring something to work on and a scissors. Supported by Creative Ireland. Booking is essential as spaces are limited. Please contact DeValera Library, Ennis on 065 6824207 or ennislibrary@clarecoco.ie for more information.

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A series of talks and reflections on
Saint Faustina Kowalska's diary

'Divine mercy in my soul'

will commence with holy mass and an introduction to the program on Saturday 28th September, 10am Church of Our Lady (V95 A253), Roslevan.

All are most welcome.

Co-hosted by Fr. Jarek and Séamus Enright.

**St Flannan's College Night Classes
and Saturday Workshops for Adults**

will resume on Wednesday October 2.

Classes include:

Collage, French, Beekeeping, Irish Storytelling, Wine Tasting, Cross-stitching, Yoga, Mindfulness, Creative Writing, Felting, Hand-built Ceramics, Mosaic, Paper-Making and Stained Glass .

Text/phone 083 1090039 for further details and bookings

Health and Wellbeing Age Expo

The Clare Older People's Council and Clare Age Friendly Programme are hosting a Health and Wellbeing Age Expo during positive aging week to showcase the supports and services available for older people living in County Clare. The Expo will be taking place on Thursday 3rd October from 11am to 4pm in Treacy's West County Hotel, Ennis. All are welcome.

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €10,200

Venue: Clubhouse,

Winners of €50

Gerard Dullaghan, Lissycasey

Ken Butler, Gaurus

Denis Maher, Doora

Alan Doolaghty, Barefield

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
By your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
Listen to the words of my mouth.

R

For proud men have risen against me,
Ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **R**

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
And praise your name for it is good. **R**

A reading from the letter of St. James.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,

Anyone who follows me

Will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Mk 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?'

They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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

**I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.**