

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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 8th September , 2024

EPHPHATHA - BE OPENED

The healing miracle of this Gospel is extraordinary in itself; the description by Mark is very detailed, the touch, the spittle, Jesus' sigh and the command 'Be Opened'. And the order not to tell anyone which is promptly ignored. The humanity of Jesus meets the humanity of the crowd – who is not going to tell of this extraordinary event?

How deep does this event touch people? It can't be just at the physical; there must be a deeper level, heart and soul to be opened up as well. This miracle takes place just after a meeting that Jesus had with a woman, not of his faith, who pleads for scraps from the table just as dogs would eat the crumbs. And he rewards her faith. To know this context is to give a very different meaning to our understanding of the miraculous words 'Be Opened'.

Can you read the words of Isaiah in the first reading and believe anything other than that they are directed not just to our physical human state but much more? That belief in God, belief in Jesus, leads to more than just opening our eyes and ears physically;

it is opening up spiritually and this is clear from the prophet who proclaims that God is coming to save you. Can you believe that 'the parched land will become springs of water' is not simply referring to a desert somewhere but indeed to the dry weary land of our souls and by bringing us new life, we will bring that new life to others.

I wonder if Jesus' sigh is because he knows people will be caught up in the physical moment but forget to tell of his core message, of his great commandment of love? When we go from Mass, we surely must bring something with us other than this newsletter and the bits and pieces of information contained in it.

Be opened, hear the Word of God; be opened, receive the Bread of Life. Be opened to the healing power of Jesus which goes much further than a touch to eyes and ears. Be opened and wonder why we resist telling the Good News but have no trouble telling the bad news of gossip and criticism. Let us have courage, let us not be afraid; God is coming.

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

Remembered in Masses this week
CHURCH OF OUR LADY
ROSLEVAN

7th September: Eileen and Johnny McCormack,
Gaurus

14th September: No intention

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

8th September: No intention

15th September: Martin and Delia Mangan,
Ballaghboy, Doora
Josephine and Martin Horan,
Castletown, Doora

Church of the Immaculate
Conception, Barefield

8th September: No intention

15th September: Seamus O' Halloran, Carhudotia
Maureen and Celsus Heath, Barefield
Tommy Droney, Ballyduff, Barefield

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

Finance Development Fund
25th August

Barefield: €234

Doora: €138

Church of Our Lady: €156

Development: €579

REST IN PEACE

Pray for: Marie Moroney, Shannon, Lissycasey and
Newmarket on Fergus, sister of Joan O' Connor,
Roslevan

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. Next Cafe is on the 18th of September, with guest speaker Leahnora Clohessey, Occupation Therapist with the HSE, covering Functionality/ Encouraging Independence/Meaningful Activities/ Assistive Technologies. 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	Deirdre Rafferty
Doora: Sean Conlon	Michael Cusack
Barefield: N Kennedy/ L Corcoran	Sinead Rosengrave

Next week:

Cour Lady: H. Herlihy/ B. Burke	Deirdre Rafferty
Doora: Maria Considine	Patricia Clune
Barefield: C Leamy/ M Dowling	Tommy Duggan

Doora Sacristan Rota

8st September: Anne-Marie Custy

15th September: Owen O' Mahony

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector

7th September: Dan Lenihan/ Tom Heath
14th September: Michael Williams/ Paul Mockler

Volunteer Ministries in the Killaloe Diocese

Information evenings on the training programmes for the Ministry of Catechist and the Ministry of Pastoral Care will be held at three locations across the Diocese in early September.

These are the venues, times and dates:

Kilrush, Community Centre: Wednesday,
September 11th at 8 p.m.

Ennis, Pastoral Centre: Thursday September
12th at 8 p.m.

Nenagh: Pastoral Centre, Monday
16th September at 8 p.m.

At these meetings, Bishop Fintan will be present to formally launch this programme of training and formation. People currently involved in a myriad of volunteer ministries will also be present to answer any of your questions. Come along to see and hear how these lay ministries are developing across the diocese and how you might become part of this Good News story. For more information visit: <https://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/our-diocese/lay-ministries/>

Mass at St Michael's Holy Well will be celebrated 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.

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Bach to School Prayer

Dear Lord,
As our students begin a new school year,
I pray that you will keep them in your care.
Send your Spirit to open their minds
to all that is true and beautiful and good.

Help them to see the gifts and talents
you have given them and to use them well.
Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Help them to be kind to others
and lead others to be kind to them.
Give their teachers patience and
understanding
and help them teach what is just and true.

Send your angels to guide and guard our
children and to keep them from all harm.
Open their young hearts to your presence
and enfold them in your peace and
protection.

Hold them in the palm of your hand
and bring them home safely at day's end.
Amen.

**Be part of the St Bernadette Relic Pilgrimage
in Ireland this Autumn.**

In September and October this year the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to Ireland for the very first time, visiting every diocese in the country.

This very special , once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisma of Lourdes .

In the Killaloe Diocese the relics will be received into the Cathedral in Ennis at 10.30am on Monday 9th September. Veneration and prayer will continue throughout the day with a concelebrated Mass at 7.30pm followed by a Marian Torchlight Procession through the grounds of the Cathedral. On Tuesday veneration will continue in the morning until 12noon. At 3pm on Tuesday 10th September the relics will be received into the Church of our Lady of Lourdes in Silvermines, Co Tipperary with veneration and prayer until concelebrated Mass at 8pm followed by Marian Torchlight Procession. Veneration will continue on Wednesday morning with Mass of Farewell at 10am.

See www.st Bernadette.ie

Clare Roots Society Talk

Date: Thursday September 19th 2024

Venue: Clare Education Centre, Kilrush Road, Ennis V95 F782

Time: 7.30p.m.

Lecture: Mrs Fancy Tart is coming to Tea -- Things to remember when listening to and interpreting family stories by Eileen O' Duill.

Doora Barefield GAA Lotto

Next weeks Jackpot: €9,800

Venue: Clubhouse,

Winners of €50

Gerard Deloughrey, Ballyalla
Noelle Twomey, Roslevan
Tom Duggan, Ballymacuiggan
Des Leahy, Knockanean

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**EVELYN MAC MAHON SCHOOL OF SPEECH
AND DRAMA**

Classes resuming. Classes available for primary and secondary pupils.

For further info:

Tel: Evelyn Mac Mahon A.L.C.M.T.D. L.L.C.M.T.D.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

PENITENTIAL RITE

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 prophet Isaiah.

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid'.

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; He is coming to save you'.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,

Who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry; The Lord who sets prisoners free.

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It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
Who raises up those who are bowed down,
The Lord who loves the just,
The Lord, who protects the stranger.

R

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, But thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

R

A reading from the letter of St. James.

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seat'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot -rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:

You have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him,

'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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

**Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
So my soul is yearning for you,
my God**